

## **10. Vessel Speed Restrictions**

No person operating a motorboat shall approach or pass another boat in a manner, or at a high rate of speed, which creates a hazardous wake or wash. No person shall operate any motorboat less than two hundred (200) feet off of the shoreline, unless they are operating at idle speed. All boats must be operated at 10 miles per hour or less between sunset and sunrise.

### **“Idle Speed” or “No-Wake - Idle Speed”**

When you see buoys or signs indicating Idle- or No-Wake Speed, they indicate a boating restricted area established to protect the safety of the public, protection of ecological resources and property. Idle speed means the slowest possible speed, not exceeding five miles per hour, so as to maintain steerage with minimal wake.

## **11. Mooring to Markers or Buoys**

It is illegal to moor or attach a boat to a buoy (other than a mooring buoy), beacon, light, or any other navigational aid placed on public waters by proper authorities. It is also illegal to move, displace, tamper with, damage, or destroy any navigational aid.

## **12. Reckless and Careless Operation**

Operating a boat or PWC in a manner that unnecessarily endangers a person or property of another person is considered dangerous. If you interfere with another person's lawful use of public water or obstruct a legally permitted marine event you may also be charged. Should you be ticketed by a law enforcement officer for one of the crimes listed below, you could have points assessed against your driver's license.

Examples of dangerous operation on a PWC are: ·

- Weaving through congested traffic; ·
- Following a watercraft that is towing other individuals; ·
- Jumping the wake of another watercraft; ·
- Cutting between a boat and an individual being towed; ·
- Crossing paths with another vessel when vision is obstructed; and ·
- Steering toward an object or person in the water and turning sharply at close range.

Other operating violations include: ·

- Operating a PWC while facing backwards. ·
- Operating a boat at speeds of more than 10 miles per hour between the hours of sunset to sunrise. ·
- Loading the boat or PWC beyond the recommended capacity shown on the capacity plate or recommended by the manufacturer. ·
- Causing a hazardous wake or wash from your boat or PWC. ·
- Boating in restricted zones (safety zones and ecological zones) without regard for other boaters or persons, posted speeds, and wake restrictions.