

Rice Lake Private Boat Ramp Rules

This document serves as a guideline for how the private Rice Lake boat ramp should be used. Recent enhancements completed in 2020-2021 include:

1. Widening the entire ramp by 4 feet (each side of ramp was widened by 2 feet)
2. Installing posts and a security cable with electronic keypad
3. Installing electrical power to the system
4. Posting a lock box for City of Maple Grove Fire Department for emergency access

Background on this private boat ramp

The boat ramp is on the private property of Dick and Joyce Drangeid (14212 87th Ave N) and we (RLAA) are fortunate to be able to use it for access to the lake. Please treat this property as though it was your own.

Who can use this private boat ramp?

This boat ramp can only be used by these individuals/entities:

- RLAA dues-paying members
- Contractors hired by RLAA dues-paying members to launch/remove boats
 - The boat owner is responsible for meeting/coordinating access via their own assigned code
- City of Maple Grove Fire, Police and Parks Departments with their own access codes
 - These groups have 3 potential access methods, based on the urgency for their situations:
 - *Use their own access code*
 - *Use the lock box to use a manual key*
 - *Cut the chain/cable assembly on the post*
- Hennepin County Water Patrol with their own access code
- RLAA consultants (commercial fishermen; plant and fish surveyors; water quality agencies; etc.)
 - Their access will be coordinated by a RLAA Board Member

How does an RLAA member obtain an access code?

Once the RLAA member pays their annual RLAA membership dues, the RLAA Board of Directors will distribute a unique access code for them to use at the boat ramp. Paid dues will be good for one (1) year; the following year a new code will be distributed to each member after they pay that year's dues.

In addition to receiving an access code, each paid member will receive a yellow 3" sticker. This sticker is to be placed port stern (*left side near the back*). We ask that all boat owners display the colored sticker so that homeowners around the ramp are able to easily identify ramp users as RLAA members. If you have multiple boats that use the ramp, the board is able to provide additional stickers.

How does this system work?

There is a locking device connected to the cable which is strung between the 2 posts. An electronic keypad is connected to that locking device. When the user enters their access code into the keypad, the lock will open. That user can then set the cable to the side and launch (or remove) their boat from the ramp as in the past. Once the user is done at the ramp, we ask that they re-insert the cable back into the lock.

What if the lock is broken?

The lock can be opened with a physical key if there are problems with the electronic portion. If you experience problems, please contact a board member (*a list of names with contact info will be located on the rear of one of the posts*). The gate will remain unlocked until the keypad problem is corrected.

Additional Information regarding this system

- Each access code can be tracked by date/time for usage. If the RLAA Board determines a user is accessing their code more than normal (up to 3 times per season), they will be contacted for additional information.
- Access is only intended for those individuals/entities listed above.

During widening this past summer of 2020:



Control Posts were installed this past fall of 2020:

