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 boating laws and the suggested courtesy rules to ensure an enjoyable and safe time on Long Lake.

Boater safety education:
https://www.boat-ed.com

Boating Regulations:
https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0301.pdf

Important Wisconsin Boating Laws and Regulations[1]:

An operator must **maintain proper speed and 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.

⇒ Within 100 feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than *"slow, no wake speed."*

⇒ At greater than *"slow, no wake speed"* within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless you are assisting the swimmer.

⇒ At a speed in excess of *"slow, no wake speed"* within 100 feet of the shoreline.

⇒ With a person riding on the bow, deck, or gunwale while underway.

⇒ 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[1]:

⇒ 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.

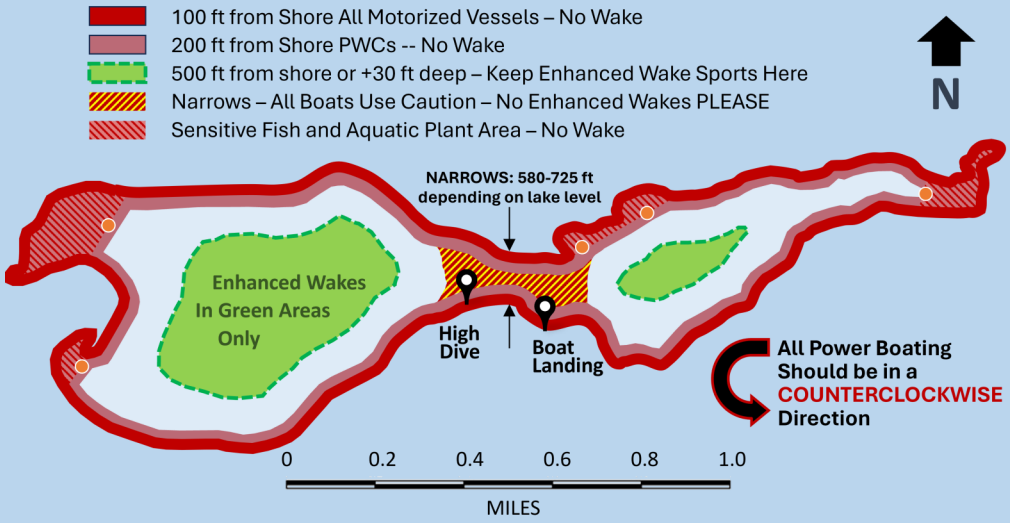
PWC's must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, by Wisconsin law including:

⇒ 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 & Safety Considerations for Long Lake



⇒ PLEASE operate in a **counter clockwise** direction.

⇒ 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.)

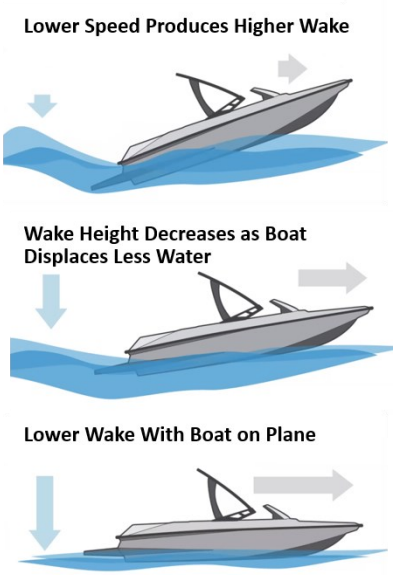
⇒ **Please play your boat's stereo at a reasonable level**. Remember that sound travels better over the water!

⇒ **When enhancing your wake** for wake surfing, wakeboarding, or making circle waves for tubing, PLEASE:

- ⇒ **DO NOT go through the narrows in enhanced wake mode.** Large waves are dangerous for confined boat traffic, public landing and high dive.
- ⇒ **STAY further from shore (+500 ft and 30 ft water depth – see map)** than you do for other power boating. Studies show enhanced waves can damage the shoreline and aquatic life on the lakebed[2].
- ⇒ **ONLY** enhance your wake on the **port side** traveling counterclockwise.
- ⇒ **MINIMIZE repetitive passes** in the same track.
- ⇒ **STEER CLEAR** of anchored boats, sail boats and small watercraft.

DID YOU KNOW?

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



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*.

Know Your Distances:

Visit the Long Lake landing to view distance markers along the pavement to 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, 2024.
2) See: https://longlakesaxeville.org/enhanced-wake-info

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