



Who Owns Watercraft/Sailboats Left at Doggie Beach? Please Contact Us

If you are using the doggie beach for parking your sailboat/watercraft, please contact us with the make and model of your watercraft. It is important for the community to monitor this sensitive area on the north end of the lake and to reduce clutter such as tires, wood etc. This watercraft information will be collected to get a better understanding on how this area is being used and to keep contact information on record in case of an emergency.

Every Card Key Requires a Signed Waiver

If you have a card key, please ensure that every year you sign a waiver.

Prior to Marina Information Received Each Year

Prior to receiving the annual marina information, if you wish to rent a stall before the May long weekend, please contact us.

Specials "THANK YOU"

Thank you to Peter Vink who enhanced/fixed the step to the east dock.

Thank you to Bruce Williams for doing cleanup around the marina – even for all those little things we don't even know he does!



PREVIOUS YEAR'S NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Marina Access Denied to Homeowners Permitting Short Term Rentals To support the Columere Park Community Association (CPCA) with their endeavor to limit Short Term Rentals (STR) within Columere Park, marina and vehicle gate access will not be granted to homeowners using their homes for STR (AirB&B, VRBO, etc) . If you have any questions, please contact us.

No Guarantee for Stall Rentals for Larger Boats

A marina stall is 8.5 feet (width) by 21 feet (length).

A stall rental for boats over 8 ft in width or longer than 25 feet in length is not guaranteed. Please keep the stall size in mind when purchasing a boat!

Limited Pontoon Boat Rental Stalls

The east dock has slightly wider spaces, hence, several of these stalls are reserved for pontoon boats. For the past few years, these pontoon boat stalls were filled with current pontoon owners. Therefore, if considering to purchase a pontoon boat, it is likely that a stall will not be available to rent. Launching and pulling out your pontoon daily may be the only option to getting on the lake.

Vehicle Traffic Monitoring

An increased number of vehicles crossing the railway track is a concern. Only licensed and insured vehicles (and drivers with valid driver's license) to be going through the vehicle gate.

Vehicles to be used only to transport gas to boats or launch watercraft. Remember to park vehicles on the west side of tracks and walk across the tracks to access the beach facilities. Vehicle traffic will continue to be monitored. Excess crossings may result in card key being deactivated.

Impact of Wake Boats on the Lake

The lake is shallow, measuring only 15 feet at its greatest depth. When wake surfing, please keep to the middle of the lake (deepest area) to reduce the impact on the bottom of the lake, to preserve wildfowl nesting and to avoid eroding the shoreline. Waves impact the lake and life on the lake.

LAKE, BOATING AND MARINA RULES

We want to ensure that you experience a seamless marina experience all season long. Please refer to the following:

The Marina's "Rules & Regulations" can be found [HERE](#).

NOTE: Community Association website and emails end in ".ca"

Fires – Planes and Helicopters

When planes and helicopters are filling up on the lake during fire season, PLEASE stay clear of the center of the lake so operators can do their vital fire control jobs.

Boats and Other Watercraft Used Outside of Columbia Lake

If you use your boat, trailer, kayak, canoe, paddleboard, tubes, life jackets, etc in other waters, please Clean, Drain and Dry before using these items in Columbia Lake. The threat of invasive/non-native aquatic plants and species (like Eurasian Watermilfoil and Zebra/Quagga Mussel) being introduced to Columbia Lake is a real concern.

Who has right of way – boats leaving or boats entering the marina?

Since most people can see boats coming out of the marina from the lake, boats exiting the marina are given the right of way

Stay Alert when Coming In and Out of the Marina

Please stay alert when maneuvering your boat in the marina and channel.

Securing Your Boat

PLEASE ensure your boat is tied up tight to dock to protect the boat beside you.

Can Family and Friends Use the Marina?

Unaccompanied family and friends of Columere Park property owners are not permitted to use the launching facilities or marina stalls.

Refueling Boats

Please use the anti-static refueling mat when refueling a boat. Mats are located on the docks.

Parking at the Marina Launch

Due to congestion, only park by the launch when bringing fuel or large equipment down to your boat.

Where to Park Vehicles with Trailers

Due to limited parking on the marina side of tracks, please park vehicles with trailers in the upper parking by bulletin board.

Boat Insurance

Boat owners must have insurance on their boats to use the marina facilities.

GATE AND CARD KEY INFORMATION

Gate Not Working?

