

# WESTLAKE LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Boat Modifications and Lighting Policy

*Effective March 18, 2025*

The following Boat Modifications and Lighting Policy has been adopted by the Westlake Lake Management Association (“Association”) Executive Committee (“EC”):

**Purpose:**

- A. The Association, through the EC, is charged with the duty to establish policies and oversee and govern the operations and management of the Association’s affairs, including managing and maintaining Westlake Lake (the “Lake”).
- B. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear and consistent guidelines for boat modifications and lighting to ensure safety and the preservation and protection of the Lake, and its aesthetics and surroundings, for all residents and Lake users. These guidelines apply to all boats launched or docked on the Lake.
- C. In addition to this policy, please see the WLMA Policy, Rule 7 “SOUND; BRIGHT OR NON-CONFIRMING LIGHT(S)” in the Lake Rules and Regulations on the WLMA website [westlake-lake.com](http://westlake-lake.com)

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**General Guidelines:**

**1. Boat Modifications:**

All modifications made to boats launched or docked on the Lake must comply with the Association’s governing documents and California state regulations, including, but not limited to, the Harbors and Navigation Code. Any alterations to a boat that materially affect its structure, appearance, or operation must be approved by the EC, on its own or through the Lake Operations Manager, exercising approval at their sole discretion any modifications or alterations, before such boat being approved to launch or remain on the Lake.

**2. Boat Design and Aesthetic:**

Boats must maintain a clean, uniform, and attractive appearance that complement the overall aesthetics of the Lake and surrounding community. Boat modifications and colors (including boat wrapping), or additions that are disruptive, excessively bright, or create an unsightly appearance are prohibited. Boats shall not display any signs, designs, or artwork that is commercial in nature.

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## **Boat Lighting Policy:**

### **1. Lighting:**

All lighting must comply with the Association's governing documents and applicable regulations, including the Harbors and Navigation Code and all California state boating laws.

### **2. Types of Permitted Lights:**

- **Navigation Lights:**

All boats must be equipped with standard safety navigation lights, including a red (left side) and green (right side) light, as well as a white stern light, as required by California state boating regulations.

- **Decorative Lights:**

Decorative lighting, including, but not limited to, LED lights, string lights, or floating lights, must be approved by the EC. Any decorative lighting allowed on boats docked or launched on the Lake must be subtle and non-flashing. Colors and / or lighting that are considered excessive, not considered consistent with the aesthetics of the lake or too bright, including, but not limited to, neon/LED boat names, or flashing patterns, are prohibited.

- **Flood or Spotlights:**

Floodlights, searchlights, or spotlights may only be used when necessary for navigation or safety. They should not be directed towards residential areas, homes, other boats, restaurants, or the Lake shoreline.

### **3. Light Placement and Disturbance:**

Lights must be placed in a manner that minimizes disturbance to residents, the surrounding environment, Lake users, and other watercraft on the Lake. Any boat lighting that creates a nuisance and is not required by California state boating regulations, or is not necessary for safety on the Lake, must be modified or removed upon notification by the Association.

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## **Boat Safety and Environmental Considerations:**

### **1. Environmental Impact:**

Any modifications made to boats must consider the ecological and aesthetic impact of the Lake and its surrounding environment.

## **2. Noise Limitations:**

All boats must comply with local noise ordinances. Any boat modifications that cause excessive noise, including, but not limited to, excessively loud engines or sound systems, are prohibited.

## **3. Exceptions For Temporary/Holiday Lights:**

Any temporary lighting/decorations/signs for holiday lake events or any lake events organized or sanctioned by the Board/EC, will be permitted for a temporary time as dictated by the Board/EC.

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## **Enforcement and Compliance:**

### **1. Application Process:**

Any boat modifications, including, but not limited to, painting, wraps, and lighting installations, that deviate from the guidelines in this policy or that materially affect a boat's structure, appearance, or operation must be submitted to the Lake Office for approval to the EC by submitting an Application for Boat Modification ("Application"). The Application must be in writing (e.g., email, letter, etc.) and set forth a detailed description of the proposed modifications. The EC will approve or deny boat modification requests in writing based on the guidelines contained in this policy, exercising such approval at its sole discretion.

### **2. Inspection of Boats:**

The Association reserves the right to periodically inspect boats to ensure compliance with this policy.

### **3. Non-Compliance:**

If a resident or Lake user makes modifications to a boat in violation of this policy, the Association will proceed with enforcement action in accordance with its governing documents to compel compliance, including suspension of lake rights and use of such boat.

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## **Amendments and Changes:**

This policy may be updated or amended from time to time by the EC. Any amendments to this policy will be communicated to all members of the Association and published upon taking effect.