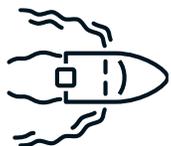


# BOATING CODE OF ETHICS



## Boat Speed

- **NO WAKE ZONES:** The north end (Village/Marina), the south end (Foot), and the area 50 metres from any shoreline are all identified as No Wake zones. Operate your boat at No Wake speed.
- **NO WAKE SPEED:** Is idle speed, the slowest-possible speed to maintain steerage. This produces little or no waves behind the boat. The speed limit for No Wake zones is 8 Km/h.



## Navigation

- **NAVIGATING SHALLOW WATER:** Drive carefully and slowly in shallow water (less than 7 metres deep). Boat propeller wash degrades fish habitat, contributes to the churning of sediments and accelerates the proliferation of algae and aging of the lake.
- **VILLAGE TRAFFIC DIRECTION:** All watercraft must enter and exit the north and south marina areas at No Wake speeds. At the north end, motorized traffic on the east side of Rodger Island, and non-motorized on the west side. Signs are posted.



## Operating A Boat

- **MANDATORY PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR CARD:** Anyone operating a motorized watercraft must possess a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card.
- **DEPARTING SHORELINE:** Leave the shoreline at a 90-degree angle and avoid rapid acceleration to reduce impact on shoreline and sudden propeller wash, stirring sediment and releasing phosphates.
- **HALF SPEED:** Do not operate motorized watercraft at half speed – it creates large damaging wakes.



- **WAKEBOARD BOATS:** Wakeboard boats or any boat producing large wakes should operate at a minimum of 300 metres from the shoreline to reduce shoreline erosion and in deep water (above 7 metres) to reduce churning of sediments. Wake surfing generally produces the most damaging waves and is discouraged in a lake of this size.

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### GUIDE FOR RESPONSIBLE BOATING

- NO MOTOR BOATS

**OBSERVE NO WAKE ZONES AND MINIMIZE WAKES**

Wakes erode shorelines and destroy habitats.
- EXCEPT RESIDENTS

**USE CAUTION AND AVOID HIGH CONGESTION AREAS**

Do not linger. Reduced speed is recommended.
- MANDATORY WASHING OF ALL TYPES OF BOATS BEFORE LAUNCHING**

Invasive species travel on hulls and motors
- WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN AND NON-MOTORIZED CRAFT**

You are responsible for the wake you make!

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- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Motorized boats are not permitted through “The Narrows” at the south end of the lake and should avoid Hammonds Bay at the north end (except local residents).
- **NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC SAFETY:** Non-motorized traffic should avoid busy boat traffic zones (see congested areas on map).
- **HIGH WATER:** When water levels are high (especially in the spring and after heavy rains) operate vessels with no wake to avoid damaging the shoreline, property, and washing away Loon nests.



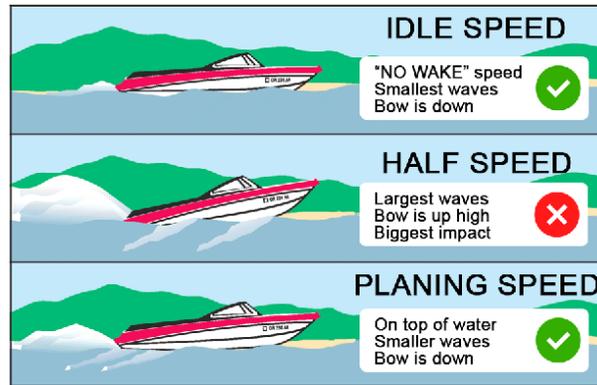
## Boating Safety

- **CHILDREN:** Watch for children using the lake.
- **KAYAKS:** Watch for kayaks – they are often hard to see on the open water.
- **SCUBA DIVERS:** All watercraft must stay 100 metres away from scuba divers’ buoys.



## Wildlife

- **LOON NESTS:** Loons nest along the shoreline from ice out until late June – large wakes can easily destroy nests.
- **WATCH FOR BABY LOONS:** Loon young are vulnerable as they cannot dive quickly to avoid boats. Watch for baby loons particularly in June and through July.



## Environmental Awareness

- **VESSEL WASHING:** All vessels (boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards) must be washed before entering the lake. This is to stop the spread of invasive species of plants and crustaceans. The washing station is located at the north end marina. Residents are required to obtain a watercraft decal for all motorized and non-motorized watercraft. Read: [Gestion des marinas 2022-03](#).
- **DISTRUPTION OF LAKE BOTTOM:** Avoid disturbing the lake bottom in shallow areas – much of a lake’s aquatic life lives there.
- **SHORELINE VEGETATION:** Do not cut vegetation within 10-15 metres of the shoreline (the littoral zone) – this vegetation protects the lake and other waterways. Replant shorelines only with indigenous plants. Read: [Identification and delimitation of water environments](#)
- **DO NOT PLACE PLANTERS BY THE WATER:** Planters at the edge of the lake or on docks leach phosphates into the lake.



## Respect

- **LIGHT POLLUTION:** Excessive light at night disturbs neighbours and obscures the night sky. Consider turning off shoreline lights at 11:00 PM.
- **NOISE POLLUTION:** Keep the noise down – loud parties and boat stereos disturb others.
- **RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Stay off private land or docks.

## Sustainability

- **DO NOT POLLUTE:** Do not put anything in the lake that didn’t come from the lake. The lake is a source of drinking water for the residents and a delicately balanced ecosystem for wildlife.
- **RECYCLE:** Recycle either at home or in the containers provided by the municipality. Read: [Matières résiduelles, compostage, recyclage](#)