Phone calls are appreciated when gate is not working.

If card key does not open gate, it could simply mean a computer glitch.

If the automated gate is not working and the manual gate is being used, please ensure that the gate is closed.

A closed gate is a mandatory requirement by CPR.

Card Key Not Working?

Your card key may not work because community dues are unpaid, marina fees are unpaid, waiver is not signed or in some cases the card key is defective.

Prohibit Use of Card Key to Allow Others Access through Gate

Do not use your card key to allow other vehicles through the marina gate. If a family's card key is not working, there is normally a reason (see above).

MARINA STALL RENTAL REQUESTS AND INVOICING

Who to Call for Marina Inquiries?

Please call Donna @ 250-342-5174 or email marina@columerepark.com

Your Marina Status

We have placed families into 1 of 4 categories:

- Seasonal Marina Stall Renter
- Marina Stall Waiting List Community Member (on the waiting list to be a Seasonal Marina Stall Renter – can request weekly stall rentals and a seasonal stall rental, IF one is available)
- Card Key Holder (only requests a card key to launch watercraft – no request to a rent stall)
- Community Member (everyone else)

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

We are grateful to the following community members that continually support us:

THANK YOU to Brian McIntosh for marina gate and software technical support.

THANK YOU to Tracy Connery and Philip Boyer for website support.

THANK YOU to the following families who release weeks from their seasonal boat stall rental to help fulfill rental requests from community members on the waiting list.

- Archer/Wisnoski
- Gillmor
- Hart
- Loraas
- McRae
- McKnight
- Nieboer
- Ottenbreit
- Partlo
- Power
- Seidel
- Wood

Our apologies, if we have missed any family from our list above.

Make your heart like a lake with a calm, still surface and great depths of kindness.

~Lao Tzu

We work to satisfy as many requests as possible but present demand strongly outweighs supply.

COMMUNITY GOALS

“REDUCE VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACROSS THE TRACKS”

“A WHISTLE-FREE TRAIN SUMMER”

RAILWAY CROSSING SAFETY



Let's keep working on **decreasing incidents** at the crossing (less train whistles being blown).

Use caution when crossing and talk to others who are undertaking unsafe practices.

Loss of our CPR crossing agreement is the last thing we want!

Thank you in advance for taking time to inform all family and friends about the importance of respecting the CPR crossing and the gravity of the consequences.

VEHICULAR TRAFFIC OVER THE TRACKS

Vehicles going through the gate must be licensed and insured. Vehicle drivers must hold a valid driver's license.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AT CROSSING

Please use the designated gated pathway to cross the railway tracks. Pedestrians must yield the right of way to vehicles. Please do not stand on tracks – quickly move across the tracks!

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Reduce vehicular traffic over the tracks will lessen possible vehicle incidents with pedestrians and trains!

Don't race across tracks to beat the train!



CPR SAFETY

TRAINS CANNOT SWERVE OR STOP – THEY HIT WHAT IS ON THE TRACK!

Railway safety and the vital role you play in keeping your family and friends safe is important.

Remember:

- Only cross the railway tracks at the designated crossing. STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND LIVE!
- If you see a train approaching, stop and wait in a safe place away from the tracks.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult when crossing the tracks.
- Do not walk on or along the tracks.

Incidents with CPR are reported to us. Not obeying the above CPR safety rules will result in the revoking of beach and marina privileges.



KNOW YOUR LAKE

SPEED LIMITS NEAR THE SHORELINE

There is a general non-posted 10 kpm speed limit within 30 meters (100 feet) of the shoreline.

CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

Columbia Lake is shallow and warm, hence, the threat of invasive/non-native aquatic plants and species (like Eurasian Watermilfoil and Zebra/Quagga Mussel) being introduced to Columbia Lake is a real concern.

If introduced, reproduction and spread would happen quickly. Before leaving a body of water Clean, Drain and Dry your watercraft (including kayaks, paddleboards, trailer, etc) and all ancillary equipment (life jackets, waders, fishing gear, etc,) before using them again on Columbia Lake.

Learn more about playing your part to CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY your watercraft can be found [HERE](#).

COLUMBIA LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY(CLSS)

By the marina ramp, take a peek at map published by CLSS that outlines environmentally sensitive areas around Columbia Lake.

Learn interesting facts about Columbia Lake [HERE!](#)

COLUMBIA LAKE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Read the details about the CLMS on the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) website [HERE](#).