

50HP	60HP	No vote/ Other	Comment
1			It does not make sense to change the hp for pontoon boats, they can not pull skiers of tubes , so what would be the purpose for the change? If the pontoon boat will not operate with a 50hp maybe you should look at restricting the size of the pontoon instead, but if you do decide to change the hp you should change it for all boats.
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	1		50hp to 60hp that not much of a change. I don't think that will hurt anything. I just moved to the lake and I love it so far. I say yes.
1			Thanks for asking the question. I feel the speed should not be increased. 50HP is enough on such a small body of water and much safer all round.
1			We knew the rules when we moved out here and didn't try to change them when we wanted to buy a boat
1			50 hp is just fine. Going to a 60 Hp will only increase the speed on a pontoon boat by about 2 more MPH. Maybe go to a 90 hp on bass boats.
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1			Please leave the horse power at 50HP
	1		as a member I say yes, but it is the boards duty to in force the rules
		1	Either change both (pontoon and bass boat) , but not just one. I have both boats and I would rather have the 60 hp on the bass boat..
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1			50 hp is plenty for pontoons. Safety not how fast we can go. This is not lake Michigan
1			I bought a boat and motor a couple of years ago and had no problem getting a 60hp switched out to a 50hp, and the four stroke engine with a 50hp was no problem. I would be very irratated if the Board decided to change the rule now when so many new members have sought out 50hp motors as the rules state
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1		i believe the horsepower rule should be the same for all boats. This is a very small lake. Will pontoon boat owners be allowed to have larger docks next?. Will pontoon boat owners be allowed different hours of no wake? It would really set a bad precedent.
	1	I would think there is not a big difference between 50 and 60 horse power motors. It is the same engine, only a modification on the intake and exhaust. At any rate, I would say 60 horse power is acceptable.
1		The lake is barely big enough to safely accommodate the current horsepower limit.. I also believe the fast hours should be reduced in order to allow kayaks and fishermen to safely venture out in the afternoon and early evening..It would also restore some of the peaceful serenity that brought most of us to the lake.. (Back in 1979, fast hours were limited to weekends and a couple of afternoons during the week.) Thanks
	1	Not a bad idea to change for only pontoon boats, they will only run so fast anyway. Mercury 40, 50, 60 hp. are same , only difference is timing. Had a 40 on a old pontoon an traded for new one with a 50 an it runs 6 mph. slower. Slower cruising in evenings with a glass of wine is more fun anyway.
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1		No changes. Keep as is
1		Reasoning: I have already seen Very crowded pontoons on the lake last season. I think increased horsepower would encourage full capacity loads or even over capacity, which I believe would increase the wake since they could go faster with these larger loads, thus compromising the shoreline and safety on the lake.
1		I vote STRONGLY for the 50HP limit. Some feedback: I disagree vehemently with the comments about no pontoons being available with 50HP motors. This HP is readily available and you can see that a huge number of the pontoons on the lake have 50HP motors Pontoons are NOT the boats that I would recommend increasing the HP for. For what they do (slow speeds around lake) 50HP is just fine. For pulling tubes, the motor/fishing boats could use a slightly larger HP and they would have a much better case for the increase in HP. I bought my boat new and made an intentional decision to sacrifice performance by going with a 50HP motor (18' bass boat). I will be quite unhappy if the association no chooses to make a change in the rules to allow over 50HP. Above aside, if there is a rule change, it should be made across ALL boats in my opinion. Further, if there is an increase I would be more in favor of something akin to 90HP vs. 60HP. While I would be annoyed having just purchased my boat, this would make a lot more sense in my opinion. As always, thanks for keeping the lines of communication open
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1		HELL NO !! We need to go back to 25hp limit , thank you for your time
1		50 HP Max.

