

# REED ISLAND PARK RULES

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Harbour Waterway Special District (HWSD) has the power and authority to adopt rules for the management, operation and control of Reed Island Park, and for the use and occupancy, management, control, operation, care, repairing and maintenance of all structures and facilities thereon, and all land on which the same are located and operated. By way of example, but not by way of limitation, such rules may provide for the following:

- (1) Preservation of property, vegetation, wildlife, signs, markers, buildings or other structures and any object of scientific or historic value or interest;
- (2) Restricting or limiting the use of any area as to time, manner or permitted activities;
- (3) Prohibition of conduct which may be reasonably expected to substantially interfere with the use and enjoyment of park and recreation areas by the general public or to be of general nuisance;
- (4) Necessary sanitary, health and safety measures;
- (5) Camping and picnicking, including place, time and manner where such shall be permitted;
- (6) The use of motor vehicles and boats as to place, time and manner of operation;
- (7) Control and limitation of fires and designation of places where fires shall be permitted;
- (8) Requirements essential for the preservation and management of Reed Island Park.

## **1. DAILY PARK HOURS.**

- 1.1. The parks and other recreational facilities shall normally be open daily to the public from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted; provided however, HWSD may extend or limit the times herein specified. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than HWSD authorized personnel, contractors or other persons engaged by HWSD, to go upon or remain in Reed Island Park or other recreational facility at any time the same is closed to the public.
- 1.2. The beaches shall normally be open from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted; provided however, HWSD may extend or limit the times herein specified when circumstances of public safety, necessity or other cause, where such action is taken in the public interest and is not to the detriment of the public, at large.
- 1.3. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than authorized personnel, to go upon or remain in any beach at any time the same is closed to the public.
- 1.4. The docks and marinas shall normally be open daily to the public as follows: the docks and marinas shall be open as designated by HWSD; provided however, HWSD may extend or limit the times herein specified. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than authorized personnel, to go upon or remain in any dock or marina at any time the same is closed to the public.

## **2. CLOSURE OR RESTRICTION OF AREAS.**

- 2.1. Except as otherwise specifically provided HWSD Rules and Regulations, Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, or any section or part thereof, may be closed to the public by HWSD, or any duly authorized agents, at any time and for any interval of time, whether temporarily or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise), and whether entirely or merely to certain uses, as HWSD shall find reasonably necessary. It shall be unlawful

to swim, boat or otherwise enter or go upon any area or part of Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility when it is closed to the public by HWSD or any duly authorized agent.

### **3. RESERVATION OF AREAS.**

3.1. In accordance with the rules adopted by HWSD, non-exclusive, written permits reserving recreation areas and structures may be issued. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the terms and conditions of written permits issued by HWSD or any duly authorized agent, or for persons other than the permittee and the permittee's guests and invitees to intrude on the reserved area(s) during the reservation period. When no permit has been issued, then the use of such areas shall be in accordance with the rules adopted by HWSD.

### **4. DESTRUCTION OF PARK PROPERTY UNLAWFUL.**

4.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, to cut, mark, remove, break or climb upon or in any way injure, damage or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, turf or any of the buildings, fences or other structures or property within or upon Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.

4.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these Rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, to pick or remove any vegetation in Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, or to go or enter areas of Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility which are posted for no entry or no trespass.

### **5. CAMPING AND ERECTION OF TENTS AND BUILDINGS PROHIBITED.**

5.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to camp or otherwise sleep overnight in or upon Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, without first having obtained a permit to do so from HWSD.

5.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, to build or place any tent (except for temporary tents designed for sun shelter and used during daylight hours), building, shack, booth, stand or other structure in or upon Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, without first having obtained a permit to do so from HWSD.

### **6. FIRES PROHIBITED.**

6.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, to light or tend any open fire within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, unless such fire is contained in a fireplace or grill constructed for that purpose, is located in an area approved for such fire, and is tended in accordance with these rules. All fires permitted by HWSD shall be completely extinguished before leaving the area.

