



**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING MEMBERS AND GUESTS
HOPATCONG HOMESTEADS BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(Update: February 2024)

1. Dues shall be paid by April 30th of each year, enrollments submitted any date thereafter are not eligible for an Early bird discount (discount applies to deeded members only). Current year dues shall be paid prior to entering or use of the property.
2. Member issued (numbered) beach tags shall be worn at all times. One tag will be issued to each member of the immediate/household family age 16 years and older. **No member shall lend nor give an HHBA badge to a non-member.**
3. **Visitors must be accompanied by member on any of the premises of HHBA-grounds, beach, docks.**
4. A Visitor is considered to be someone who is not living with nor has the same legal address as a paid member and must be accompanied to the beach by a paid member. Eligible DEEDED members cannot be visitors nor utilize any part of the facilities.
5. No children under sixteen (16) years of age will be permitted on the beach without their own supervision. Supervision must be someone sixteen (16) years of age or older.
6. Parents shall be responsible for damages to Association property by their children/family or guests. Membership privileges will be revoked for non-payment of damages as well as for conduct of children/family or visitors deemed detrimental to the best interest of the membership.
7. In the event that any member or their visitor(s) behaves in a manner deemed to be objectionable, or misuses the facilities, that individual(s) shall be asked to leave the beach. In the event that said member or visitor(s) continues in an objectionable manner, charges shall be preferred against said member(s) and shall be acted upon in accordance with Article X, Section IV, of the By-Laws.
8. HHBA supervisors/Board members may, at their discretion, restrict swimming in any area and remove or have removed any person from the beach and swimming facilities for reasons of misconduct.
9. Swimming and water skiing from the main boat dock & floating guest dock is not permitted.
10. Diving off raft, main boat dock or floating guest dock is not permitted per NJ State Regulations.
11. No fishing from beach property, including main dock/floater dock.
12. For the safety of members/visitors, hard/soft ball use will be restricted, especially during an active beach environment, and parents will be responsible for behavior of their children.
13. Vehicles will not be allowed on the beach except for the launching or retrieving of boats or under special circumstances. The president and vice president, maintenance and dock committee heads will have keys for this purpose.
14. No bicycles, scooters, or such recreational toys on beach property. They must be left outside front gate to beach.

15. Dogs and other pets will not be permitted on the beach property.
16. Soft drink bottles, beer cans, and sharp items are strictly forbidden in the water. Refuse and recycling containers are available. Please use them.
17. No littering. Adults and children must cooperate in keeping the beach area spotless as directed in our Deed.
18. Practice consideration to our neighbors and refrain from being boisterous or creating loud noises especially during the early morning or late hours.
19. Hookah pipes are not allowed on beach premises. Discretion should be used when smoking on the premises so as to not disturb/affect others on the beach and pavilion area.
20. Functions on Association property shall be limited to Association and family functions unless specifically approved by the executive board. Parties for business/personal financial gain will not be approved.
21. The green fence at the waterline is to discourage geese from entering the property in order to maintain the cleanliness of the beach and water. *YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THE FENCE DOWN. HOWEVER, PLEASE ENSURE THE GREEN FENCE IS UP IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE ON THE BEACH.*
22. All property gates - Ramp, Dock and Main Gate shall remain closed, please close the gates after access.
23. Beach lighting is available for member use. Lighting shall be turned off upon exiting the property.

Rule #21 through 29 – NJ Statute 8:26-5.4 (a) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 & 11; (b) – Waterfront Restrictions for Bathing Beaches

24. Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
25. All children in diapers must wear diapers specially designed for immersion in water (such as swimming diapers). Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
26. Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any "accidents" you observe in the bathing waters to a lifeguard. **Note: HHBA does not maintain a lifeguard on duty/premises.**
27. No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed in the swimming pool, wading pool, hot tub, or spa area, dressing rooms, or other parts of the enclosure.
28. Glass containers shall be prohibited in food and drink areas.
29. Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited.
30. Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm.
31. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water."
32. Water toys are permitted in swimming area at the discretion of the Association. No overcrowding of, rocking of, diving off, or swimming under floating device (raft). No diving off guest floater slip area.

Rule #29 & 30 – NJ Statute 8:26-5.14 – Waterfront Restrictions for Bathing Beaches

30. No motorized vehicles, except emergency and maintenance vehicles, shall be permitted in the bathing area during its use.
31. No boating, water skiing, sailboating, windsurfing, scuba diving, use of personal watercraft, or surfboarding shall be permitted in the swimming and bathing area while in use.

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