

## CHAPTER 20

### LAKES AND BEACHES

20.01 Boating and Water Regulations. Statutes adopted by reference. Sections 30.50 through 30.71 of the Wisconsin Statutes are adopted by reference and regulate the operation and control of all boats, motorboats, vessels or personal watercraft on lakes and public waters in the Town.

(1) Definitions:

(a) **“Boat or Vessel”** means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except a seaplane on the water and a fishing raft.

(b) **“Motorboat”** means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

(c) **“Personal Watercraft”** means a motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and this is designated to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on or sitting astride on the watercraft.

(2) Speed Restrictions. No person shall operate a boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft on lakes or public waters in the Town of Conover except in compliance with the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code as follows:

...(a) In open waters, a person shall operate a boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft at a speed which is reasonable and cautious.

(3) Prohibited Operation

...(a) No person shall operate a boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft while under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance.

...(b) No person shall operate a boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft repeatedly in a circuitous course around any other boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft or around any person who is swimming, if such circuitous course is within 200 feet of any of these mentioned.

...(c) A boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft shall be operated at a “slow-no-wake” speed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. local time.

...(d) No underage person may operate a motorized boat, vessel or personal watercraft unless they are of the age permitted and regulated by the State of Wisconsin in the Wisconsin Boating Regulation Pamphlet.

(4) Water Skiing. No person shall operate a boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water skiing or aquaplaning except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.. local time.

...(a) Neither towing boat nor rider shall approach another boat, motorboat, vessel or personal watercraft closer than 200 feet, furthermore, neither towing boat nor rider shall approach any shore or dock closer than 200 feet except starting out from and returning to a landing which must be from the lake shores only.

...(b) The Town adopts the DNR Statute 30.365 stating “On lakes 50 acres or less having public access, motorboats may not be operated in excess of slow-no-wake speed, except when such lakes serve as thoroughfares between 2 or more navigable lakes.”

(5) Penalties: Any person found guilty of violating any provisions of this ordinance, or of the sections of the Wisconsin Statutes adopted herein by reference, shall pay a forfeiture of not more than \$50.00 for the first offense, and not exceeding \$100.00 for each subsequent offense committed within one year, and in default of the payment of such forfeiture, such person

shall be committed to the county jail in Vilas County, Wisconsin until such forfeiture has been paid but not exceeding thirty days.

(6) Regulations: This ordinance and section shall take effect and be in full force after passage and publication (July 7, 1999).

(7) Severability5/17/2001 The severable terms and provisions of this section shall be deemed severable and, if any of these provisions, or the application thereof, to any person or circumstances are held to be invalid, the remainder of the section and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain in full force and effect.