6.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to light or tend any fire in a fireplace, grill, or other receptacle within a park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility in violation of a fire ban declared by the Fire Chief, whenever the Fire Chief has for public safety reasons declared a fire ban at Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina, or other recreational facility, or in any areas or sections thereof.

**7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

7.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules to sell or possess alcoholic beverages at any place within Reed Island Park.

**8. PEDDLING PROHIBITED.**

8.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules to offer any goods, services or things for sale or trade within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.

**9. DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE.**

9.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility to disturb the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive or obstreperous conduct, or by loud or unusual noises, or by unseemly profane, vulgar, obscene, or offensive language or conduct, or to assault, strike or fight another, or to in any other way breach the peace.

**10. FISHING.**

10.1. Fishing shall be permitted at the St. Johns River. It shall be unlawful for a person to fish, use a seine, or cast or use drag nets from HWSD-owned property posted "NO FISHING" by HWSD or other authorized official. The following areas are designated as "No Fishing" and shall be posted "NO FISHING": adjacent to boat approaches to boat docks and within 30 feet along the shoreline on either side of the dock; pedestrian ways and picnic tables; within 15 feet of playgrounds and other planned active recreation areas; and, floating docks designated for boat mooring, and attached gangways.

**11. SANITATION CONTROLS.**

11.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to send any animal into, or throw or deposit any article or thing into the waters of Reed Island Park.

11.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to fail or refuse to remove and properly dispose of human solid waste or solid animal waste of pets or other animals brought into Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility by said person.

11.3. It shall be unlawful, a violation of these rules and an offense for any person to bathe, swim, or be in, or to wash any object in any HWSD lake, pond or other body of water if a sign is posted prohibiting such activity.

**12. ABANDONING ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

12.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to abandon in Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility any fish, water fowl, birds, reptiles or any animals whatsoever.

**13. HUNTING OR DISTURBING ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

- 13.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to hunt or disturb in any manner any of the fish, water fowl, birds, reptiles or any animals whatsoever present in, belonging to or preserved in Reed Island Park or other recreational facility.
- 13.2. The foregoing prohibitions shall not apply to bow hunters and trappers with a permit issued by HWSD to hunt or remove feral pigs.

**14. LOOSE ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

- 14.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to allow any animal to be loose upon Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility, except at any dog park hereafter established expressly for such purpose.
- 14.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to allow any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, or any other livestock whatsoever to pasture, graze or run at large within the limits of Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.
- 14.3. Any person employing or using the services of any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be liable as principal for the breach hereof, and the person having control of such animals or livestock shall be liable for any breach hereof.

**15. BOTTLES PROHIBITED; LITTERING PROHIBITED.**

- 15.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to bring, or to have in his or her possession, any glass bottle or glass container, in Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.
- 15.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to bring in and dump, deposit or leave any bottles or glass containers, any broken glass, ashes, papers, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, yard waste, refuse or other trash, in or upon Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.
- 15.3. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person utilizing the facilities of Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational area or facility to leave such area or facility without first having completely extinguished fires, nor before placing in disposal receptacles, where provided, all trash in the nature of boxes, papers, cans or other containers, garbage and other refuse in the possession of such person. If no disposal receptacle is available, then such person shall carry away all such refuse or trash in his or her possession from the area, to be disposed of in a proper and legal manner elsewhere.

**16. VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS AND BICYCLES.**

- 16.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, operating a vehicle, including bicycles and other human-powered devices or wind or motorized vehicles, in Reed Island Park, beach or other recreational facility to fail or refuse to obey all traffic signs or other traffic-control devices regulating the operation, stopping or parking of vehicles. This Section shall not apply to those operating motorized wheelchairs, vehicles designed to assist people with disabilities, and HWSD Park vehicles.

- 16.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized personnel, to park or drive a motor vehicle on lawns, fields, beaches or any places other than upon roadways and parking areas clearly constructed and established for such purposes within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.
- 16.3. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person, other than authorized HWSD contractors or personnel, to operate all-terrain vehicles (ATV), motorcycles, dirt bikes or golfcarts, in Reed Island Park, including the beaches, docks, marina, marsh or other recreational facilities except upon roadways, nature trails, bike paths, parking areas, and other designated trails and pathways which have not been closed to such traffic by HWSD.

