

The L.P.O.A. Board of Trustees recently approved changes to the Watercraft Rule pertaining to the Boat Stickers, and also State Law changes for the BAL (Blood Alcohol Level) for individuals on the lake.

This is from the Watercraft Rules: Approved revised Section is highlighted.

A. **REGISTRATION OF WATERCRAFT**

1. Only watercraft titled in the property owner's name, or renter's name, will be registered and eligible for registration stickers. It will be necessary to present proof of ownership in the form of; 1) a copy of the title; or, 2) a copy of a state registration; or, 3) a bill of sale, when registering a watercraft with the L.P.O.A.. Registration is mandatory for all watercraft being used on any L.P.O.A. lakes. This includes PWC's, pontoons, canoes, john-boats, paddle boats, etc... No watercraft over 20 feet in length, excluding pontoons and sail boats, will be registered. Registration fees are: \$10.00 for all gas powered watercraft and \$5.00 for all non-gas powered watercraft. No watercraft including PWC's shall be operated on nor placed upon any Lakengren lake, including, but not limited to those watercraft secured to a L.P.O.A. owned dock or privately owned dock, unless a current Lakengren boat sticker is displayed in accordance with instruction provided at the time the stickers are given to the owner.

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Also under General Provisions for Operation: The State has changed this from 0.10 to 0.08. Section is highlighted below

Section 12.

**12. Operating Under the Influence** - Ohio State laws - ORC 1547.11 & ORC 1547.111, provide for stiff penalties when persons operate watercraft while under the influence of either prescription or illegal drugs, and/or alcohol. A person is in violation with a concentration of 0.08 or more Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). The legal limit for persons under 21 years of age is 0.02 Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). The laws automatically revoke the operating privileges of boaters who refuse to submit to chemical tests when they are suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. They also revoke for one year the boat's registration, if the person operating the watercraft is the owner. The laws also carry a mandatory three (3) day jail sentence. Enforcement and jurisdiction includes all waterways in the State of Ohio, including Lakengren's lakes. The laws may be enforced by any law enforcement officer. In addition, Ohio State law - ORC 1547.12, provides that no person shall operate any vessel if they are unable physically or mentally to operate in a safe and competent manner, and further states no person shall permit operation of a vessel in violation of this law