

2022 CSA Waterfront FAQs



The CSA's Crystal Lake waterfront is one of its most widely-used spaces for enjoying outdoor activities. The Waterfront Committee has updated this FAQ document to help answer common questions about policies and procedures, hoping to provide everyone with enjoyable opportunities for recreation.

The beach

- What should I do with my trash? Please put trash **INSIDE** the trash barrels. Disposable diapers must be taken back to your cottage.
- Can I stash my beach chair on the beach? **YES**, but make sure you aren't obstructing any path ways. Please pick up all your belongings before you depart at the end of your stay.
- Can I bring my dogs or other pets on the beach? **NO** - no kidding! Not at any time of the year.
- Can I consume alcoholic beverages on the beach? **NO** alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, smoking, marijuana or intoxicants derived from marijuana are allowed on the common property Crystal Lake and Lake Michigan beaches – this also includes all CSA docks and the fire pit near the Crystal View.

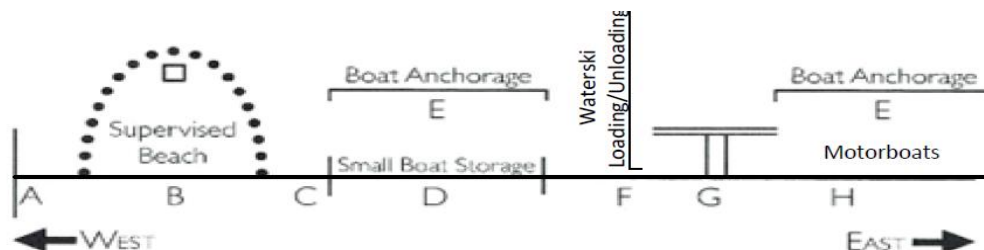
Swimming

- How do I report a case of swimmer's itch? First, let our Waterfront staff know (they keep a daily log). The Crystal Lake Watershed Association also partners with the CSA to collect data. If you have a case to report, please fill in the data fields included in the reporting form at <https://swimmersitchsolutions.com/crystallakereportacase/>
- Can I paddle a kayak or SUP in the CSA swimming area? **NO**, but the lifeguards have approved craft they use inside the lifeline. CSA paddleboards are available for use inside the lifeline when the lifeguards are on duty. Please check with a lifeguard before using and return when done.
- Do I have to swim inside the lifeline? **YES**, for your own safety.
- Can I jump off the lifeguard stands? **NO!**
- Can I jump and dive off the rafts? **YES**, you can jump off the rafts but diving isn't permitted off the raft closest to the beach.
- And, in case you hadn't heard, one at a time on the slide, please!



Boating

The CSA has about 1,400 feet of shoreline along its Crystal Lake beach. This is divided into the area diagrammed below:



- Do I need a boat sticker? YES, **all boats of any type or size must be registered at the Assembly Office matching the same weeks you are registered at the CSA.** Please display the sticker on the stern of each boat and check to be sure it's visible if you cover your boat.
- What if I don't get a boat sticker? The Board of Trustees approved the return of "boat jail," a program begun in 2017, to move unstickered boats to a Permit Detention Area (PDA). Here's how it works:
 - Every Monday a member of the Waterfront Committee will check for boats without the current season's and/or week's sticker. When the owner's name is clear on the boat, the Managing Director will call that day to give the owner a chance to promptly sticker the boat.
 - Every Wednesday the waterfront staff will move any remaining unstickered boats to "boat jail" between the tree line and South Shore Road. Owners will be responsible for getting or updating their sticker and moving the boat back. It's very easy to stay out of "boat jail" – just purchase your boat sticker and put it on your boat when you bring it down to the CSA's Crystal Lake waterfront!
 - Can I leave my boat on the CSA beach if I'm not in residence for part of the season? If you won't be using your boat for at least a week, please store it elsewhere so access to boat storage is available for those currently in residence.
- Where can I store my kayak, canoe or SUP? Please use the racks provided for these watercraft, rather than leaving them strewn on the beach. We have added more racks in an effort to increase storage capacity.
- Is there an easy way to get my kayak/canoe/SUP to the water's edge? YES, paths from the storage areas provide clear passage to the waterline. No watercraft may be stored in these pathways.
- Can I drive my vehicle on the CSA beach to deliver or pick up my boat? No! There are public boat launch sites at the Beulah public beach, Frankfort's Bellows beach, and the ends of Esplanade Ct and Marquette Ct (off M-22, north of the Crystal View).
- Do I need to wash my watercraft before bringing it to the CSA beach? Watercraft (including non-motorized) **MUST** be washed prior to being launched anywhere into Crystal Lake if operated in another watershed in the previous 10 days. For more details, go to the CLWA website at <https://crystallakewatershed.org/boat-wash/> to read about this Michigan law. The CLWA's boat wash and launch are on M-115 at Mollineaux Rd (at 5739 DNR Boat Ramp Service Rd, Frankfort).
- How far do I need to pull up my boat from the water's edge? You must pull your boat up at least 6' from the shoreline.
- Can I rent a boat mooring? CSA moorings are limited and in high demand. Boat owners must be assigned a mooring by the Office Manager and may rent by the week or the season. Only CSA mooring lines are permitted and must be rented at the office. Please refer to the current Assembly News for more details about mooring options.
- Can I rent a space to store my boat at the CSA-owned boat dock? You must apply to the Office Manager for one of our 22 shore stations. Boat owners must provide their own hoists (shore stations) and pay to install and remove them annually.



Please abide by the rules ... be safe ... and have fun on the waterfront!