



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752

## Fort Meadow Commission



TOWN OF HUDSON  
Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

### Fort Meadow Commission (FMC) Rules

- **MASS BOATING LAWS** – Operators must comply with all state and local laws.
- **ENFORCEMENT** – Law Enforcement and members of the Commission will patrol the lake. When hailed, boat drivers must stop. Suspension of boating privileges for violations may result.
- **DIRECTION** – Drive counterclockwise, do not stop traffic in the narrows.
- **SPEED** – Drive at speeds that match the conditions; max speed is 45 MPH. Sunset to sunrise max speed is 5 MPH and navigation lights must be on.
- **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)** – Operators must be at least 18 years old (16 years old with completion of an approved boater/safety course). All operators and passengers must wear an approved life jacket.
- **DISTANCE** – Stay 200 feet from the Marlboro and Hudson beaches. Motorboats must stay 150 feet from shorelines or to the LEFT of all buoys EXCEPT for the island markers off Red Spring Rd.
- **TOWED WATER SPORTS** – People being towed must wear approved flotation devices. No towing after sunset. A spotter 12 years or older is required. People being towed must stay behind the boat in the narrows.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL** – Surfing is only permitted in the middle of the two large basins when safe to do so. Take extra precautions when refueling. New docks need approval from the Conservation Commission/FMC. All boats must be washed down before launched. \*
- **PADDLE BOATS/CANOES, ETC.** – Must have an approved flotation device aboard. Children under 12 years old must wear one.
- **BOAT OWNERS** – Are responsible for operator actions.
- **SEATING** – While in motion, do not sit on the edge of a boat without a guardrail.
- **BOAT LAUNCH** – Is for launching and removing boats for Marlboro and Hudson residents. \*
- **BOATS** – Maximum boat length is 25 feet.
- **SWIMMING** – Is permitted only out to 50 feet or next to your boat.
- **DEMEANOR** – No operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Be respectful of others, no profane, threatening, or abusive language.
- **DOCKS/MOORING** – Are monitored by the FMC. A maximum of one dock per property or exclusive use area, existing docks are grandfathered in. Three Red Spring Road property is limited to 10 boat slips. No docks or mooring are allowed at public or community association beaches. PWCs not at a dock must be moored no more than 35 feet from shore, other motorboats must be secured at a dock. \*