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1			50 hp. Might want to consider overall pontoon boat size limitations as well in order to keep some of the larger boats that might need larger motors off our small lake.
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1			No change unless all boats are going up to 60HP. That's stupid to have only pontoon HP go up and not fish/ski.
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1			To the board members, We really think the present size is appropriate. This isn't a race lake. Fishing boats don't need bigger waves.
1			No to increase of motor size
1			We moved here because the lake is calm and peaceful. If someone wants to load up their boat and go faster they should go to Otter. Thank you!
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	1		60 hp for everything. Different limits for different boats is going to cause issues and confusion.
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1			this is a small lake, 50hp
1			50 hp max anything higher defies the logic for shoreline maintenance as well as boater and swimmer safety
	1		Hello, I would like to weigh in on increasing the HP limit from 50 HP to 60 HP. I have been looking into purchasing a pontoon boat and having to stay at 50HP or below limits my options drastically. In my opinion increasing the limit to 60 HP would not create any safety hazards nor be detrimental to shoreline, actually will help to get the toon up on plane quicker decreasing the amount of large wakes created. My vote is increase the HP. Thank You.
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1			NO change needed or necessary under any circumstance.
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1		<p>I would be in support of this change, but I would really like the subject of allowing pontoons to pull tubes revisited. I can't understand why this is prohibited. While I'm at it, I don't understand the no floating dock rule either. If the board is afraid members will use old metal barrels for floats, just specify that they have to use commercially manufactured floatation designed specifically for that purpose and have a mandatory inspection before the planks go on.</p> <p>Sorry for the unsolicited input, I support and appreciate most of the rules, but there are just some rules out here that are silly and make little to no sense. I'm glad we have a new board that is questioning these things and making positive changes for the members. Keep up the good work!!</p>
1		We vote for 50 horsepower or less. Our RATIONALE is that this is a Small lake, why would you need more speed!
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	1	Not opposed. Why the change? Most pontoon boats go fairly slow anyways.
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	1	BOD should consider 60 HP across the board. Same rationale for fishing/skiing boats. i.e. availability of standard setups and there is an insignificant difference between the two size motors.
1		STAY WITH 50
	1	Don't see big difference on pontoon my vote 60hp
1		One Question: what impact will this have on the shoreline? In favor of keeping it at 50
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1		The lake is no larger only more congested than in the past. I see no need to increase the HP limit.
	1	Why only pontoon boats? Make it for all. Have you shopped for 50HP motors? They are impossible to find for replacement motors. My input !!! Thank you
1		Larger motors on boats makes them run faster creating bigger waves and wakes and causing erosion. Therefore not in favor of increasing horse power.
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1		Our lake is not big enough for 60 hp motors. 50 hp is just fine. My husband and I are very much AGAINST raising the horsepower on pontoons, or ANY boat for that matter. Our lake is too small and narrow in spots. It puts swimmers, fisherman and skiers at risk! Keep 50mph, please!
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1		Increased horsepower will increase wake size and subsequently shoreline erosion. No horsepower increase
1		Pontoons don't need speed
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	1	Okay with us :0)
1		> I remember when there was only a 35hp limit, then it went to 40hp and raised again to 50hp for basically the same reasons. Most pontoons on the lake now only have 25hp or 40hp with only a few with 50hp. Pontoons don't tow skiers or tubes just people. So no need to go faster because you have more people on board. If hp is raised for pontoons it won't be long before you are asking to raise hp for boats. They are going too fast now. Just my opinion leave at 50hp
1		I understand the market optics to go to 60hp. I think the board needs to review and investigate this further. From what I can find, most of the major boat manufacturers no longer offer a less than 60hp motor for their outboard powered pleasure boats. The 50 hp was phased out when the technology went from 2 to 4 cycles. To limit pleasure/ski/deck boats to 50 hp means there will only be older 2 cycle boats/motors on the lake. I think the limit of 60hp should be for ALL types of boats. Maybe a speed limit for pleasure boats rather than the 50hp rating is more appropriate? Therefore, unless the limit is changed for all boat types, my vote is 50hp.
	1	We agree that Sunset Lake should raise pontoon boat HP to 60 inline with market trends of stock motor offerings by retailers
1		For a board that keeps bringing up "erosion" why would this even be considered. Plus, If the motor sizes changes for pontoons it should for fish and ski as well. So, no, to bigger motors on pontoons.
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1		My opinion is that increasing horsepower on pontoon boats has very little positives. A pontoon boat is made for leisure not for speed boating. The wake that is generated by a boat is from water displacement plus force. Until a boat gets up on plane the wake increases. Most if not all pontoon boats will not plane with 60 hp. That being said, the majority of outboard motors that are 40hp and 50hp are also capable of being 60hp. The only difference is the air restrictor and the ECM. I vote absolutely no. If the increase is for all motors then there should be a discussion of pros and cons.

1		<p>wakes and even more so at higher speeds. They are not allowed to pull anything with it anyway and do not need the power. We have pontoons out here with 25's now! Erosion is becoming a serious issue in the main body of the lake and rip rap is not solving the issue. Just yesterday I was out and saw a large tree near the shore on a property and the soil was eroded back under it several feet. That tree is going to end up in the lake soon and the owners are going to have a hefty and preventable bill. Everyone has the right to two motorized boats, so let them have their pontoons for leisure and their speedboats for speed. Also, as a frequent kayaker, I can say that the huge wake these pontoons are creating will capsize a tiny boat if we do not have adequate time to turn our kayaks into the waves. If they hit us broadside it can be difficult to control.</p> <p>One other matter about pontoons... I was speaking to the owner of a local marina that told me that Sunset Lake had better hurry and set some pontoon size limits before we are over run with the extra large ones. He apparently feels we are much too small of a lake to handle them. Maybe this 50/60 debate is a symptom of that already coming true.</p> <p>I love cruising on a summer evening on a pontoon, but I hate to see them mixing it up at high speeds with smaller fishing boats and kayaks. It is a big NO for me!</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!</p>
1		Absolutely, not necessary to change. No real reason for change. Members know the current rules. Why is it necessary for change? If you don't agree with our current rules & regulations, move. Nothing is making you stay at Sunset!!!
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