Silver Beach Improvement Association BEACH RULES FOR 2025

Beach Access & Beach Staff

- Association beach, lifeguards, raft, and swim lessons are intended for SBIA members, their families, and guests; please display your membership card at the beach.
- Lifeguards are on duty from June 30th through August 23rd.
- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily or as posted.
- Swimming lessons, Monday through Friday; **CLICK HERE** to sign-up online.

Water Safety Guidelines

(any issues, please alert the Lifeguards)

- Emergency Signals
 - ONE LONG WHISTLE ATTENTION
 - o TWO LONG WHISTLES CLEAR THE WATER IMMEDIATELY!
- Flotation devices are prohibited on and accessing the raft.
- No pushing on the raft, no swimming under the raft, and no diving off the raft.
- Paddleboards, kayaks, windsurfers, etc., should be launched at the fishing jetty and are not permitted within the swim area during beach hours.

Beach Safety & Cleanliness Guidelines

(any issues, please notify the Beach Committee)

- Coolers and food should not be brought onto the beach; they should be left on the wall at the entrances. Picnic tables are available at the courts.
- Alcoholic beverages and coolers are prohibited on the beach.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Our beach is a carry-in/carry-out area, and please remove all trash as you leave.
- Beach tents are prohibited.
- The lifeguards reserve the right to ask members and guests to remove or relocate umbrellas.
- Animals are NOT permitted on the beach from May 1 to October 1, per Town of Falmouth beach regulations.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited.
- Littering is NOT permitted on the beach.

Entrance Safety

- Keep beach entrances clear and accessible for emergency personnel.
- Be mindful of handicapped parking areas and emergency vehicle/fire lane areas designated by the Town of Falmouth.

Thank you for being respectful and courteous to your neighbors and our beach!

RULES FOR MOSES ROAD BEACH ASSOCIATION

The SBIA and ownership of the Moses Road Beach Association has agreed upon the following rules:

- 1. The SBIA Beach Rules shall apply, including prohibiting coolers, alcohol, and glass on the beach.
- 2. Members of the Association and their guests may use the beaches, but if asked by one of the owners of the property to give them space, SBIA members and their guests shall comply.
- 3. No parking of SBIA members' or their guests' vehicles on the property, nor blocking owners' access to their parking area at the corner of Moses Road and Ocean View Avenue.
- 4. Please respect the owners of the property and their wishes.

RULES FOR WEST AVENUE BEACH "BABY BEACH"

The beach adjacent to the parking lot/playground (near the harbor) affectionately known as "Baby Beach" shall be for the sole use of SBIA Members and their guests.

- □ Beach Rules similar to those of the SBIA shall apply, including prohibiting coolers and alcohol.
 - o Coolers and food should not be brought onto the beach.
 - o Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
 - o Glass containers are prohibited.
 - o No storing of dinghies or small boats on the West Ave beach. Dinghies must be stored at the public Grove Street beach.
- ☐ All kayaks must be placed on the racks or taken home, not left on the West Ave beach.
- □ No one is allowed on the stone seawall or boulders along the property for any reason. There is no access to the beach along or through the properties on Moses Road.

NOTE: This beach will not have lifeguard on duty and swimming in the inner harbor, which is an active boating harbor, is not advised. Please use the beach only at your own risk.

Thank you for being good neighbors and following these rules!

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TENNIS COURT RECOMMENDATIONS

Our tennis courts are where our activities really start. Our courts are open each morning at 8 am and close at dusk. Children take tennis lessons there, kids meet for friendly get-togethers there in the summer, folks meet to play Pickleball, Tennis, and Basketball, and many of our SBIA events are held on the courts. It's what we had in mind all along, right?

Something you didn't have in mind, though, is what seems to be happening with increased frequency. Members are complaining that folks have had a fast-food picnic overnight and left food wrappers, empty bottles, etc. lying around.

You show up to play and end up having to clean up the mess, and suddenly, you become aware of several other problems. Someone has allowed their children to use one court to ride their collapsible scooters because the surface is marked. On another court, there are permanent black marks because someone has allowed their children to ride their bikes and skateboard.

The same thing that makes our Association courts great — the fact that any member or guest can use them — is the same thing that threatens them: anyone can use them (and, unfortunately, abuse them).

Save Our Surface

A tennis court is built with certain traffic in mind, namely court shoes and tennis and pickleballs. It's not set up to accommodate skateboards, inline skates, bikes, scooters, and other uses, and the surface is going to be marked up by basketball shoes, street shoes, and so forth.

Signs have been posted stating the rules (no skates, bikes, etc. on the surface). Unfortunately, that only works for those who read the signs and obey the rules, two ingredients that are often missing from those who are abusing the courts.

What Can We Do?

We will continue to lock the gates at night and ask that our nighttime security check the area on their rounds. We are scheduling more activities in the daytime hours to keep the courts busy. Courts that see a lot of player traffic are less likely to sit idle and less likely to be used the wrong way or even abused. We ask our members to be vigilant in keeping skates, bikes, etc., off the surface to protect the courts for future use.