

## WATER SKING

Applies to all watercraft towing a person on water skies, tubes or similar devices.

- Prohibited before 9:00 AM and after sunset or 8:30PM (whichever occurs earliest).
- Vessel must have a driver and a competent observer.
- Prohibited at all times within 150 feet of shore.
- Prohibited within 100 feet of other vessels, persons in the water, a swimming area, a public boat landing, buoyed area, pier, raft, PWC, skin diver's flag or any occupied anchored boat.
- Must operate in a counter clockwise direction.
- Persons being towed shall wear a USCG approved Personal Floation Device (PFD).
- No more than 2 tow lines per boat.
- Tow lines may not exceed 100 feet.

## SWIMMING

- Unless they are USCG approved, Personal Floation Devices (PFDs) are prohibited at the following public beaches:
  - Lance Park Beach-north side of Lake Mary.
  - Musial Beach - west side of Lake Elizabeth.
- **Swimming is prohibited:**
  - From unmanned, unanchored boats.
  - More than 200 feet from shore, unless in marked swim area or within 25 feet of an anchored raft or boat.

## RESTRICTED AREAS-SLOW-NO-WAKE

- Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of any swim area, raft, pier, buoyed area or skin diver's flags.
- No watercraft allowed within any buoyed swim areas.
- Lake Mary - Slow-No-Wake in two buoy marked bay areas on the southwest side. (see map)
- Lake Elizabeth - Slow-No-Wake in buoy marked bay on the northwest side and all areas south of hazard buoys at south end of lake. (see map)

## BUOYS

- It is unlawful to tamper with, move, or anchor to any Marker Buoy.
- Slow-No-Wake required within 100 feet of buoyed swim area or other restricted areas. (see map)
- As a general safety guideline, boats should stay 100 feet away from all Marker Buoys.
- All Marker Buoys must obtain a permit from Village and WI DNR.
- All Mooring Buoys must obtain a permit from Village and only be used to moor a boat.

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## HAZARD AREAS

Marker Buoys mark the vicinity of hazards, especially rock bars that cover an extensive area around the buoy - **proceed with caution.** Some of the marked hazards are more dangerous when water level is lower.

- Lake Mary: Buoyed rock bar in center of lake.
- Lake Elizabeth: Buoyed series of rock bars at northwest end.
  - Large, very shallow buoyed rock bar on west side.
  - Buoyed submerged trestle crossing south end of lake to very shallow gravel bar at west side.

## SUNSET

- Slow-No-Wake after sunset or 8:30 PM (whichever occurs earliest) for all boats
- PWC's may **NOT** operate after sunset or 8:30 PM whichever occurs earliest.

## AQUATIC INVASIVES

It is illegal to spread invasive species and may result in Citation and/or fines for the following:

- Failure to remove all aquatic plants or animals attached to any vehicle or to drain all water from boat trailers, equipment or gear immediately after leaving the water and before leaving a boat launch area or parking area.
- Transporting on a public highway, launching or placing a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear into waters, if an aquatic plant or animal is attached.
- Transporting over land from another state any vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear for use in Wisconsin waters without first removing all attached aquatic plants and animals and draining all water.
- Using a live prohibited fish invasive species as bait
- Using any live non-native crayfish as bait for fishing on inland or outlying waters.

## BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Offered by the WI Dept of Natural Resources, [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov).

\*\* A person born on or after 1/1/1989 and at least 12 years old may operate a motorboat or PWC only upon completion of a Boating Safety Course accepted by the WI DNR. All persons who are required to have a Boating Safety Certificate must carry the Certificate when operating a motorized watercraft.

This Brochure has been provided by the Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District to help encourage safe and harmonious enjoyment of our lakes. This is only a summary of some water regulation and safety guidelines. For a complete list see Wisconsin State Statute Ch 30 and the Village of Twin Lakes Municipal Code Ch 8.36. The local Ordinance is available at the Village Hall, and the Lake District of the Twin Lakes website at: [www.villageoftwinlakes.net](http://www.villageoftwinlakes.net)

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## LAKES MARY & ELIZABETH

### Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

#### Some State & Local Lake Rules

#### HOURS & SPEED LIMITS

- Sunset or 8:30 PM (whichever comes first) to 9:00 AM is ALWAYS Slow-No-Wake.
- Boats operating after sunset must use required lights.

#### RESTRICTIONS

##### MOTORBOATS

- See Boating Safety Certification Section\*\*
- A person under 10 yrs MAY NOT operate a motorboat.
- A person 10 or 11 yrs old may operate a motorboat only if accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a person at least 18 yrs old who is designated by the parent or guardian.
- A person 12 to 15 yrs old may operate a motorboat only if accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a person at least 18 yrs old who is designate by the parent or guardian **OR** has completed a Boating Safety Course accepted by the Wisconsin DNR
- A person 16 yrs old or older may operate a vessel subject to the Safety Certification requirements\*\*.
- All vessels must have at least one USCG approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD (Personal Floation Device) for each person on board and made available.

##### PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

*Jet skis, Wave Runners, or any type of personal watercraft must adhere to the same rules as other watercraft plus the following:*

- See Boating Safety Certification Section \*\*
- A person under 12 yrs old MAY NOT operate a PWC.
- A person 12 yrs or older may operate a PWC **only** if he or she has completed a Boating Safety Course accepted by the WI DNR.
- A person under 16 yrs old MAY NOT rent or lease a PWC.
- All persons riding a PWC must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD (Personal Floation Device)

##### SLOW-NO-WAKE

All Vessels Must operate at Slow-No-Wake within 100 ft of any shoreline.

All Vessels Must operate at Slow-No-Wake within 100 ft of any swim area, raft, pier, buoyed area or skin diver's flags. Never operate any watercraft within 100 ft of a boat, person or tow rope of a motorboat engaged in towing a person on water skies, tube, or other towable devices.

Sunset or 8:30 PM (whichever occurs earliest) and sunrise is always slow-no-wake and running lights must be operational.

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