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# Title V: LAKE CARROLL RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Excerpt: § 53.05 WATERCRAFT.

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#### (A) DEFINITIONS.

**AIRBORNE DEVICE.** An invention for the purpose of being moved or conveyed by or through air behind a watercraft.

**COMPETENT.** An individual capable of assisting a person in case of injury or accident.

**FISHING BOAT.** A boat having a maximum length of 21 feet and propelled by a motor with a maximum of 25 horsepower.

**IDLE SPEED.** Operating a vessel at the minimum speed that allows you to maintain steering and make headway with no wake.

**JET PUMP BOAT.** A boat propelled by a jet pump with a reverse deflector having a minimum length of 17 feet and having the transom exhaust below the water level.

**MEMBER DESIGNEE.** A person appointed by a Primary Member, Co-Member, Associate Member or Commercial Member. Family Members may not appoint **MEMBER DESIGNEES**.

**MOTORBOAT.** Any vessel propelled by machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion. All motorboats manufactured after 1960 shall be equipped with an effective underwater exhaust system. Exception: Those boats manufactured prior to 1960 or continually registered prior to January 2001 at Lake Carroll may use an above water exhaust system.

**NO WAKE ZONE.** An area of the lake where watercraft maintain an idle speed.

**PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE.** A device, life jacket, that is U.S. Coast Guard approved.

**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.** A vessel that uses an inboard motor powering a jet pump as its primary source of motor power and that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. This includes vessels that are similar in appearance and operation but are powered by an outboard or propeller-driven motor.

**PLOWING.** The operation of a watercraft that causes a large wake by keeping the bow of a watercraft raised to force the stern deeper into the water.

**PONTOON.** A non-planing flat boat with two (2) or more cylinders underneath running the length of the boat; boat including cylinders having a maximum length of 25 feet, measured from the forward most point to the aft most point including cylinders, swim platform, decking, hooks, or lift eyes, excluding the motor.

**POWER TURNS.** When a watercraft makes a sharp turn at cruising speed which creates a large wave or wake.

**RECKLESS.** (See definition in § 53.02(A).)

**RUNABOUT, DECK BOAT, SKI BOAT or BASS BOAT.** A motorboat not to exceed 21 feet, maximum length measured from bow to stern transom, excluding swim platform and motor(s).

**SAILBOAT/SAILBOARD.** Any watercraft propelled by a sail or canvas with a maximum length of 24 feet.

**SKIERS.** Any individual or individuals being towed on skies, tubes, wakeboard, etc.

**VESSEL or WATERCRAFT.** Every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except a seaplane on the water, air boat, inner tube, air mattress or similar device, and boats used for concession rides in artificial bodies of water designed and used exclusively for such concessions; exception: any watercraft used by LCA for Maintenance purposes.

**WAKE.** The waves that a boat leaves behind as it slices through the water.

**WAKEBOARD BOAT.** A watercraft that is designed to create a large, specially shaped wake, for a wakeboarder to jump the wakes from side to side doing aerial tricks.

**WAKEBOARDING.** A surface water sport which involves riding a wakeboard over the surface of a body of water. The wakeboard is usually towed behind a motorboat.

**WAKESURF BOAT.** Commonly a watercraft with an inboard motor that uses ballast, hydrofoil, or hull technology to weigh down a rear corner of the watercraft to create a large wake for surfing.

**WAKESURFING.** A water sport in which a rider trails behind a boat, riding the boat's wake without being directly pulled by the boat.

(B) RULES OF MEASUREMENT.

(1) A motorboat is measured from end to end along the centerline and parallel to the centerline. The measurement is from the outside of the hull, including pontoon cylinders, but does not include outboard motor(s), brackets or other attachments and fittings such as rudders, bowsprits, or bumpkins. See illustrations.

