

**Old Lyme Shores Beach Association
Rules Ordinance
As Adopted on May 24, 2024**

This Ordinance replaces all prior rules Ordinances, including the one adopted on May 31, 2008.

This Ordinance applies within the territorial limits of the Association. Compliance is easy and neighborly, and facilitates the mutual enjoyment of our beautiful community for the benefit of the entire Association. Members and their guests use the beach, roadways, and all other Association property at their own risk and, at their own cost and expense, and are required to comply with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations at all times. OLSBA members are responsible for providing a copy of this Ordinance to their guests, renters, and contractors (e.g., real estate agents, tradespersons).

While the Board of Governors hopes to never impose a penalty on any OLSBA member, the Board of Governors may do so for each violation. In addition, the Board of Governors may, as described below, bill and collect from the offender the actual cost incurred by the Association to remedy violations.

Please submit approval requests to: governance@oldlymeshores.org.

1. Vehicles

- Speed limit is fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- Vehicles are not permitted on the beach, except emergency and Association approved maintenance vehicles. Members wishing to operate a vehicle on the beach for personal reasons (e.g., launching of watercraft) must obtain prior approval from beach attendant personnel or the Board of Governors.
- No sleeping in vehicles or trailers.
- No parking on roads.
- No parking at or near beach or beach benches except for purposes of prompt pick-up and drop-off.
- No parking on the recreation field without prior approval from the Board of Governors or beach attendant personnel.
- No campers, tents, storage trailers, etc. with one exception: unoccupied trailers

may be parked on owner’s property, October through May only.

- No bicycles, scooters, strollers, skateboards, etc. left in path of walkers – place them safely aside so no one can knock into or trip over them.

2. Misuse of Association Property

No person shall misuse Association property as misuse is determined by the Board of Governors.

3. Roadways

No person shall cut, remove, or in any other manner alter any portion of any OLSBA roadway without prior written approval from the Board of Governors.

4. Nuisance

No person shall commit a nuisance as set forth in this Section 4 and/or as may later be determined by the Board of Governors.

- The causing of any excessive or offensive noise.
- The posting or displaying of bills, placards, or advertisements.
- The posting of trade and/or real estate signs from July 1 through August 31, except during real estate open houses.
- The posting of trade and/or real estate signs from September 1 through June 30 from other than within the home, through a window.
- The blocking by motor vehicle or by any other means of any street or right of way.
- The depositing of garbage or other refuse except in permitted containers.
- The facilitating of entry into the territorial limits of the Association (e.g., by charging for parking) of any person other than property owners, and their bona fide guests, service and tradepersons.
- The abandonment of any personal property on the beach after November 1 of any calendar year. If this occurs, the Board may give the offender written notice that the property owner has 14 days from the date on said notice to remove the property or the Board may dispose of it in any manner the Board deems fit and bill and collect from the property owner the actual cost of such service.
- The maintaining of any motorized vehicle that the Board has deemed as having been inoperable or unregistered for more than 30 consecutive days.
- Bonfires and Fireworks.
- Solicitation.
- Fraternities and sororities.

5. Hammer Law

The “Hammer Law” is in place every year from July 1 through Labor Day. This means no construction or home improvement projects shall be conducted during this time period without the prior written approval from the Board of Governors. All approval requests (including extension requests) must be submitted to the Board in writing and include:

- (a) an outline of the work to be done, (b) an explanation as to why the work cannot be performed between Labor Day and June 30; (c) a description of the increased noise and traffic levels anticipated for such work; (d) which days per week and hours per day for such noise and traffic; and (e,) the completion date for such work. Any extension requests to a Board-approved completion date must be submitted to the Board at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the expiration of the original completion date.

6. On the Beach

- No food or coolers, unless approved for a Board sanctioned event. This helps keep the beach free of seagull and other bird droppings, and prevents seagulls from dive bombing at people.
- No glass containers.
- Non-alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers are allowed.
- No littering.
- No smoking or vaping on or near the beach or benches.
- No ball playing, Frisbee throwing, kite flying, or other potentially hazardous activities that interfere with the enjoyment of the beach by others. After 6 PM is a better time for these activities since fewer people are on the beach.
- Inflatables (must be soft-sided) without motors are permitted in the designated swim area.
- No boating or skim boarding in the designated swim area.
- No leaving unattended dug holes in the beach –fill in all holes before leaving the beach.
- Boats may be moored outside of OLSBA swimming areas if the mooring does not interfere with the Billow Lane or Sea Spray Road water lanes. Contact Town of Old Lyme for mooring permits.
- Loading and unloading of powerboats is only permitted at the Sea Spray Road water lane.
- Loading and unloading of smaller powered water vehicles, such as jet skis

and low-powered row boats, is only permitted at the Billow Road and Sea Spray Road water lanes.

- Loading and unloading of non-powered water vehicles such as rowboats, tenders, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, sailboats, etc. is only permitted at the Billow Road water lane.
- From May 1 to November 1, non-powered catamarans, sailboats, canoes, sea kayaks, rowboats, stand-up paddleboards and inflatables may be stored in the designated seawall area at the end of Billow Road.
- From May 1 to November 1, non-powered canoes, sea kayaks, rowboats and inflatables measuring no more than eight (8) feet long by three (3) feet wide may be stored in the designated area at the end of Sea Spray Road. All watercraft operators must comply with all applicable boating laws, rules, and regulations.
- All boat owners are encouraged to register their boats with OLSBA by submitting a request to governance@olsba.org for a free sticker. Use of the sticker helps recover missing property and helps emergency responders determine if a true emergency exists if your boat, kayak etc. is found.

7. Animals

- Dog owners must keep their dogs under control and on a leash.
- Dog owners must pick up and dispose of their animal's droppings in the dog owner's container (not in the Association's or someone else's container).
- No dogs, cats or other animals allowed on the beach during June, July, August, and September.

8. Shrubs & Fencing

- Shrubbery/fencing must not inhibit the view of motorists.
- Shrubbery/fencing must not inhibit views of the beach and/or water.

- Shrubbery/Fencing may not exceed 4 feet where they can inhibit views of the beach and/or water.
- Between private adjoining properties, the maximum height of shrubbery/fencing is 8 feet unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both adjoining property owners. This is only the case where the shrubbery/fencing does not border OLS roads or violate any of the other requirements in this Section.
- Shrubbery/fencing may not exceed 3 feet in height where it borders OLS roads. No shrubbery or fencing may be placed outside the homeowner's property line.

9. Penalties

The Board of Governors may fix a penalty/fine for each violation of this ordinance, of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day. In addition, the Board of Governors may, after giving an offender written notice of a violation and 14 days from the date of the notice to remedy it, bill and collect from the offender the actual costs incurred by the Association to remedy it. Members are responsible for any violations by their guests, contractors, or tenants. Any penalties/fines may be recovered in an action brought for the purpose in the name of the Association before any court having jurisdiction, for the use and benefit of the Association. Members may seek a hardship exception from the requirements of this Ordinance by submitting a request in writing to the Board of Governors at governance@oldlymeshores.org.