Section 210.10 Safety Requirements

All boats rented by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or concessionaire shall comply with the Boat Registration and Safety Act [625 ILCS 45] and U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices shall be used as required by the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 6134, effective April 1, 2004)

Section 210.20 Rental Procedures

a) All persons renting boats must complete a boat registration form CA-6 provided by DNR or a pre-numbered boat registration form provided by the concessionaire and approved by DNR at the time and location of the rental. The boat, when rented, is not transferable to another person, unless such person is a part of the family or a member of a group associated with the person renting the boat. Except upon other arrangements with the renter, the boat should be returned by the person who rented the boat.

b) No person under 14 years of age shall be permitted to rent a State or concessionaire owned boat, paddle boat, canoe or other watercraft. No person under 18 years of age shall be permitted to rent a concessionaire owned motorboat. Exceptions are persons who have a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department, a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of Canada, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron, or who have satisfactorily completed a National Association
of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) certified course, and are between 14 and 18 years of age and wish to rent a motorboat other than a personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft, or are between 16 and 18 years of age and wish to rent a personal watercraft or a specialty prop-craft

c) Boats may be rented when available and returned before 8 p.m. the same day unless prior arrangements have been made with the person from whom the boat was rented to keep the boat overnight. A person not returning a boat by 8 p.m. without such prior arrangement will be charged an additional day's fee. If a person making arrangements to keep a boat overnight does not return the boat by 8 a.m. the next day, rent will be charged for that day in addition to the fee for the previous day. Campers who arrange to rent boats for more than one day may beach the boats near their campsites overnight in lieu of returning them to the concession each night.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 6134, effective April 1, 2004)

Section 210.30 Boat Rental Fees

The fee for rental of boats by concessionaires shall be established through the periodic concession bidding process. During the periods when the concession is not in operation, the site manager may rent State owned boats and charge the same fee as has been approved for the concessionaire. The concessions are awarded by the DNR Concession and Lease Management Division in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 150. Boat rental fees at sites not managed through concessionaires shall be $10 per day. Reasonable security deposits, not to exceed the replacement value of equipment, may be required on rental equipment, if approved by the DNR Property Manager due to security risks inherent to the type of equipment or the site.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 6134, effective April 1, 2004)

Section 210.35 Docking Fees

A docking fee on all State owned docks not operated under a concession agreement shall be $50.00 per season for all privately owned boats, except pontoon boats, for which the seasonal fee shall be $100.00, except this Section does not apply to North Point Marina (see 17 Ill. Adm. Code 220). Docking fees on all docks operated under a concession agreement shall be established through the periodic concession bidding process. The DNR shall designate a specific mooring location for each boat leasing such docking space.

(Source: Amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 16062, effective November 21, 1995)

Section 210.40 Additional Information

Further information on rental of boats may be obtained by contacting the Concessions Section, Division of Administrative Support, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

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