



## **Candlewood Lake Association, Inc.**

### **Work Barge Policy**

#### **Definitions:**

*Barge:* A barge is typically a flat-bottomed boat, built mainly for water transport of bulk goods. Barges may be self-propelled.

*Pontoon boat:* A flat deck boat that relies on floats to remain buoyant. These pontoons (also called *tubes*) contain reserve buoyancy. Pontoon boat drafts may be as shallow as eight inches, which reduces risk of running aground and underwater damage, allowing the boat to come close to shore to pick up and drop off loads.

*Work barge:* Commonly a floating watercraft structure, most often mounted on a pontoon type of boat and powered by an outboard boat motor, used as a platform for temporary transportation of construction materials from a shore-based location to a work site best safely accessed from the water.



*This image above is intended to only represent the concept of a pontoon-mounted work barge. It is not a photo of CWL property, is not an endorsement of a required design, nor is it judged to meet proper safety standards for such a watercraft.*

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## **Access and Availability:**

Work barges, regardless if Candlewood-owned or third-party owned, shall be used on the lake only during the dates on which all motorized watercraft are allowed by the Association to operate on the lake.

## **Authorized Equipment:**

Work barges brought to the lake by contractors for their direct use shall be registered with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as well as with Candlewood Lake Association Security, prior to their placement on Candlewood Lake.

Work barges, prior to being placed on Candlewood Lake, shall meet the same safety equipment and safe operation standards of any other powered watercraft on Candlewood Lake.

Candlewood Lake Association, Inc. shall assume no property liability for work barges not owned by the Association.

## **Authorized Users:**

Work barges to be used on Candlewood Lake shall be limited to use by only those individuals trained in proper work barge use, are boat operator licensed, and are properly insured. Candlewood Lake Association, Inc. shall not allow any member who does not meet the qualifications listed above in this section to rent or borrow any work barge owned by the Association. Any business or individual using Candlewood-owned work barges assumes all liability for damage caused to the Candlewood barge, Candlewood property, or member property while using the Candlewood barge.

## **Proper Use:**

Work barges not owned by Candlewood Lake Association, Inc., brought onto Candlewood Lake by appropriately qualified, licensed, and insured contractors shall be docked (properly secured and non-intrusive to other watercraft traffic) at the work site during the duration of the work at the site and shall not be docked at Candlewood Lake docks or boat slips unless such slip is rented to the contractor by Candlewood Lake Association, Inc.

Work barges complying with all other requirements in this policy may be placed on Candlewood Lake no sooner than thirty (30) days prior to the announced date recreational watercraft may enter the lake, and work barges may be used on the lake no longer than thirty (30) days after the announced date recreational watercraft must exit the lake.

Work barges are equipment used in building or repair and not for other purposes.

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Work barges should be loaded to weight limits specified by the barge producer (weight should be calculated to include any passenger weights on board), weight should be properly distributed on the deck surface, and the center of gravity of the load onboard should be considered to ensure safe operation of the barge.

Trailers or other vehicles used in moving a work barge into and out of the Candlewood Lake Association community shall be properly licensed by the State of Ohio or another state's recognized licensing entity and shall be parked and secured at the direction of the Candlewood Lake Association, Inc. Security Department. Candlewood Lake Association, Inc. shall assume no liability for these trailers or other vehicles used in transporting work barges.

### **Rental Fee:**

Should a qualified contractor or member meeting the requirements of an authorized user wish to rent a Candlewood Lake Association, Inc.-owned work barge the daily rental fee shall be as indicated on the fee schedule and a two-hundred (\$200.00) security deposit shall also be required for each rental, which shall be returned upon the Association's acceptance the barge has been returned in the same condition as when first rented to the qualified contractor or member meeting the requirements of an authorized user.

### **Amendment 1:**

#### **Notice:**

Property owners and/or contractors intending to use a work barge shall be responsible to implement and follow this policy with all parties involved. Further, the Candlewood Lake Association, Inc. shall make all reasonable efforts to inform property owners and/or contractors using work barges of this policy prior to work barges being used on Candlewood Lake.

### **Amendment 2:**

Should a Candlewood Lake Association property owner elect to engage a contractor who is not licensed or insured, then the property owner shall assume the risks associated with the contractor's work barge-related activity.

### **Amendment 3:**

Prior to bringing a work barge onto Candlewood Lake a contractor shall pay to the Association a one-hundred dollar (\$100) annual CWL barge permitting fee. "Annual" shall mean the period from the date the fee is paid until 364 days later.