



If it Doesn't Fit You May Lose Your Slip

Make Sure Your Boat is Legal Length

We are fortunate to have city docks and buoys available for resident lease in the City of Deephaven. As a leaseholder of a City of Deephaven dock, shorespace or buoy you are responsible for assuring that your boat meets all standards in your lease agreement. One of the most important rules is not exceeding allowed boat length. Failure to make sure your boat fits may result in fines, loss of lease or both. Below are some helpful tips to assure your boat fits and Some frequently asked questions that may be of added help...



Your leased space has a maximum allowable boat length:

Maximum Boat Lengths

Docks: The maximum boat length on a dock space is 26 feet including all equipment and attachments. There are some city docks which the LMCD has restricted to 24 feet in length, in addition there are some dock spaces which will only allow a beam of 8'4" whereas most allow a 8'6" beam. Minimum length is 16 feet. (Note: City staff will advise you , prior to your acceptance of a dock space, if your space includes the 24' length or 8'4" width restriction.)

Shorespace: 34 feet maximum boat length.

Buoys: 25 feet maximum boat length.

All docks, shore space and buoys have a minimum length of sixteen (16) feet.



The boat manufacturer's "LOA" or the length listed on your MN DNR Registration may not be the actual length as determined by Deephaven's length ordinance. Make certain to measure for yourself as shown below.



Your boats real length is the foremost point on the boat to the aft-most point with all equipment in operating position.



When measuring your boat length, always include common equipment such as swim platforms down, bow pulpits, bow rails, outboard/stern drives, bow anchors, etc. They are part of the boat and are included in measurement .



Measure from the aft most part of boat to the forward most part of your boat.

Frequently Asked Questions...

How do I measure my boat?

The measurement is pretty simple if done while the boat is out of the water.

First, put all of the equipment on the boat in its normal operation position. This means things like:

- If you store an anchor on the bow pulpit, install the anchor there
- If you have an outboard motor, put it in the down position as though you were under power
- If you have a swim platform that is hinged, put it down, as though in use
- If you have a stern drive, put it down, as though you were under power
- If you have a sailboat with an external rudder, install the rudder

Second, go to the bow of the boat and determine what sticks out the farthest forward. This could be the actual bow of the boat but it might be any foredeck railing, a bow pulpit, an anchor stored on the bow pulpit or a spot light mounted on the foredeck railing. Take a string and a weight (heavy thread and a ½" nut work quite well for this), and tape the string to the front whatever sticks out forward the most such that the weight is about ½" off of the ground.

Third, go to the stern of the boat and do the same for whatever sticks out the farthest. This is usually some portion of the stern drive, outboard or perhaps the swim platform on powerboats. On sailboats it is typically some portion of an external rudder if you have one.

Fourth, lay a tape measure on the ground, and measure the length from the forward weight to the rear weight. Measure in feet, inches and fractions of an inch. That is your legal length.

This should take you about 10 minutes to measure on dry land. In the water, it's more difficult to do this measurement.

Can I get some help measuring my boat?

Sure, someone from the City or the Boat Committee will be more than happy to assist you assuming the boat is stored locally.

If my boat is 26 feet 5 inches, can I round down to the nearest feet, meaning 26 feet?

No, there is no rounding up or down, you must measure to the nearest inch.

Why so picky about the length of boats?

We must comply with LMCD (Lake Minnetonka Conservation District) rules and agreements.