



VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES

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2015 Boat Mooring Buoy- Water Way Permit Application Process

Please read the below information as well as the enclosed *Permit Information Packet* carefully and fill out the appropriate application if you will be using a mooring buoy this year. All mooring buoys require Village of Twin Lakes approval and a Twin Lakes Water Way Permit Sticker. Mooring buoys are for riparian owners only. Only one (1) permit will be issued for the lake frontage of each riparian owner. No more than one boat can be attached to a mooring buoy.

Applications for a **boat mooring buoy** will only be approved for the mooring of a boat. These buoys must comply with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regulations found in **WI DNR NR 5** which requires mooring buoys to extend 18 inches above the waterline, be white in color with a blue band clearly visible above the waterline, and be spherical or ovate in shape. All other types of boat mooring buoys will not be allowed. All buoys must be removed from the water by December 1st of each year.

Please note that the regulations listed in this document and in the *Permit Information Packet* are not comprehensive. To be fully informed about mooring buoys for your safety and the safety of others, it is important that you review WI DNR NR 5 (www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov and/or www.dnr.wi.gov), Village of Twin Lakes Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 (www.villageoftwinlakes.net), and Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30. Relevant Statutes include 30.61, 30.772, and 30.74(2) (www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov).

The *Permit Information Packet* also contains information regarding other items that require Water Way Permits. If you are also going to be using any of these items this year, please pick up the appropriate application at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

***Mooring Buoys within 150 feet of the shoreline-**

- 1.) Fill out *Boat Mooring Buoy Application Form A (<150 ft from Shore)* if the buoy will be within 150 feet of the shoreline. The buoy and attached boat must stay within 150 ft and not drift or extend beyond the riparian zone. Please note that if the mooring will enable the boat to drift or extend beyond 150 feet of the shoreline, the boat will need to be lighted as required by Section 30.61 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2.) Forward the completed form with the appropriate fee to the Twin Lakes Village Hall: P O Box 1024-Twin Lakes, WI 53181.
- 3.) Upon approval of the Police Department and Village Board, a Waterway Permit sticker will be mailed to you.

Please note:

- The Waterway Permit sticker must be applied to the boat mooring buoy before being placed in the water. This will alert Water Patrol that the buoy has been approved.

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- Buoys not in compliance with Village Code, WI DNR NR 5, and Wisconsin Statutes will be tagged with a thirty (30) day notice to either remove the buoy or comply with the regulations. Failure will result in the issuance of a citation.
- The buoy number must also be affixed to the buoy no less than twelve inches above the waterline. The riparian owner is responsible for purchasing and applying the buoy number. Water Patrol will inspect for properly applied numbers. The buoy number is always the last seven digits of your parcel number.

***Mooring Buoys placed more than 150 feet from the shoreline-**

- 1.) Fill out *Boat Mooring Buoy Application Form B (>150 ft from Shore)*.
- 2.) A permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is also required. Included with the Twin Lakes application and fee, you will also fill out and send the following DNR forms to the Twin Lakes Village Hall. Forms can be found at www.dnr.wi.gov.
 - Waterway Marker Application and Permit (Form 8700-058) – Must be filled out by riparian owners
 - Individual Mooring Justification Worksheet (Form 8700-192)
- 4.) The Police Chief and Village Board will review for approval and then forward it to the DNR for their approval.
- 5.) The DNR will forward an approved copy to you. Please mail this to the Twin Lakes Village Hall: P O Box 1024-Twin Lakes, WI 53181.
- 6.) Upon receipt of DNR approval, the Village of Twin Lakes will mail you a Waterway Permit sticker.

Please note:

- The Waterway Permit sticker must be applied to the boat mooring buoy before being placed in the water. This will alert Water Patrol that the buoy has been approved.
- Buoys not in compliance with WI DNR NR 5 or Wisconsin Statutes will be tagged with a thirty (30) day notice to either remove the buoy or comply with the regulations. Failure will result in the issuance of a citation.
- Any boat moored more than 150 feet from the shoreline is required to be lighted from sunset to sunrise by a white light visible all around the horizon. This includes boats that have moorings within 150 feet or shore that can swing beyond 150 feet of shoreline. See Chapter 30.61 of Wisconsin Statutes for more information.
- The buoy number must also be affixed to the buoy no less than twelve inches above the waterline. The riparian owner is responsible for purchasing and applying the buoy number. Water patrol will inspect for properly applied numbers. The buoy number is always the last seven digits of your parcel number.

***Important- Please read the Permit Information Packet for additional information.**