



# Long Lake Wake Responsibly

## **PURPOSE:**

The goal of Long Lake Wake Responsibly is to educate and remind Long Lake's recreational users of Wisconsin's most important safety-related boating laws, as well as considerations that are unique to Long Lake. LLA appreciates your partnership to educate anyone using your watercraft of all Wisconsin boating regulations and the suggested courtesy rules to ensure an enjoyable and safe time on Long Lake.

## **EXCELLENT RESOURCES:**

Boater safety education material/courses:

[Boat-ed.com](http://Boat-ed.com)

Boating Regulations:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0301.pdf>

## **Important Wisconsin Boating Laws and Regulations<sup>(1)</sup>:**

**Improper Speed or Distance** is not maintaining a proper speed and/or distance while operating a vessel. **Specifically, it is illegal to:**

- ⇒ Operate your motorboat repeatedly in a circuitous manner within 200 feet of another vessel or person in the water.
- ⇒ Operate your motorboat within 100 feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than "slow, no wake speed."
- ⇒ Operate your motorboat at greater than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless you are assisting the swimmer.
- ⇒ Operate any motorboat, other than a PWC, at a speed in excess of "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of the shoreline.
- ⇒ Operate your motorboat with a person riding on the bow, deck, or gunwale while underway
- ⇒ Operate your boat to jump the wake of any vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or surfboard.

## **Wisconsin Laws Specifically for Operating PWCs<sup>(1)</sup>:**

- ⇒ Every person must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest.
- ⇒ You may not operate at faster than "slow, no wake speed" within:
  - 200 ft of shore on any lake
  - 100 ft of any other vessel, or any dock, raft or restricted area

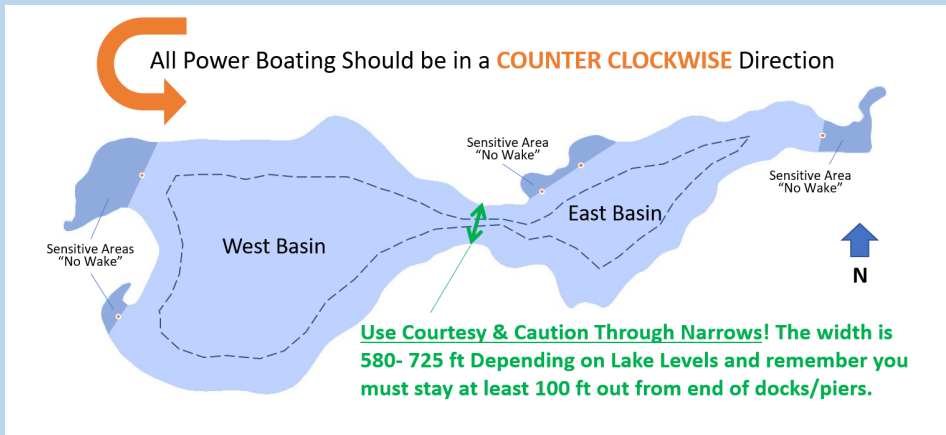
**PWC's must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, by Wisconsin law including:**

- ⇒ Operating your PWC within 100 ft of any vessel towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or surfboard, or operating within 100 ft of the tow rope or person being towed
- ⇒ Operating your PWC to jump a wake within 100 ft of another vessel.

*By obeying Wisconsin boating laws and our courtesy considerations for Long Lake you will ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful lake safely and respectfully. Thank you!*

## Courtesy Considerations for Long Lake

- ⇒ Please operate in a counter clockwise direction.
- ⇒ When wake surfing, wakeboarding, or making circle waves for tubing, please stay further from shore (+200 ft suggested) than you do for other power boating activities to lessen your larger wakes from impacting the shoreline, and please minimize repetitive passes in the same track. (If you would stay within the basins while making your largest wakes it would be ideal for narrows safety and to minimize impacts to shoreline erosion.)
- ⇒ Please **steer clear** of parked boats, sail boats, fisherman or other small watercraft.
- ⇒ Please cruise at speeds that allow your boat to be on plane and **plane out your boat as soon as possible**. (Even small boats going at slow speeds, create a large wake when not on plane.)
- ⇒ Please play your boat's stereo at a reasonable level. Remember that sound travels better over the water!



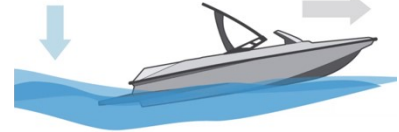
### DID YOU KNOW?

How Quickly You Plane Out Your Boat Effects the Height of its Wake

Lower Speed Produces Higher Wake



Wake Height Decreases as Boat Displaces Less Water



Lower Wake With Boat on Plane



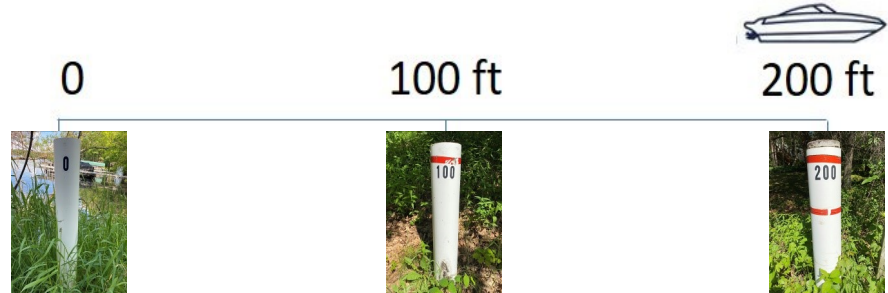
### DID YOU KNOW?

WDNR requires all who are 32 years old or younger (born 1989+) to complete an approved boating safety course AND carry their boating education card when operating a motorized boat or supervising youth learning. All classes are online and set up in short segments. It will take about 3 hours to complete.

See [Boat-ed.com](http://Boat-ed.com).

### Know Your Distances:

Please visit the Long Lake landing to view the distance markers along the east edge of the pavement so you can better gage what 100 ft and 200 ft look like. **The distances are farther than you may think!**



### REFERENCES:

- 1) The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC, 2020.
- 2) Wake Responsibly, [www.wakeresponsibly.com](http://www.wakeresponsibly.com), Water Sports Industry Association, June 2021.

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