



Captain's Safety Briefing

Shake the Lake Charity Fun Run – Saturday, July 12, 2025

*Rain Date: Sunday, July 13, 2025

Top Priority: Safety First

Captains, you are ultimately responsible for the safety of your vessel, your passengers, and everyone on the water around you. Please take this role seriously.

Our number one goal is for every participant to return safely. Please share in that commitment and help us ensure a fun and incident-free day for all.

This Is Not a Race -- There are no prizes for speed. Take your time and enjoy the run.

Alcohol Policy

Captains may not consume alcohol until the run is over and you're back at the final stop. You'll have plenty of time to celebrate later. Please keep an eye on your passengers—there's a lot of movement on docks and boats, and we're operating heavy machinery.

General Safety Guidelines

- All boaters must comply with Transport Canada's Boating requirements
- High Performance Boats:
 - All passengers and drivers must wear certified life jackets while boats are underway.
 - Kill Switch Lanyards: Must be worn by drivers at all times.
 - Safety harnesses must be worn if your boat is equipped with them.
- Safety Checks: Random safety inspections will take place throughout the day.
- Required Equipment: Ensure your vessel has all required safety gear on board and appropriate number of required lifejackets.
- Water Levels & Debris: Water levels are **low** this year. Be alert for floating debris, deadheads, rocks, and shallow areas.
- No Wake Zones: Please respect all speed limits and no-wake zones—we want to be good neighbors and keep the door open for future events.

Docking Etiquette

- Approach the dock slowly with lines and bumpers prepared on both sides.
- Be ready to raft off and assist neighboring boats in tying up.
- Raft off similar-sized boats where possible.
- Be patient. Use neutral often. Slow is smooth—smooth is safe.



Speed Awareness & Boat Etiquette

- Many participants are new to poker runs—there will be boats of all speeds and sizes.
- Always be aware of your surroundings—check for traffic around and behind you.
- Maintain a safe, consistent path. Only change lanes when it's absolutely safe.
- Some high-performance boats (especially catamarans) have limited maneuverability at low speeds and require wide turns.
- Boats traveling at 100+ mph can close distances rapidly. Stay alert.

Course Overview

- Please place ***Speed Class decal in a visible place on your windshield.***
- Start to line up at Lead Boat (Look for Darcy King's 28' Chris Craft GT Launch) – Will be located outside of the Belle River Channel.
- Let high-speed boats gather to the North and cruisers line up behind
- Wait for the flag and air horn at approximately **11:00 AM to signal the start.**
- Plan to drive straight with group before breaking off to your own direction.

Poker Chip Stops:

1. **Mitchell's Bay:** 37' Larson Boat will be anchored in deep water closer to Grassy—look for the ***Shake the Lake Sign.*** Signal how many chips you need as you approach.
2. **Cove's Landing:** Park along the wall out front of the patio, all the way down to Cove's Marina. If the wall is full, be aware you may need to raft off fellow boaters. Please have all fenders out and ropes ready and help your neighbours.
3. **Ruscom River Barge:** Will be parked out front of Ruscom Conservation area. The barge is steel -- Approach slowly for a rolling stop only on side where there are tire fenders. Chip will be passed via Fishing Net. Remain in neutral and take off very slowly as to not disturb the band. Where possible, a swim to the chip or tender is preferred.
4. **Splashbanas at Belle River:** Will be parked in semi-deep water off the beach. Approach slow and signal how many chips you need. Will be passed via Fishing Net.
5. **Sandbar Waterfront Grill:** Follow direction of dock staff. Please advise dock staff if you had selected Sandbar for lunch, or are just arriving for a chip stop. They will provide docking space accordingly. Please be aware you may need to raft off depending on time of day. Be prepared with all fenders and ropes.
6. **Harbour House:** Radio to Channel 68. Follow directions of Lakeview Marina/City Windsor staff for well assignment. Larger boats will need to park on wall. Plan to work to Harbour House to collect your chip.
7. **Windsor Yacht Club:** Radio to Channel 68. Follow directions of the Harbour Master for well assignment – Please advise if you are arriving for lunch or a short chip stop. Be prepared for raft of in the EAST Harbour.



***Key Points:**

- Follow directions of Harbour Master or Docking Staff
- Advise if you are arriving for Lunch or a short Chip Stop
- Always be prepared for possibility of rafting off – In the event of a raft off, have all fenders and ropes ready and help your neighbours. Dock staff cannot board private vessels to help in this case.

Final Return:

- Plan to return between 4:00–4:30 PM to ensure you have enough time to collect and submit your poker hand by the 7:30 PM Deadline.
- If you are taking the Shuttle, please check the Shuttle Schedule and plan to make the shuttle times. There are limited shuttle times!

Let's have a safe and unforgettable Shake the Lake in Memory of Shawn & Brian!

Captain Name Printed: _____

Captain Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Signature indicates that you have Read, Understand, and Agree to follow All Safety Guidelines.*

Boat / Vessel: _____