

Ordinance 2022-03

Motorboats and Watercraft

Joint Ordinance Towns of Presque Isle and Winchester

505.1. PURPOSE.

- (1). The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt regulations for the safe operation of motorboat and personal watercraft, consistent with the public rights and interest, upon the waters of Papoose Lake in the Towns of Presque Isle and Winchester in Vilas County Wisconsin.
- (2). To adopt s. 30.50 to 30.71 Wis. Stats. by reference.

505.2. AUTHORITY. The Town Boards of Presque Isle and Winchester have the authority, pursuant to s. 30.77(3) Wis. Stats. to enact this ordinance.

505.3. DEFINITIONS

- (1). "Motorboat" means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion. (s. 30.50(6)Wis. Stats.)
- (2). "Personal watercraft" shall be any craft that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designed to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on or sitting astride the watercraft. (s. 30.50(9)(d)Wis. Stats.)
- (3). "Slow-No-Wake" means that speeds at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control. (s. 30.50(12)Wis. Stats.)
- (4). "Shore Zone" means all surface water within 200 feet of the mainland shoreline or island(s)

505.4. LOCAL ORDINANCE.

- (1). Personal Watercraft.
 - (a). Shall only be operated in a "slow-no-wake" manner within the shore zone on Papoose Lake and within 200 feet of any other personal watercraft, boat, pier, dock or buoyed restricted area.
 - (b). Hours of operation shall be limited to the hours between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. local time.
 - (c). Shall not be used for towing of persons engaged in water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activities.
- (2). Motorboats.
 - (a). Shall only be operated in a "slow-no-wake" manner within the shore zone on Papoose Lake, except when leaving or returning from shore while towing a water-skier, as defined in 505.04(2)(e).
 - (b). Shall only be operated in a slow-no-wake manner within 200 feet of any other boat, personal watercraft or buoyed restricted area.
 - (c). No person shall operate a motorboat towing a person on water-skis, aquaplane, or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water-

skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity except between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. local time.

- (d). No more than two (2) riders shall be in tow at any time.
- (e). Neither the towing boat nor the towed rider shall approach another watercraft within 200 feet, nor shall they approach the mainland shoreline or island shoreline within 200 feet, except when starting out from or returning to shore.
- (f). Ski boats leaving or returning to shore shall yield the right-of-way to all other watercraft within the 200 foot shore zone.

- (3). Competitions, such as water ski shows, water ski jumping, watercraft racing or similar activities shall require a permit from the Town Boards of Presque Isle and Winchester.

505.5. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

- (1). Enforcement of this ordinance shall be in conformance with Chapter 30 of the Wis. Stats. The town constables and town officers shall have the power to enforce this ordinance.
- (2). Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in s. 30.80 Wis. Stats. and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference are hereby adopted.

505.6. VALIDITY. Shall any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by the courts, it shall not affect the validity of the balance of the ordinance.

505.7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Town Boards of Winchester and Presque Isle and publication as required by law.