

## (H) Buoys

## (1) Policy

- (a) Buoys present a potential hazard to navigation and recreation, so should only be allowed in selected locations.
- (b) Buoys should only be used for mooring, to mark hazards, to protect bird nests, or to protect health, safety and welfare.
- (c) Unregulated buoy placement and the associated attachment of boats, rafts, etc. creates visual pollution, obstruction of open space, and, when done by non-lakeshore owners, an infringement on riparian property owners' usable space.
- (d) The impact to the lake environment is minimized by the careful placement and use of appropriate material for buoys.

## (2) Standards

- ~~(a) Buoys and anchors may be permitted only if the governing body, after planning board review, finds that placement of the buoy will not create a significant safety hazard and will not interfere with navigation or recreation.~~
- ~~(b) Buoys shall be "mooring buoys" as defined under the Uniform State Waterway Marking System. Additionally, the buoys shall have suitable lighting facilities to prevent safety hazards. Lighting systems are subject to approval of the governing body.~~
- (a) Mooring buoys will only be permitted if placement will not cause a potential safety hazard or interfere with navigation or recreation.
- (b) Only one mooring buoy is allowed per lakeshore property.
- (c) The user of the mooring buoy shall be the lakeshore property owner immediately landward and adjacent to the site or an individual who has the owner's specific permission. If not the owner, written permission from the owner shall be obtained as a prerequisite to issuance of any permit.
- ~~(d) Mooring buoys shall be located as close to an existing dock or shoreline as possible.~~
- (e) Anchors for mooring buoys shall be placed within 100 feet of the mean annual high water elevation. Mooring buoys shall be located no further than seventy-five feet (75') lake ward of the mean annual high water elevation.
- (f) The distance from a buoy to a moored boat shall not exceed 20 feet.
- (g) The farthest swing of a buoy-moored boat in relation to a riparian boundary shall be twenty-five feet (25').
- (h) Buoys shall be securely anchored and clearly marked with flags or reflective materials for safety reasons.
- (i) Buoys should be made of low-impact plastic or other non-

- polluting material. Logs and/or metal barrels are not allowed.
- (j) The line between the anchor and the buoy shall be weighted and made of non-floatable material.
  - (k) Anchors for buoys shall be clean concrete. Anchors may not exceed 1 cubic yard of concrete.
  - (l) A mooring buoy will be considered still in place and functional until the entire anchoring system has been removed from the lakebed and the lakebed has been restored.
  - ~~(p)~~ (m) Any boat attached to a mooring buoy shall maintain, at all times between sunset and sunrise, a 32-point light (a light visible at all times from all directions for 360 degrees field of view)
  - (n) Buoys placed in a lake on a temporary basis, not exceeding ten (10) days in a calendar year, do not require a permit. Permits are required initially for all other buoys. Once a buoy is in existence it may be removed from or replaced in the water on a seasonal basis without requiring a permit. All "Conditions of Approval" from the initial permit remain in effect.
  - (o) Buoy are prohibited on Lake Mary Ronan and Swan Lake.