

# LAKEFRONT BOAT LAUNCH FAQ

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**1. How much is the daily boat launch fee?**

- Wisconsin Residents: \$8.00
- Out of State: \$12.00

**2. What are the hours of operation for the boat launch?**

- The boat launch is open Monday- Sunday

**3. How do I pay the daily boat launch fee?**

- There are 2 pay stations that are located near the launch.
- When you approach the pay station, select if you are a WI Resident or Out of State, then provide your vehicle plate information (not your trailer plate) and then enter payment.
- There will be NO slip to place on your dashboard.

**4. What type of payment methods can I use at the pay station?**

- Credit Card ONLY
- If you fail to pay the launch fee, it may result in a boat launch violation.

**5. Why do I have to pay a fee?**

- The fee is to launch your boat. Fees collected help ensure the boat launch stays in working conditions.

**6. How much is the season pass for the boat launch?**

- Wisconsin Resident: \$80.00
- Out of State: \$120.00

**7. How do I purchase a season pass for the boat launch?**

- Season passes are available to purchase at City Hall in Hudson (505 Third Street)
- Applications are in the main lobby and online. Please make sure to fill out the entire application. Payment and applications can be dropped off at City Hall or sent in by mail.
- Once an application is submitted, it will be processed within 3 to 4 business days. You will receive confirmation that your season pass is activated by email. If no email address is provided on the application, you will receive a phone call.

**8. Can I fill out the application and submit the payment online?**

- No, all applications and payments need to be submitted in person at City Hall in Hudson (505 Third Street) or by mail.

**9. Do I have to pay a daily boat launch fee, while I wait to receive notification on my season pass?**

- Yes, you will have to pay the daily boat launch fee until your permit has been activated. You will receive confirmation when it is activated.

**10. Am I allowed to park in the boat launch parking lot without a trailer?**

- No, if you do not have a trailer, you will be required to pay for on-street parking.
- Parking without a trailer in the boat launch parking lot, may result in a parking citation.
- Please refer to the city ordinance 235-3 (2)(a)

**11. Will I get a physical season pass?**

- No, season passes are electronic.

**12. Am I guaranteed a parking spot in the boat launch parking lot?**

- No, you are purchasing a season pass to use the boat launch, not a parking stall. The parking stalls are first come, first serve.

**13. If I have a handicap placard, or handicap plates do I need to pay the daily launch fee?**

- Yes, a handicap placard or vehicle plate does not exempt you from paying the launch fee.

**14. Does the season pass protect me from getting any parking violations?**

- No, the season pass is to have access to launch your boat. You may receive a citation if your vehicle is found in violation of any parking city ordinances.

**15. Can I park my vehicle with my trailer overnight in the boat launch parking lot?**

- No, overnight parking is not allowed in the lot from 2:00am to 4:00am.
- Please refer to city ordinance 235-3 (c)

**16. Can I have two vehicles listed on my season pass for the boat launch?**

- No, a season pass is for one vehicle only.

**17. Am I allowed to detach my boat trailer and leave it in the boat launch parking lot?**

- No, you are not allowed to leave a detached trailer with or without a boat on it in the boat launch parking lot.

**18. Can I use the Passport Application to pay for the launch fee?**

- No, the Passport Application is only used for parking sessions

**19. If the boat launch is full, what do I do?**

- If the boat launch parking lot is full, you can still utilize the launch your boat
- You will then have to park your truck and trailer on your personal property or private property.
- You are not allowed to park any vehicle with an empty boat trailer in any city owned parking lots or streets, doing so may result in a parking violation.
  - o Please refer to the city Ordinance 235-3 (5) (a)

**20. How much do the parking fines cost?**

Violation	Base Amount	After 10 Days	After 20 Days
Boat Launch Violation	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
Empty Boat Trailer	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Improper Parking	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Prohibited by Official Sign	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Yellow Line	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Double Parked	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Fire Plug	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00

**21. If I moor my boat through the city of Hudson, do I need to pay for on-street parking?**

- Yes, you will need to pay for on-street parking.

**22. I am a new Wisconsin resident, but still have out of state license plates on my vehicle. Do I get to pay the Wisconsin resident daily boat launch fee?**

- No, you pay the out of state daily fee as your vehicle's license plates are registered in another state.

If you have any questions, please contact the following.

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