



# Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility

## Overview of Site Operations, Challenges & Current Initiatives

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# LYNNHAVEN BOAT RAMP AND BEACH FACILITY

- Boat launch and beach access directly to the Chesapeake Bay
- Restrooms, outside showers, kayak launch area, car parking, and trailer parking
- Significant revenue producing facility; with revenue streams from boat launch passes, parking fees and ice sales
- FY 26 Revenue \$142,682 through December 2025



Boat Ramp Launches		Parking Revenue	
FY 19-20	10,843 (pre-covid)	FY 19-20	\$48,742
FY 20-21	18,691	FY 20-21	\$62,843
FY 21-22	17,746	FY 21-22	\$44,794
FY 22-23	16,453	FY 22-23	\$60,156
FY 23-24	17,353	FY 23-24	\$81,083
FY 24 -25	17,670	FY 24-25	\$79,796
FY 25-26 (to date)	9,745	FY 25-26 (to date)	\$20,642

# LBR Operations

## Facility Information:

- Open 24/7
- Staffed Hours:
  - Jan 1 – March 30 6:30am – 6:00pm
  - April 11 – May 1 6:00am – 8:00pm
  - May 2 – May 22 5:30am – 8:30pm
  - May 23 – Sept 4 5:30am – 9:00pm
  - Sept 5 – Sept 18 6:00am – 8:00pm
  - Sept 19 – Nov 2 6:30am – 7:30pm
  - Nov 3 – Dec 31 6:30am – 6:00pm
- Parking: 102 car spaces for beach access and 88 car with boat/trailer spaces
- Staff monitors facility for efficiency

## User Fees:

- Vehicle Parking:
  - Metered (\$4): 4/1 – 10/31
  - Free: 11/1 – 3/31
  - *Enforcement: Parking Management*
- Boat Launch:
  - Single: \$15 per Launch/Recovery
  - Annual: \$200



# History, Amenities, Revenue

Dec 2001: Facility contracted (grant-funded) & operations commenced

## Amenities:

- Boat launch with direct access to the Chesapeake Bay
- Chesapeake Bay beach access
- Restrooms, outside showers, kayak launch area, car parking, boat trailer parking, and auxiliary parking on public works dredge site *when available*

## Users:

- Boaters - both recreational and commercial & kayakers
- Beach access / beach goers
- Fishing (shore, from bridge)
- Dredging operations throughout Lynnhaven watershed

## Revenue:

- Revenues from boat launches/passes, parking & ice sales

## Additional Safety Enhancements

- **Installed:** 8 Genetec cameras (Feb. 2024).
- **Installed:** 13-15 speed bumps (April 2024).
- **Increased:** Police presence, Patrol, Enforcement, RTCC Monitoring, Shift Musters, ETC.
- **Added:** Temporary wayfinding signage (June 2025).
- **Installed:** FLOCK camera (LPR – License Plate Reader) on entry road. (October 2025)
- **Added:** On-site armed security – PILOT Program – DCJS armed security patrols the property from 8:00p – 2:00a, seven days a week. Tasked with providing a presence in cooperation with the police to address any potential security concerns in the evenings.

## Safety Communication

- **Regular Communication:** Staff weekly updates
- **Holiday Safety Plans:** City Manager provides holiday safety plans for the LBR and Bayfront Beaches ahead of key holiday weekends.



# Future Safety Enhancements

- 3 solar-powered, wireless boat ramp signs on Shore Drive. (*funded and ordered, delivered awaiting install*)  
**Full** in Red and **Open** in Green.



## Future Safety Enhancements cont'd

- Working with P&R Creative HQ to create a new brochure, which staff will hand out during launches, which will cover regulations and items such as “No Wake” zones, etiquette, and safety reminders (with input from VBPD Marine Patrol. We plan to have this ready by peak season/Memorial Day.
- Purchasing and installing additional cleats at every dock gap on Ramp 4.
- Purchasing and installing additional ladders to improve safe loading during low tide on Ramp 4 and to maximize parking and safety when vessels need to use a ladder.



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