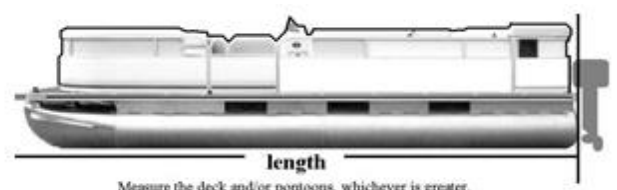
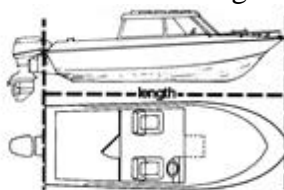
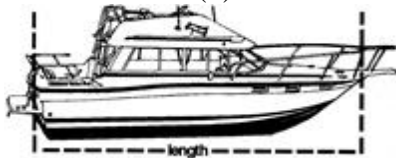
(2) To ensure compliance, all boats registered as **PONTOON** as defined in division (A) above must be measured by a Lake Carroll Security Officer upon initial registration with Lake Carroll.

(3) To ensure compliance, all boats registered as **RUNABOUT, DECK BOAT, SKI BOAT OR BASS BOAT** as defined in division (A) above must be measured by a Lake Carroll Security Officer upon initial registration with Lake Carroll.

(4) To ensure compliance, all **JET PUMP BOAT** registered, as defined in division (A) with the LCA office must be visually inspected and measured by a Lake Carroll Security officer upon initial registration with Lake Carroll.

(Change BOD Approved 10-24-2014; Effective 1-1-2015)

(5) How to measure a Boat Length:



(6) All watercraft shall be a maximum width of eight (8) feet six (6) inches at the widest point including rails, bumpers, etc.

(C) REGULATIONS

(1) All statutes of the State of Illinois, as set forth in the “Boat Registration and Safety Act” 625 ILCS 45/1 et seq., are hereby made a part of the regulations to be applicable to the operation of watercraft on Lake Carroll waters.

(2) Members must sign-off on all current watercraft rules and acknowledge responsibility for their guests and their guests’ actions upon yearly registration prior to decal issuance.

(3) Member owners shall be accountable for any violations and subsequent fines incurred by their guests.

(4) When a powered watercraft is in operation on Lake Carroll there must be at least one (1) person, Member or Guest, on the watercraft or in-tow with proof of their current Lake Carroll Boat Safety Certification.

(5) All watercraft shall operate at idle speed in marked “no wake” areas including marinas, bays, and the 100 feet adjacent to the shoreline in the main body of the lake. (No wake is defined in division (A) above.)

(6) The entire body of the lake is a no wake zone between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

(7) Swimming is restricted to the beach and no wake areas, but shall exclude the East and West Marinas and the windwing of the East Marina.

(8) Watercraft propelled by human power are restricted to the no wake areas. Should the need arise to cross the lake; this shall be done by following the quickest and shortest route.

(9) All watercraft shall, as best as possible under the circumstances, travel in a counter-clockwise direction at all times.

(10) At all times when any watercraft is under power, all persons therein shall remain inside the watercraft. No persons shall sit on the bow or hang over the gunwales.

(11) Use of any towed or self-propelled airborne devices with the intention or ability to sustain air for more than five (5) seconds such as, but not limited to, parasails is prohibited.

(12) A towing vessel must not enter into any 100-foot No Wake area(s) with a skier, but a skier may swing into the 100-foot no wake area to drop skis.

(13) A towing vessel must reduce speed before making turns to pick up downed skiers, tubers, etc. to avoid power turns.

(14) A towing vessel may pull a tube or similar device at no-wake speed in no-wake areas excluding the no wake area in the West Marina.

(15) All watercraft and skiers must observe a 75-foot distance from other watercraft.

(16) When towing a person on water skis or a similar device,

(a) The towing vessel must have a capacity of at least three (3) persons and must be occupied by at least two (2) competent people, one (1) of which must be observing the person being towed at all times.

(b) The operator of any watercraft that is towing a person or persons shall display on the watercraft a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag shall be displayed at the highest point of the area surrounding the boat’s helm as to be visible from all directions, continuously, while the person or persons being towed depart the boat in preparation for towing and until reentry into the boat when the activity has ceased. Display of the flag for purposes other than the activity described in this Section is prohibited. 625 ICSC 45/5-14

(c) Use of an orange Skier Down Flag is required to be raised when the person(s) being towed have fallen. The Skier Down Flag must stay raised and kept in motion until the person(s) being towed have been taken back into the vessel or are again being pulled

behind the vessel. Keeping this flag in motion will differentiate this flag from the State required towing flag (above).

