

MANDATORY WATERCRAFT WASHING



2 BOAT WASHING STATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY

- 1) Behind the municipal office.
10 rue principale, Blue Sea.
- 2) Lac long recreational centre.
396 Chemin du lac long,
Blue Sea.

Washing of watercrafts

INTRODUCTION

Considering the importance of preserving the environmental quality of aquatic areas and the integrity of the shorelines, the municipality of Blue Sea has put measures in place to effectively combat the possible introduction of invasive exotic species into water bodies.

It has been proven that one source of invasive exotic species contamination is related to the movement of boats from one body of water to the other. One of the effective ways to counteract the spread of these species is by cleaning all boats with pressured hot water.

The municipality of Blue Sea has 9 public launches. Considering the costs incurred in setting up and maintaining the boat washing service and its facilities, a washing fee is applicable to non tax payers.



MANDATORY WASHING

Any user must, before launching a watercraft to enter a body of water from any place situated within the boundaries of the municipality, **Proceed to wash the boat, the engine, the livewell and the trailer**, at a hot water washing station recognized by the municipality and obtain a valid washing certificate.

WASHING CERTIFICATE

To obtain a washing certificate, all users must:

- 1- Wash your boat as instructed. Once the boat has been washed, the user will have to follow the instructions at the terminal to obtain a washing certificate that will allow them to launch their boat.
- 2- At the payment terminal, the user will have to pay the costs of the washing certificate (free for tax payers of the municipality)
- 3- Display the washing certificate on the dashboard of the vehicle so that it is visible from the outside for inspections.

Because Blue Sea Lake is a shared water body, the municipality of Blue Sea and the municipality of Messines will recognize the washing certificate from both municipality.

STICKER AND KEYCHAINS

Tax payers are exempted from having to pay a fee in order to obtain a washing certificate. In order to benefit from this exemption the tax payer must beforehand, obtain from the municipality (municipal office) a sticker and a payment chip confirming his tax payer status.

The sticker must be visible at the bow (front) of the boat and outside of the boat.



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- 1- Tax payers: free of charge, the resident must still go to the washing station to wash their boat and obtain a washing certificate;
- 2- Non-residents: The applicable fee to obtain the washing certificate is as follows:

Boat	Rate
Motorised boat	\$25
Non-motorised boat	Free

A magnetic card of 10 washes can be bought for motorised boats, at a cost of \$ 150.00 and is valid for the current season only.

OBLIGATION TO EXHIBIT THE WASHING CERTIFICATE.

A person who launches a watercraft with a road vehicle in the municipality must place the washing certificate for the correct category of watercraft that they are launching on the dashboard of this vehicle so that it is visible from the outside.

Failure to display the transaction receipt on the vehicle dashboard or to make it visible to the inspector constitutes an infringement of this by-law. Therefore, when proof of ownership of the trailer or vehicle to which a watercraft trailer is attached is provided, the owner of said trailer or vehicle is presumed to have committed the offence under this by-law.

SHORELINE OWNER

The use of private land, whether for launching or leaving the water, are prohibited on any property fronting on the shores of a body of water. The installation, construction or development of launching ramps is also prohibited.

WASHING EXEMPTION

Boats stored on land bordering a body of water that have not been used on another body of water during the same year are exempt from mandatory washing. A municipal sticker is required.

DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE our lakes!

Help protect the water quality of our lakes and rivers.

ATTENTION!

- 1 **Drain** foul water from boat and live wells.
- 2 **Remove** dirt (mud, plants, fish, bait) and dispose of at safe distance from water!
- 3 **Thoroughly clean** boat, trailer and other equipment!
- 4 **Repeat** operation every time.

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PENALTIES

Anyone who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this by-law commits an offence and is liable, in addition to the costs for each offence, to a fixed fine of \$500.00 if the offender is a natural person, or a fixed fine of \$1,000.00 if the offender is a legal entity.

In the case of a repeat offence, the offender is liable, in addition to the costs for each offence, to a fixed fine of \$1,000.00 if the offender is a natural person, or a fixed fine of \$2,000.00 if the offender is a legal person.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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