

La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners

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April 10th, 2025

Name, Permit # _____ Address City, State Zip

Dear Buoy Permit Holder,

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of the ordinance for riparian property owners with buoy permits in La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse. The administration of this waterway marker program is a joint venture between La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse; therefore, each governmental entity has adopted similar ordinances.

Without proper buoy placement, number and markings, compliance in a no-wake zone is unenforceable. The 2011 ordinance established buoy inspection fees meant to ensure proper buoy placement, numbers, and markings. These fees will be used to offset costs associated with annual field inspections.

The Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners determined that an annual local permit is the best option available to effectively manage slow no-wake zones via proper buoy placement. Thank you to all Permit holders that displayed their "permit number" on slow no wake buoys.

The ordinances require all Wisconsin DNR waterway marker riparian owners obtain a local permit, with a 2025 fee of \$50.00 per marker buoy in Pool 8. If the local permit is not obtained the buoy may be removed at the time of inspection. All buoy permits can be purchased through the La Crosse County Clerk's office located at the County Administrative Center, 212 6th Street N.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacob Schweitzer at La Crosse County 608-785-9867.

Sincerely,

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Jacob Schweitzer, La Crosse County Cc: Jim Flottmeyer, City of La Crosse Parks Department