

Thomas Lakes Neighbors,

It is that time of year again to register your watercraft and non-conventional vehicles for 2023. All watercraft with motors above 10 hp and non-conventional vehicles, including ATV/UTV and Golf Carts must be registered annually. Please refer to Thomas Lakes Rules and Regulations **Section L Vehicle/Vessel Registration Requirements**. Chuck Greco and Elaine Flowerday have volunteered to handle the vehicle/vessel registration process again this year.

As in past years, registration documentation can be submitted electronically, via USPS mail, dropped off at Chuck or Elaine's lakeside residence or submitted in person.

This year, ALL watercraft and non-conventional vehicles **MUST have current year stickers affixed by April 15**. (Note: the date was changed from March 15 (as defined in the rules and regulations) to April 15 per discussion at February Board Meeting. After the April 15 date, the cost for stickers will increase from \$15.00/each to \$50.00/each except for new purchases or new ownership of property.)

### **Vehicle ID Form**

All Thomas Lakes members must have a signature on file stating that they understand and will abide all rules and regulations to receive stickers. The Watercraft/Non-Conventional Vehicle Identification Form serves that purpose. There are two different versions of the Vehicle Identification Form on the website. One of these types must be filled out, signed/dated and included with all registration requests.

1. Vehicle ID Form (fill out on-line) – This is a word document. It can be downloaded and filled out on line.
2. Vehicle ID Form (print version) – This is a pdf document. It can be downloaded, printed and filled out by hand.

**Online Registration** - To submit requests on-line, follow "**On-Line Payment Instructions**" on the Thomas Lake website. You will need to fill that out and sign/date the Vehicle ID Form and email copies of all documentation to [stickers@thomaslakes.com](mailto:stickers@thomaslakes.com). Assessments and fines can also be paid via this method as well. Note, there is a small processing fee associated with on-line payments.

**Mail In Registration** - Registrations can be sent via USPS. Fill out, sign/date the Vehicle ID Form and mail the form, watercraft registration, proof of insurance and payment to Thomas Lakes Association P.O. Box 83 Ashland, NE 68003.

**Drop-Off Registration** - Requests can be dropped off at Chuck (205 Melrose Dr) or Elaine's (666 Lakeside Cir) lakeside residence. Please make sure you include the filled out, signed/dated the Vehicle Identification Form, have paper COPIES of registrations and proof of insurance as required for each watercraft/vehicle to be registered and have included payment for each sticker ordered. Both Chuck and Elaine have placed containers by their front doors where requests can be dropped of for processing. Chuck has a milk box on his porch and Elaine has a small red cooler by her front door.

**In Person Registration** - Chuck and Elaine have offered to do "In Person" stickers at Chuck's home (205 Melrose Dr). Please make sure you filled out the Vehicle Identification Form and have paper COPIES of registrations and proof of insurance as required for each watercraft/vehicle to be registered. Digital copies on a cell phone are not accepted. In Person dates are:

- Saturday, April 1st - 10 am – 1 pm
- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 11 am – 2 pm

### **All Ordering Methods Require the following depending on the type of vehicle being registered:**

#### **A. Powered watercraft with motor over 10 hp:**

1. Copy of State Boat Registration – Must be current
2. Copy of proof of liability insurance

#### **B. Non-conventional vehicles (ATV's, UTV's, and other approved land vehicles):**

Copy of proof of liability insurance

#### **C. Golf carts:**

Proof of liability insurance is not required; however, golf carts must be registered with the Thomas Lakes Owners Association.

**Please be Reminded:**

State Watercraft Registration must be in the Thomas Lakes members name as listed under Saunders County property records.

Proof of liability insurance must be in Thomas Lakes members name as listed under Saunders County property records, must clearly specify vehicle/vessel make/model and must show effective and expiration dates. Updated copies of proof of insurance must be provided to Thomas Lakes Owners Association if/when copies on file have expired.

**Two (2) weeks should be allowed for processing and handling vehicle/vessel registration requests.**

**Homeowners' accounts must be current and assessment dues paid prior to receiving stickers. Stickers will not be issued without confirmation that accounts are current AND that payments made on-line have been received.**

Stickers will either be mailed to the address that is provided on the Vehicle ID Form or, to save postage costs, they can be delivered to you at your lake address. **Please indicate on the Vehicle ID Form if you prefer stickers be sent via US mail.**

**Watercraft will NOT be launched into the lake without a current year sticker affixed.**

If your yellow TL flag is damaged or lost, replacement flags cost \$8. Please email [stickers@thomaslakes.com](mailto:stickers@thomaslakes.com) to arrange to get a replacement. If you are getting a sticker for a newly purchased TLOA approved non-conventional vehicle (one that has not been previously registered with Thomas Lakes), you will be issued a flag at no cost.

Please review the Zebra Mussel Protocol on our website. All watercraft including new watercraft must be out of any other waters and tethered for 10 days prior to entry into Thomas Lakes waters. This also applies to shore stations and boat docks that have not been installed in Thomas Lakes prior to this year. Make sure all watercraft has its tether intact from last year or talk to a board member to get it tethered.

Thank you,  
Thomas Lakes Board of Directors