

What Type Of Dock Do You Need?

An overview of the best locations, minimum suggested requirements, and general maintenance required to get full satisfaction from your purchase that will make the final decision easier. Not all “Dock Systems” are suitable for all locations. We hope that the following information about each dock system will help you with your decision.

Aluminum Leg Docks

- Suitable for water depths of 1ft. - 6ft. Water depths of anything more will make it difficult to install and remove. To ensure the stability of the dock the rule of thumb is the water depth should not be greater than the width of the dock. Widening the furthest dock section out will add to stability.
- Leg docks are extremely stable.
- Lakebeds ideally should be reasonably firm. For mucky lakebeds, concrete pads should be placed under legs for additional support.
- This type of dock is suitable to any type of shoreline.
- Our leg docks are in modular form, which allows you to achieve almost any configuration, and future expansion.
- The light 70 lb. sections with removable deck panels makes servicing easily manageable for 2 people
- Docks are suitable for high wave action.
- Life expectancy is 30+ years.

Floating Docks

- Docks are suitable in 1' to unlimited water depths.
- Best suited to lakes with deep or dramatic water level fluctuations.
- The shoreline ideally should be solid bedrock or a poured concrete shore base. They also can be fixed to an existing dock or shore deck.
- Not suitable in large wave action, it will diminish its longevity.
- Stability is reasonable; however larger the dock the more stable it becomes.
- Our floating docks are in modular form, which allows you to achieve almost any configuration, and future expansion.
- Average life expectancy is 20 to 30 years

Lift Docks

- Water depths of 1ft. to 8ft.
- The lakebed should be reasonably firm. For mucky lakebeds, concrete pads can be put down for extra support.
- These docks are not suitable for areas where the ice piles up onto the shore in the winter. Although the dock is hoisted for the winter, the base may be subjected to ice damage.
- Once installed, these docks cannot be adjusted to water level changes.
- Lift docks are restricted to a “straight out” configuration.
- Docks may be connected to bedrock or a poured concrete shore base. As well, a suitable winch anchoring point a minimum of 13ft feet back from the lift tower, on an elevation of no more 11ft.
- Docks are suitable for high wave action.
- Life expectancy is 30+ years.

Frequently asked Marine System Questions

	Leg Docks	Lift Docks	Floating Docks	Swim Rafts	Hoists
Water application 1-6ft	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Water application 8ft	no	yes	yes	yes	no
Water application 8ft +	no	no	yes	yes	no
Suitable wave heights	Up to 6'	Up to 6'	Up to 3'	Up to 3'	Up to 6'
Suitable Shoreline	All types	All types	All types	N/A	N/A
Shoreline Attachment	None	Hinged shore beam, or concrete	Hinged shore beam concrete, or sand pile	N/A	None
Anchoring	None	None	Concrete Weights	Concrete Weights	None/recommended with canopy
Mucky lakebed	Yes w/concrete pads	Yes w/concrete pads	Yes	Yes	Yes w/concrete pads
Solid Rock lakebed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sand lakebed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Life Expectancy	30+ yrs	30+yrs	10-30 yrs	10-20yrs	30+yrs
Can I transport myself	small trailer, van, pick up, roof racks	trailer, pick up	trailer, pick up	trailer, pick up	trailer, pick up
Do you offer delivery	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Available in kit form	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Available assembled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can I assemble myself	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Difficulty level to assemble	Easy	Hard	Medium	Easy	Medium/Hard
Can I install myself	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Difficulty level to install	Easy	Hard	Medium	Easy	Easy
Do you offer installation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do I need a ramp	Yes/no	No	Yes	No	No
Required maintenance	Lubricate leg set screws and deck clips	5 year recommended professional service	5 year recommended professional inspection	none	3 year recommended professional service
Can I leave in ice	Not recommended	Hoisted	Yes ramp removed	Not recommended	Not recommended

WARNING!

If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at Muskoka Leisure. Please do not attempt to assemble, use or install any marine products with out first reading instructions, safety manuals, warnings, load ratings, ect. **Warning!** Many marine products have moving parts and may cause injury if not used properly.