

Fox River Navigational System Authority

The following are partial results of the 2010 St. Norbert Rapide Croche Boater Survey

Q1) How often do you currently boat on the Fox River between *Green Bay* and *Rapide Croche*?

Have never boated there	0%
About once per year	0
2-5 times per year	76
6-10 times per year	18
More than 10 times per year	6

Q2) How often do you currently boat on the Fox River between *Lake Winnebago* and *Rapide Croche*?

Have never boated there	0%
About once per year	0
2-5 times per year	53
6-10 times per year	24
More than 10 times per year	23

Q3) How often do you currently use any of the locks on the Fox River between *Green Bay* and *Lake Winnebago*?

Have never used the Lock system	12%
About once per year	6
2-5 times per year	47
6-10 times per year	23
More than 10 times per year	12

Q4) What is the approximate weight of your primary boat that you would use on the Fox River?

2,000 to 10,000 pounds	59%
10,001 to 20,000 pounds	24
20,001 to 30,000 pounds	6
30,001 to 50,000 pounds	0
Over 50,000 pounds	6
Not sure	6

Q5) What is the overall approximate length and beam (width) of your primary boat that you would use on the Fox River?

<u>Length</u>		<u>Beam</u>	
12-15ft	6%	5-7ft	29%
16-20ft	25	8-9ft	21
21-25ft	6	10+ ft	50
26-30ft	31		
31-40ft	19		
40+ft	13		

Q6) What type of hull does your primary boat that you would use on the Fox River have?

V-shaped	82%
Pontoon	12
Canoe / Kayak	0
Personal Water Craft	0
Sailboat	6
Tri-hull	0
Not sure	0

Q7) Overall, how important is it to you as a boater to be able to travel all the way from the **Bay of Green Bay and the Great Lakes to Lake Winnebago** and vice a versa?

Not at all important	0%
Not too important	12
Somewhat important	41
Very important	47

Q8) Do you have a secondary dingy that is launched from your boat?

Yes	24%
No	76

Q9) Which of the following do you generally partake in while using your boat on the Fox River System? *(Please check all that apply)*

Pleasure cruising	82%
Fishing	41
Tubing	12
Water skiing	12
Wakeboarding	0
Other (Specify)	0
Do not use the Fox River System	0

Q10) Are you familiar with or have you heard of **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**?

Yes, have heard of and are familiar with	94%
Yes, have heard of, but not familiar with	6
No, have not heard of	0

Q11) To eliminate the possible introduction of **Aquatic Invasive Species** from the Great Lakes system into the Lake Winnebago Watershed as part of the lifting process boats will be cleaned. How much do you agree or disagree that it will be necessary to clean boats at the lift station to reduce the spread of **AIS** into the Lake Winnebago Watershed?

Strongly disagree it is necessary	0%
Somewhat disagree it is necessary	0
Somewhat agree it is necessary	6
Strongly agree it is necessary	88
Not sure	6

Q12) How much would you be willing to pay to use the proposed boat transfer station at **Rapide Croche** along the Fox River to obtain unimpeded travel along the entire Fox River System for a round trip?

\$20-\$39	65%
\$40-\$59	12
\$60-\$79	18
\$80-\$99	6
\$100 or more	0

Q13) Do you believe that the transfer station should charge boats a flat rate that is calculated on an average boat size or should each boat be charged based on length?

Average calculated price	24%
Price based on length	76

Q14) How often would you anticipate using the new proposed boat transfer station at **Rapide Croche** along the Fox River?

Do not anticipate using it	0%
About once per year	0
2-5 times per year	88
6-10 times per year	12
More than 10 times per year	0

Q15) Do you have multiple boats that you may use at the station?

One boat only	65%
Multiple boats	35

Q16) One proposal is to make the lift station available on a first come first serve basis which may result in longer waiting times, another possibility would be to make the station available by reservation which would have to be done in advance. Which method would be more useful to you as a boater?

First come, first serve basis	94%
By reservation only	6

Q17) How willing are you to wait 20-30 minutes at the transfer station while your boat is being cleaned and transferred?

Not willing, that is too long	0%
Somewhat willing, it is acceptable	47
Very willing, it is worth the wait	53

Q18) If on your way upstream towards Lake Winnebago, your boat is found to be heavily encrusted with Aquatic Invasive Species would you be willing to utilize an offsite boat yard to clean the hull prior to using the transfer station? *(Boats would need to be lifted and power washed to remove all AIS at the boat yard before using the transfer station)*

Yes 82%
No 18

Q19) Besides transferring your boat, there are several other amenities the transfer station could provide to boaters. How likely would you be to use each of the following additional services as a boater? *(Please circle one response for each amenity/service)*

Amenity/Service	Not likely	Somewhat likely	Moderately likely	Very likely
19a. Daily or short term dockage facilities	12%	41%	12%	35%
19b. Overnight dockage facilities	41	18	12	29
19c. Water hookups	47	13	13	27
19d. Electricity hookups	44	19	12	25
19e. Pump out hookups	56	6	13	25
19f. A ships store	19	31	6	44
19g. A place to eat (bar/restaurant)	0	29	24	47
19h. Public restrooms	6	6	24	65
19i. Waterway information	0	29	18	53
19j. An educational visitor center with historic and contemporary information about the River, the Locks and the Lift Station and information about Aquatic Invasive Species in the Great Lakes and Fox River System	19	19	19	43
19k. Overnight accommodations (outdoors such as camping)	35	24	29	12
19l. Overnight accommodations (indoors such as a hotel)	59	23	12	6

Q20) Would you have any concerns about using the proposed boat transfer station at **Rapide Croche Lock?**

Q21) Would you have any concerns about the cleansing process as a required part of transferring your boat?

Q22) If you were to use the new proposed boat transfer station at **Rapide Croche** along the Fox River how likely would you be to use it on each of the following days of the week?
(Please circle one response for each day of the week)

Day of the week	Not likely	Somewhat likely	Moderately likely	Very likely
Q22a. Sunday	7%	7%	20%	66%
Q22b. Monday	27	40	7	26
Q22c. Tuesday	27	46	0	27
Q22d. Wednesday	27	46	0	27
Q22e. Thursday	19	44	12	25
Q22f. Friday	0	19	37	44
Q22g. Saturday	6	6	6	82

Q23) How long would you likely stay on either side of the transfer station after going through the process?

Less than 1 day	53%
1-2 days	18
3-6 days	12
A week or more	6
Not sure	12

Q24) Overall, how strongly do you favor or oppose the proposed boat transfer station project at **Rapide Croche Lock**?

Strongly oppose	0%
Somewhat oppose	0
Somewhat favor	18
Strongly favor	82
Not sure	0

Q25) What county is your boat kept in?

Brown	23%
Fond du Lac	12
Outagamie	23
Winnebago	18
Door	12
Kewaunee	6
Marinette	6

Q26) Do you currently live on the Fox River System? *(Green Bay to Lake Winnebago, is your property located on the waterway?)*

Yes	29%
No	71

Q27) From where do you mainly receive your information about local boating? (*Please check all that apply and specify source if national or local*)

Wisconsin boating magazines	47%
Radio	24
TV	47
DNR publications	59
Newspaper	65
National boating publications	24

Q28) Which of the following age categories would include you?

18 to 24	0%
25 to 34	6
35 to 44	6
45 to 54	38
55 to 64	12
65 and over	38

Q29) Are there any other comments or concerns that you have about the overall impact the proposed boat transfer station at **Rapide Croche Lock** would have on the waterway and Lake Winnebago?
