

Subject: Golden Lake Boating Safety & Wake Boat Best Practices

Protecting Our Lake – Ensuring Safety for All

Dear Golden Lake Residents,

We hope this message finds you well. As we begin another season on the lake, we would like to take a moment to share important information regarding the boating and care of Golden Lake.

Attached to this email, you will find “Golden Lake Wake Boat Best Practices. No Wake and Boating Regulations Reminders”. As wake boats grow in popularity, so does their impact on Golden Lake’s shoreline, ecology, and safety. To make our lake enjoyable for all, we ask that you follow these wake boat best practices and the DNR and Village regulations relating to boating on Golden Lake.

We encourage all residents to review the attached document carefully and keep a copy for reference. Being familiar with the best practices and regulations helps ensure responsible enjoyment. Golden Lake is a shared resource. Your respect and care help protect the shoreline, water quality, and safety of all residents and visitors.

We appreciate your continued commitment to keeping Golden Lake a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Regards,
Golden Lake Association, Inc.

Golden Lake Enhanced Wake Boat Best Practices

Golden Lake Association, Inc. is suggesting the following best practice guidelines for boats in enhanced wake mode. These suggestions aim to ensure safety, protect the environment and promote fair usage of the water for all users.

We are counting on responsible and courteous behavior from lake residents and lake visitors to make these guidelines work well for all lake users. We strongly encourage all residents to help each other be aware of these guidelines and respect them.

1. **Enhanced Wake Zone:** Boats in enhanced wake mode should operate as close to the middle of the lake as possible. Please operate at least 500 feet from shore and at a minimum depth of 30 feet. See Wake Zone map below. Please attempt to position your boat so the largest wake flows away from the closest shoreline.



2. **Stop and Drop Technique:** Limit turns in wake mode. Go to idle speed when turning or picking up a dropped participant.
3. **Wake Traffic:** When enhanced wake traffic is present on the lake, non-enhanced traffic (pontoons, other boats operating at slow speed, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, etc.) should operate within the no-wake zone of 500' from shore. This pattern not only optimizes safety it allows enhanced traffic to operate more efficiently by not having to dodge/turn for traffic.
4. **Sound & Noise:** Keep music to reasonable level so that it's only heard by those in boat and directly behind.
5. **Ballast Cleaning:** Be aware that ballast tanks can contain invasive species. Take care to fully drain and clean.
6. **Courtesy Above all:** Please be courteous and thoughtful when operating your chosen craft on Golden Lake.

Golden Lake No Wake and Boating Regulation Reminders

1. **Speed restriction. Summit Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 Sec. 30-137.**
No motorboat shall be operated on Golden Lake from sunset until sunrise at a speed in excess of slow — no-wake.
2. **No Wake Requirement. Summit Code of Ordinances Sec. 30-139.**
A no-wake law shall be in effect on Golden Lake on Saturdays, Sundays and all legal holidays between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.
3. **Traffic Direction:** Traffic should flow in a counterclockwise direction, especially when towing skiers, wakeboarders or tubers.
4. **Wisconsin Boater Law Chapter 30 Subchapter V.**
Selected Regulation Reminders.
 - a. No person may operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.
 - b. No person may operate a motorboat at speed in excess of slow-no-wake within 100 feet of any shoreline.
 - c. No person may operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake within 200 feet of any shoreline.
 - d. No person operating a motorboat that is towing persons engaged in skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity (including tubing) may operate within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any personal watercraft, marked swimming area or public boat landing.
 - e. Every boat shall carry at least one personal flotation device for each person on board or being attended by the boat.
 - f. No person may operate a personal watercraft unless each person riding on the personal watercraft is wearing a personal floatation device.