

# ***SUMMARY OF SPECIAL BOATING LAWS FOR LAUDERDALE LAKES***

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## **Aircraft Landing On Lakes**

No aircraft may land upon the surface of Lauderdale Lakes except in case of emergency.

## **Additional Traffic Rules**

Mooring lights required: a 360 degree white light visible for a distance of 2 miles on a dark night with clear atmosphere required if anchored or drifting in the traffic lane from sunset to sunrise.

Lights required for sailboats without motors and all boats propelled by muscular power (rowboats, kayaks, paddleboats, etc): a 360 degree white light visible for a distance of 2 miles on a dark night with clear atmosphere required if in the traffic lane from sunset to sunrise.

Spot lamps restricted. No person shall direct the beam of any spot lamp or any similar device as to project any glaring light into the eyes of another boat operator unless in need of assistance.

Obstruction of view or interference of control of operating mechanisms of operator to the front or to the side by persons or objects is prohibited.

No person shall take or operate any boat without owners consent.

All boating traffic shall be in a counter clockwise direction entering from the West in the narrow channel formed on the North by Don Jean Bog and on South shoreline by properties LL307 - LL311 on weekends and Holidays from the Saturday before Memorial Day through the Sunday following Labor Day.

Do not anchor between the east shoreline and No Anchor buoys near Pebble Beach sandbar.

## **Speed Restrictions**

Motorboats within 100' of shoreline or any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area shall not exceed slow-no-wake.

Personal Water Crafts within 200' of shoreline shall not exceed slow-no-wake.

Middle Lake West of a line from LL741 on the North and LL560E on the South restricted to not exceed slow-no-wake.

Night Time Speed Limit No person may operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of 10 MPH from sunset to sunrise on weekdays and during the hours between sunset Friday and 9:00 AM Saturday, sunset Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday, and sunset on the eve of any public holiday and 9:00 AM on such holiday.

Top Speed Limit No person may operate at a speed in excess of 50 MPH from 9:00 AM to sunset on weekends and holidays from the Saturday before Memorial Day through the Sunday following Labor Day.

## **Swimming Regulations**

Swimming from boats is allowed only if the boat is anchored or manned by a competent person.

Swimmers must remain within 100' from shore or end of any pier or no more than 50' from boat at all times.

Swimmers beyond 100' from shore shall have an escort boat with competent person aboard and a type IV personal flotation device.

No Swimming from sunset to sunrise beyond 100' from shore.

## **Water skiing/Tubing**

Boat operators in tow and users of water skies, aquaplane or similar devices shall operate and use such device in a careful and prudent manner.

Hours limited to sunrise to sunset, except on Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays when such activities may not commence until 9:00 AM and does not supersede the 10 MPH speed limit on weekends and holidays.

No person shall engage in water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity "within the shore zone".

Boats towing water skiers, aquaplanes, wakeboards, tubes etc. must have a competent observer on board the boat (**minimum number of persons is 3: driver, skier, & observer**).

No more than 2 persons shall use towlines as a means of water skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activity behind a boat.

Any person being towed on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, however, trick skiers and barefoot skiers may elect to wear a non USCG approved PFD, other than a "ski belt".

Whenever a trick skier or barefoot skier elects to wear a non coast guard approved device, a coast guard approved device shall be carried in the boat for the use of such skier. A trick skier shall be identified by skiing positions which readily differentiate the skier from ordinary "front forward" skier and also by: skis that are short, wide or swivel skis, wakeboards and similar devices; and a towrope less than 75'.

Boat operators having in tow and users of water skies, aquaplane or similar devices shall stay 100' from occupied anchored boats, marked swimming areas or public boat landings.

Towing people on skis or any towable device is prohibited in the channels marked slow-no-wake:

- Between Green Lake & Middle Lake
- Between Mill Lake & Sterlingworth Bay

In addition, such device must be brought on board or tethered directly to the boat (unoccupied) while in those slow-no-wake zones. All airborne devices are prohibited (i.e. jet boards, hoverboards, jetpacks, kites, sails, etc)

**"Slow-no-wake"** means the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage control.

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## ***NEW STATE LAWS***

- ❖ Despite a recent change in State Law, ***the Boating Ordinance for Lauderdale Lakes REQUIRES AN OBSERVER when towing skiers, wakeboards, tubes, etc.!***

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### Wisconsin Personal Water Craft Law

Personal Water Crafts (PWC) are classified as Class A (less than 16 feet in length) inboard boats. All PWCs must be registered and display valid registration decals and registration numbers on the forward half of both sides of the craft and ABIDE BY ALL BOATING REGULATIONS plus the following specific regulations. Attention must be paid to the PWC's capacity plate to determine the number of people allowed.

1. No person may operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise.
2. All persons riding a PWC must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD of proper size and type (type I, II, III, or V).
3. No person may operate a PWC equipped by the manufacture with a lanyard, without the lanyard attached to the operator. The operator must always face forward.
4. No one under 12 may operate a PWC (rental age limit is 16).
5. Persons age 12 and over must have completed a boating safety course accepted by the WDNR and be in possession of a valid certificate. (Those born before 1/1/89 are exempt from the safety course requirement.)
6. No person may operate a PWC at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake within:
  - 100' of any other watercraft,
  - 200' of the shoreline, or
  - 100' of a dock, pier, raft or restricted area on any lake.
7. A PWC must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, including:
  - Jumping a wake within 100' of a vessel
  - Weaving a PWC through congested waterway traffic
  - Operating within 100' of a vessel towing any person on any device, or within 100' of the tow rope or person being towed
  - Chasing, harassing or disturbing wildlife

### Wisconsin Law – Alcohol & Drugs

- ❖ Anyone who operates or attempts to operate a vessel is deemed to have given consent to an alcohol and/or drug test.
- ❖ It is illegal for a person to operate a motorboat or use water skis, a surfboard, or other device if he or she:
  - Is under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance **or...**
  - Has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or greater.

## FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

**The Lauderdale Lakes Water Safety Patrol is available to assist you and answer any questions you have. To contact their office or boat, call 262-742-4300.**

### ***THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE SET OF BOATING LAWS!***

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## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN BOATING ON LAUDERDALE LAKES**

ALL boating laws for the State of Wisconsin apply. If you are not familiar with these laws, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at 1-888-936-7463 or visit their website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov). The "Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws & Responsibilities" contains **ONLY** the **STATE** laws.

The Towns of LaGrange and Sugar Creek have a Boating Ordinance that provides **additional laws** specific to the waters of Lauderdale Lakes. Important portions of this Ordinance are summarized in this pamphlet. For a full text of the Ordinance, go to the Town of LaGrange website at [townoflagrangewi.com](http://townoflagrangewi.com).



### ***See an Orange Flag?***

That means a boat is towing someone on skis or other towable device...or they may have fallen and the boat is retrieving them. While not required, we encourage its use.

***Safety is no accident!***