



Reminders for enjoying Loon Lake – May, 2016

Loon Lake – Wescott Management District

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Concerns? Call Shawano Sheriff - (715) 526-3111

Remember our Courtesy Code at Loon Lake

Encourage personal watercraft to stay out 300 ft. from shore.

Observe state laws to stay 100 ft. from docks and boats.

End personal fireworks by 10:30 P.M.

Restrict fireworks to the week of July 4.

Use only legal fireworks.

Use phosphorous-free fertilizer on lawns.

**Observe Ordinance 54: NO WAKE BEFORE 9:00 AM
AND AFTER 5:00 PM.**



Boaters and Anglers: Take Action to Stop Aquatic Invasive Species! REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading, and before transporting on a public highway). DRAIN all water from boats, motors, and all equipment. DON'T MOVE live fish away from a waterbody. DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash. BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions

Use the Boat Washing Station at County Park-Shawano County Park on the north shore, has installed a free boat washing station for everyone's use. It is a convenient and fast way to power wash down your boat after use in other area lakes.

Find all the Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>

Here are excerpts that especially apply to the safe use and enjoyment of Loon Lake:



PWCs (personal watercraft) – must obey the laws that apply to all other vessels

Age to operate PWC:

Under 12: may **NOT** operate
12 – 16: must complete Boater Safety
(exempt if DOB is before 1/1/89)

PWC may not be operated at faster than

"slow, no wake speed":

within 100 ft. of any vessel on any waterbody
within 200 ft. of any shore on any lake
within 100 ft. of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake

PWCs are prohibited from maneuvers that endanger people or property:

- *Jumping a wake with 100 ft. of another vessel
- *Operating within 100 ft. of a vessel that is towing a person on skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or similar device, or operating within 100 ft. of the tow rope or the person being towed
- * Weaving through congested waterway traffic
- * Steering toward another object or person in the water and swerving at the last possible moment

Skiing



- *Competent observer on board.
- *If a PWC is towing, it must accommodate 3 people.
- *Vessels towing to keep 100 ft. from anchored boat, any PWC, swimming area, or boat landing.
- *Skier, surfboard, or other device to keep 100 ft. from PWC.



Don't Drink and Boat!

Wisconsin law prohibits anyone from operating a motorboat or manipulating water skis or similar

devices while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Personal Floatation Devices (PFD)

*All vessels (Including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) **MUST** have at least one USCC-approved wearable life jacket for each person on board

*every person on board a PWC (personal watercraft) must wear a USCC-approved wearable life jacket



Motorboats

*Illegal to operate a vessel at greater than **"slow, no wake speed"**

*within 100 ft. of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake

*within 100 ft. of a swimmer, unless the vessel is assisting the swimmer

Illegal to *jump wake of vessel towing a person

* to weave through congested waterway traffic

Age Restrictions

Under 10 may **NOT** operate a **motorboat**

10 -11 – if accompanied by 18+ person

12-15 - completed Boater Safety or accompanied by 18+ person

16 – completed Boater Safety

(exempt if DOB is before 1/1/89)



Unlawful:

Chasing, harassing, or disturbing **wildlife** with your vessel