

Flotilla Island Operating Rules

Revised and adopted June 16, 2008, by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-3, Lake Murray Station, Columbia, South Carolina, and the Lake Murray Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, Columbia, South Carolina. These rules may be revised at the discretion of the Flotilla Island Joint Governing Board.

The Joint Governing Board for Flotilla Island (the "Board") has adopted the following rules as guidelines in the use of the Flotilla Island facilities which are shared by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-3, Lake Murray Station, Columbia, SC (the "USCGA") and the Lake Murray Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, Columbia, SC ("LMPS"). The Board does not consider it necessary or even practical to provide rules to cover all situations and circumstances. If each member will observe the principles of fair play, exercise good judgment and remember that the facilities are intended primarily for the private use of its members, their families and guests, these rules should suffice.

The Board is charged with the management and oversight of Flotilla Island and, accordingly, has authority to enforce and carry out its responsibilities with respect to these rules. The Board reserves the right to amend, clarify and/or interpret these rules and take any such actions it deems necessary for the safety and good order of the USCGA and LMPS.

General

1. Use of Flotilla Island is restricted to LMPS and USCGA members, their spouses, dependents under age 21, and invited guests. Members should limit guests to a reasonable number, and the inviting member must accompany guests while on the Island. Everyone is expected to behave in an appropriate manner. Under all circumstances, members will be held responsible for the conduct of their guests and must ensure compliance with these rules and guidelines. Persons under age 18 are not permitted on Squadron property unless accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult member.
2. Any damage to the facilities resulting from misuse or abuse will be the responsibility of the member to repair or to pay any assessment imposed by the Board for the cost of such repair.
3. The Board requires all members and guests to comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances, especially those pertaining to responsible possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, firearms and others related to safety.
4. The combination to the lock to the entrance gate to the Island and the clubhouse door is not to be shared with any non-member, including vendors for USCGA or LMPS sponsored events or for private events, e.g., caterers; deliveries of tables, chairs, tents, etc.; or other non-members who may be assisting with the set-up for the event. A member must be present to admit such persons.

Clubhouse & Grounds

5. Smoking is prohibited inside the clubhouse.
6. Members may schedule private events Monday through Friday, from November 1 through March 31, and Monday through Thursday, from April 1 through October 31, provided reservations are approved by their respective organization. Reservation requests by LMPS members must be submitted to the LMPS commander in sufficient time that the request can be considered by the LMPS Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. LMPS requests approved by the Executive Committee will then be coordinated with the commander of the USCGA.
7. Reservations for dates other than those listed in paragraph 6 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. A member requesting a reservation for a private event must complete an application and provide certain basic information, including the number of guests expected to attend, the nature of the event, and whether alcohol will be provided, etc. The Board reserves the right to establish Special Conditions as an integral component of the approval of any event. The form for such private events will be made available on-line or can be obtained from the commander of the member's respective organization.
9. Members sponsoring private events must personally invite each person to the event. ***The Flotilla Island facilities are intended for the private use and enjoyment of members, their families and guests and not for commercial, charitable, political or similar purposes.*** In case of doubt as to the propriety of a proposed private event, the member should contact the USCGA or LMPS commander for advice or referral to the Board.
10. Restrooms, showers, picnic tables, grill area, parking area, docks and launching areas are not considered part of the facilities reserved and, accordingly, *may be used during approved private events by members in good standing and their guests who are not part of the private event.*
11. Members using the facilities are responsible for cleaning up afterwards, including the removal of all trash. No janitorial service or trash pick up service is provided at the Island. The member(s) shall remove all refuse from the Island and leave the building clean. All food is to be taken out of the refrigerator and removed from the premises as part of the clean-up. The member(s) must ensure that the clubhouse floor and the restrooms are left clean. The last member leaving the premises is responsible for ensuring the cleanliness of the facility and the locking of the clubhouse and the Island gate.
12. The property must be left secure. This includes turning off all electrical switches/breakers, except those marked to the contrary, as well as turning off the HVAC. If the docks were used, turn off the electricity at the breaker box at the end of the dock, and turn off the water serving the dock. Whenever there is the possibility of freezing temperatures, the heating thermostat should be turned to its lowest setting, the water must be turned off and all waterlines, including those on the docks, drained (see instructions posted inside broom closet and well house). Lock all doors and secure all windows.
13. Because of the limited facilities on the Island, particularly parking and sanitation facilities, no more than 50 persons may be invited to a private event. This restriction does not apply to LMPS or USCGA meetings and events.
14. Members using the Island for private functions are requested to make a donation to the treasury of their respective organization to help with heating/air conditioning costs.
15. Food and paper supplies stored in the kitchen are for the use of LMPS or USCGA sponsored events (according to which group purchased them), and are not intended for private use.
16. Pets are allowed on the premises, but must be confined to the member's vehicle or boat or on a leash. Pets are not allowed inside the building. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.
17. The gate and building must be locked anytime the Island is unattended.
18. No camping is permitted on the Island.

Docks, Launch Ramps, Swimming

19. Leaving one's boat at the docks as well as boat and/or trailer unattended on the grounds over 72 hours is prohibited. This does not apply to any USCGA designated rescue/patrol boat or to any boat provided through the LMPS for public use. Members wishing emergency waiver of this rule must seek permission from the Board.

20. It is expected that the cost of electricity on the docks will be borne by those using the docks. Those using the dock electricity are encouraged to make a donation of at least \$5 per day, to be paid to the LMPS Treasurer for the Dock Electric account. The LMPS Executive Committee shall periodically review and revise this provision as necessary.
21. All boats entering, leaving and using the back cove and docks shall do so with extreme caution, careful seamanship and in such a manner that no wakes are created within the cove.
22. Appropriate safety measures should be observed when launching, loading and hauling boats. Launching or hauling shall be under the supervision of a member who shall ensure proper safety.
23. The rule, DO NOT SWIM ALONE, applies to everyone using the Island. Swimming should be done in areas away from all boats and boating activity. No lifeguard is provided, so swimming is at one's own risk.
24. The discharge into Lake Murray of sewage or other unsanitary effluent, waste or garbage is a violation of federal and state law and is in violation of this policy.

Parking

25. Because of the very limited parking, members should park in an orderly and courteous fashion.
26. The helipad area on the west side of the Island must remain clear of any vehicle, trailer or obstruction at all times for emergency helicopter access.
27. The parking of automobiles in the launch area is not permitted.
28. Boats or trailers parked improperly are subject to being moved and/or impounded at the owner's expense.
29. Recreational vehicles are not permitted on the Island including motor coaches and Class A, fifth-wheel, and tow behind campers.

Insurance

30. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that adequate liability and casualty insurance is maintained.