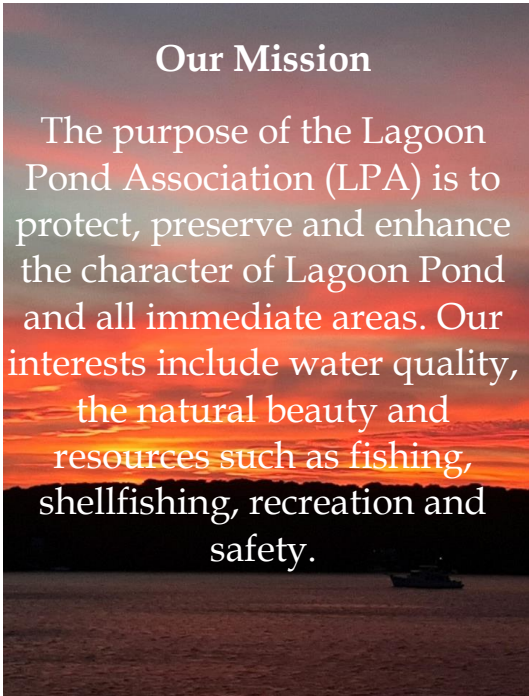


Be a Steward of the Lagoon

Ten things you can do to help the Lagoon

- Don't wash your boat at the landing or in the water (chemicals are harmful to many marine life)
- Reconsider your bottom paint on your boat there are ecologically better options out there
- Do not feed the seagulls, ducks, and geese on the ponds
- Take your trash with you, or find the appropriate receptacle
- Do not throw fish carcasses in the pond
- Pick up your dog's poo
- Give back to the ponds, participate in community outreach about these important issues Join the LPA
- Properly dispose of any chemicals (home, garden, boat)
- Know when the last time your septic was pumped out, schedule one if it has been a while
- Do regular maintenance on your boat and other vehicles so pollutants don't make their way to the ponds



Contact or Find Us:

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Web: <https://www.lagoonpondassoc.org/>

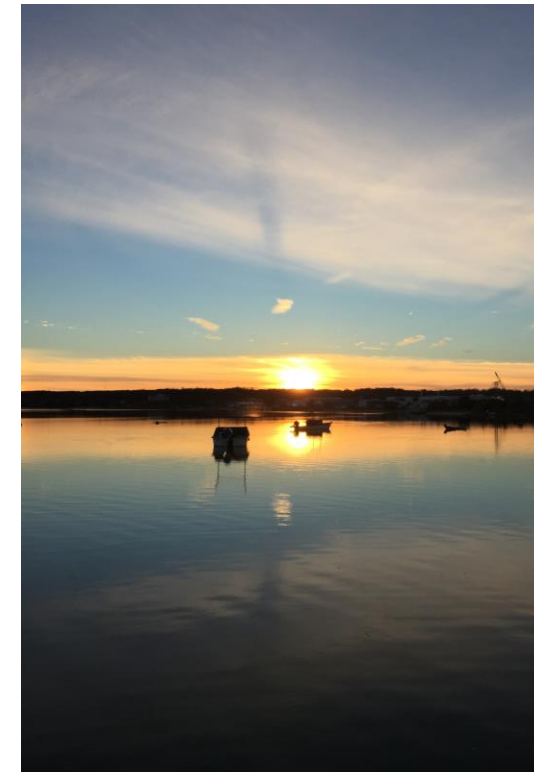
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Lagoon Pond Boating Regulations

*Become a Steward of the Pond:
Boating, safety, and general
information*

Safe Boating for the Enjoyment of All

The Lagoon Pond is a diverse and dynamic resource. Within its 580 acres we have boating, fishing, shellfishing, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, kite boarding and wind-surfing, among other activities, sometimes all happening at the same time!

The sailing camp is located halfway down the Lagoon on the Oak Bluffs side where students practice their sailing and boat handling skills. In addition, Wind's Up! in the shallow West Arm of the Lagoon rents paddle boards and kayaks. The State boat launch is next to the drawbridge on the Vineyard Haven side where visitors and residents launch their boats.

We must follow the rules and respect each other for the safety and enjoyment of all!

Lagoon Regulations

No Wake zone from the draw bridge towards the West Arm of the Lagoon. Red and Green buoy markers mark the channel.

Headway speed (6 mph or less):

- within 150 feet of all beaches, docks, floats, boats anchored or moored, and channel areas
- and no wake inside a line from the Eastville jetty and nun 6
- All jetskis and PWC (Personal Water Craft)

Lagoon Pond is a NO Discharge Zone

- to get a pump out contact the Tisbury Harbor office or hail VHF CH. 9 or CH. 69. It's FREE!
- Prime Marine and the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard also have pump out capabilities

General Boat Safety Laws

No one under the age of 12 can operate a motor boat (unless accompanied by a competent person >18)

Operators between the ages of 12-15 must complete an approved basic boating course to operate a motor boat w/o an adult present

PWC users must be 16+ years old

Do not operate under the use of drugs or alcohol

Do not operate without proper working lights

Do not tow someone at night

Do not operate at greater than 6 mph within 150' of a swim, waterskier, marina, boat launch or when the operator's vision is obscured in anyway

Do not operate in an overloaded condition or with passengers on bow, gunwale or any other place where they can fall off

Accidents must report to the MA Environmental Police



[A view of the Lagoon Hine's point straight ahead]

Required Equipment

Have the right equipment with you on the boat

- Appropriate life preservers
- Fire extinguishers
- Signaling devices
- Visual distress signals
- Navigational lights
- Anchor
- Bailer
- Extra line
- Paddle or oar for boats <16'

Important Contacts

Tisbury Natural Resource (Harbor/Shellfish) office 508 696 4249

Oak Bluffs Harbor office 508 693 4355

Oak Bluffs Shellfish office 508 693 0072

Bridge Tender CH. 16

Sea Tow (508 645 3618) CH. 16

Tow Boat US (508 362 3040) CH. 16

Fueling:

Oak Bluffs Marina 508 639 4355

Tisbury Wharf Company 508-693-9300