

# RUSSELL ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (RIPOA)

## RULES, GUIDELINES AND INFO FOR OWNERS AND GUESTS

*Be a good islander and respect all your fellow islanders. These rules apply to not only islanders but to your guests. Please display our rules in your cottage for everyone to see.*

### GOLF CARTS

- Drive slowly and safely. Speed limit is 15 mph (10 mph is better for dusty roads).
- Cart must be registered with Clay Twp. Name should be on front of cart.
- Follow Clay Twp. Ordinances with regards to golf carts.
- Carts are to be operated only by registered drivers over 16 years of age with a valid driver's license.
- Carts must have operating lights for nighttime driving.
- Carts must be insured, and the owner's name displayed in a prominent location on the cart.
- DO NOT drive carts on other people's property. Be a good neighbor.
- PEDESTRAINS ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY

### HAND CARTS

- All handcarts should be identified with their owner's name.
- Park carts within the golf cart/wagon corral area at the ferry landing.

### DOGS

- Russell Island recognizes St. Clair County's leash law governing pets.
- All owners must keep their pets under control and always leashed.
- It is mandatory that owners carry a plastic bag or pooper scooper when walking their dog.
- No dogs allowed at the beach or the pavilion area.

### PAVILION/BEACH

- No fishing while there are swimmers.
- Control your noise level – be aware of adjacent cottage owners.
- Quiet Hours: 9:00 pm – 9:00 am weekly, 11:00 pm – 9:00 am on weekends.
- Leave area clean – remove your trash – **“pack it in and pack it out”**.

### GARBAGE BARGE

- Items can be placed on the garbage barge between 8:00 am – 8:00 pm on Sundays.
- Make sure bags are secured and DO NOT throw items onto the barge.
- The following items CANNOT be put onto the barge: batteries, tires, paint cans, gasoline cans, fuel, oil, or any other toxic items, also no construction materials. Clay Twp. has a hazardous waste drop at their mainland station at 9620 Muskrat Run (810) 794-9347.
- If you miss the garbage barge drop off time, please take your garbage home with you or drop it off at the Clay Twp. Police Station in their dumpster.

### BURNING

- Follow Clay Township's and Michigan's Open Burning policies, ordinances, and laws.
- Do not burn trash.
- Do not have a prolong burning, be aware of your neighbor's windows and the winds.

**BOATING &  
RIPOA  
LANDING FEE**

- All Coast Guard/County rules apply. No wake in any Russell Island canal.
- A \$20 fee per round trip and a permit with written RIPOA board approval, are required of all members using the Algonac ferry dock, RI ferry dock and/or the Anderson Island dock for the purpose of carrying cargo, sand or delivering construction materials that would require you to use Champion ferry services or any other service that would need to use our docking facilities. The triplicate permit must be completed, approved and copies distributed to Champion ferry or other services before any runs are made. For Champion ferry, you can email a copy of the approved permit to: [jake@hiferry.com](mailto:jake@hiferry.com). It is your responsibility to make sure permits are completed for any contractors you may use. Non-members are charged \$500 per round trip and still need to fill out the permit and get board approval. Payment is to be made in advance and will be documented. See any board member for signature and payment.

**WEBSITE**

- Go to: <https://russellisland.org/wp-login.php?action=lostpassword>
- Enter the email address that RIPOA uses and click “Get New Password”.
- The website will send you an email with a registration link. If you don’t see it in your inbox, please check your SPAM folder. Click the link in the email.
- Enter your new password and click “Submit”.
- Go to: <https://russellisland.org/ripoa/ripoa-members/> and login.
- If you have any issues with the site, contact: [info@russellisland.org](mailto:info@russellisland.org)

**FACEBOOK  
“ISLANDER”  
PAGE**

- If you’re on Facebook, you can friend request “Shannon Glancy” and she will then send you a request to join the “Islander” page. This is a page where islanders can share many things, from the listing of events on the island, to asking for an extra parking spot for a weekend, or even just trying to get rid of something from your cottage.

**EVENTS**

- All events are sent via email to members, posted on the web site, put on the Islander page on Facebook and posted on the board on the ferry.
- RIPOA Annual Picnic is always the last Sunday in July.

**ANNUAL  
MEETINGS**

- RIPOA annual meeting is usually in mid-July before the annual picnic.
- RIF annual meeting is usually on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.
- RIYC annual meeting is usually in early August.

**FERRY  
SCHEDULES**

- There is a Spring, Summer and Fall schedule.
- The schedule is sent out with your ferry pass after you have paid your RIPOA and ferry dues.
- You can schedule a private ferry run by calling Captain Bernie.