## 17. BOATING.

- 17.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to bring into or operate any boat, raft or other water craft, whether motor-powered or not, upon any property owned or controlled by HWSD except at places and during such hours as may be designated for boating by HWSD. Such activity shall be in accordance with applicable rules as are now or may hereafter be adopted.
- 17.2. Temporary docking at Reed Island Park bulkheads, floating docks, fixed docks or piers shall only be at sites designated by HWSD, or another authorized official. It shall be unlawful for any boat or vessel to dock at designated areas in excess of the posted time or to dock in such designated area for a purpose other than that authorized by HWSD or other authorized official.
- 17.3. Any boat or vessel found to be docked in violation of subsection (17.1-5) of this Section, or operated in an unsafe manner, may be immediately seized and impounded by the Sheriff or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and shall be released to the owner or operator in accordance with the provisions Jacksonville Code of Ordinances, Title XXXIII, [Sections 804.1105](#) through [804.1112](#), regulating the release of impounded motor vehicles.
- 17.4. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to navigate, direct or handle any boat in a reckless, careless or unsafe manner.
- 17.5. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to jump or dive from a HWSD dock or any vessel tied to a HWSD dock.

## 18. SWIMMING AND BEACH ACTIVITIES.

- 18.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to swim in any bodies of water on or around Reed Island Park unless specifically designated for such use.
- 18.2. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for children at the beach, under the age of 12, not to be supervised by a person over the age of 18.

## 19. GAMBLING PROHIBITED.

- 19.1. It shall be unlawful and a violation of these rules for any person to participate in gambling, including social gambling, within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational facility.
- 19.2. "Gambling" means risking any money, credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance, the operation of a gambling device, or the

happening or outcome of an event, including a sporting event, over which the person taking a risk has no control, but does not include:

- 19.2.1. Bona fide contests of skill, speed, strength or endurance in which awards are made only to entrants or to the owners of entries; or
- 19.2.2. Bona fide business transactions which are valid under the law of contracts; or
- 19.2.3. Other acts or transactions now or hereafter expressly permitted.

## **20. TRESPASS IN PUBLIC PARKS; VIOLATION**

### **20.1. Issuance of trespass.**

20.1.1. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, or any law enforcement officers designated by the Sheriff, or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are authorized to enforce the Park Rules, Jacksonville Ordinance Code and Florida Statutes generally and are authorized to issue notices of trespass.

### **20.2. Trespass Procedures.**

20.2.1. *Trespass for violation of Certain State Statutes.* If a person is arrested based upon probable cause to believe that the person has committed any of the offenses enumerated in F.S. Chapters. 790 (Weapons and Firearms), 749 (Sexual Battery), 796(Prostitution), and 800 (Lewdness; Indecent Exposure) or any felony involving violence within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational area or facility, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office shall exclude that person from Reed Island Park, beaches, docks, marinas or other recreational areas or facilities for a period of one year. If a person is arrested based upon probable cause to believe that the person has committed any of the offenses enumerated in F.S. Ch. 806 (Arson and Criminal Mischief) within Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational area or facility, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office shall exclude for a period of one year that person from Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational area. Upon arrest, every person excluded shall be provided a notice of trespass after warning.

20.2.2. *Trespass for violation of Park Rules, Jacksonville Ordinance Code and certain State Statutes not listed above.* If a person is cited for violation of Park Rules, Jacksonville Ordinance Code and certain State Statutes not listed above, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office may exclude for a period of one year that person from Reed Island Park, beach, dock, marina or other recreational area or facility where the offense occurred for a period of one year. Every person excluded shall be provided a notice of trespass after warning in accordance with this Part.

20.2.2.1. The notice of trespass after warning shall be in writing with a case number and a copy delivered to the excluded person. The notice of trespass after warning shall specify the areas designated as public facilities by HWSD and a list of the facility or facilities from which that person is excluded.