(Change BOD Approved 11-16-2012; Effective 1-1-2013; revised 4-24-2015)

(17) Docking lights are to be used only when docking your watercraft. No docking lights may be used while in open water.

(18) Boat Launch Areas.

(a) Boat dock usage at the boat launch areas shall be carried out expeditiously for loading and unloading of equipment.

(b) Docking of watercraft in the boat launch areas in order to use the beach area, picnic area or overnight purposes shall be prohibited.

(c) Short-term docking for use of the beach and picnic areas for daily or weekly use shall be permitted in designated areas only.

(d) Daily and weekly boat slip reservations are available and must be obtained from the West Marina concession when staffed. Reservations will still be taken at the LCA Office.

(19) All persons under the age of 13 in a watercraft, which is underway, must wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) (as defined in division (A) above.)

(20) Age of Operator less than 18 years of age.

(a) The minimum age for solo operation of any type of watercraft (excluding human powered watercraft) is a person 16 years old who has a valid driver's license, and is in possession of a boating safety certificate issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or equivalent.

(b) Beginning with the CY-2001 Lake Carroll boating season, persons younger than 16 may obtain a boat safety certificate but may not operate watercraft solo on Lake Carroll waters though they may do so elsewhere if not prohibited.

(c) Persons who are at least 12 years of age but younger than 18 years old may operate watercraft on Lake Carroll waters if accompanied on the watercraft and under the direct control of a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.

(d) Children who are at least 16 years old but younger than 18, must have their boater safety certification card in their possession while he or she is operating a watercraft solo.

(Rules adopted by Board action for CY-2001 and beyond.)

(21) At no time shall any person move or tamper with any marker or No Wake buoy on Lake Carroll waters.

(22) Speed Limit: The speed limit on the lake shall be 40 mph from sunrise to sunset and no wake from sunset to sunrise.

(22) Operation of wakesurf boats should be as follows:

1. If your wake is to your port (left) side, you shall drive closer to the shoreline buoys to allow your wake to disperse to the middle of the lake.

2. If your wake is to your starboard (right) side, you shall drive closer to the middle of the lake to allow your wake to disperse before hitting the shoreline.

(23) Plowing is only allowed as a transition from idle/no wake speed into plane. Plowing for any distance other than the aforementioned wakesurf boats is not allowed.

(D) REGISTRATION.

(1) All watercraft either used or moored on Lake Carroll waters shall have current State of Illinois registration as required by statute and shall be registered with the LCA Office.

(a) All members in good standing shall present the LCA Office with the following items in order to secure registration for their watercraft:

1. A copy of the State Certificate as issued by the Department of Natural Resources showing the current State watercraft registration;

2. A certificate of liability insurance showing \$500,000 liability coverage for all watercraft;

3. A current member's identification card confirming that the property owner is a member in good standing;

4. By calendar year 2001 and thereafter, members in good standing possessing watercraft (excluding human powered watercraft) must have at least one (1) "member" (as defined in the By-Laws) per lot who has obtained a boater safety certificate.

5. Effective January 1, 2006, members possessing watercraft (excluding human powered watercraft) must have at least one (1) "member" (as defined in the By-Laws) per lot who has completed the LCA Boat Safety Quiz. Exception: those members who have passed the IDNR test prior to 1-1-2006.

6. Temporary proof (i.e.: boat safety, watercraft registration, insurance binders, etc.) will only be accepted upon first LCA registration. Subsequent registration will require permanent documentation.

(b) Registration decals shall be displayed on the watercraft prior to the watercraft being launched or moored within Lake Carroll's boundaries.

(c) Said registration decals shall be displayed on the watercraft in the following manner:

1. One registration decal shall be placed on the starboard (right) side and to the rear of the watercraft; and

2. Another registration decal shall be placed on the port (left) side and to the rear of the watercraft.

3. Both decals to be visible above the water line.

(d) All watercraft shall also be identified by section and lot number in the following manner:

1. One set of numbers shall be placed on the starboard (right) side adjacent to the Lake Carroll decal.

2. Another set of numbers shall be placed on the port (left) side adjacent to the Lake Carroll decal.

3. All numbers to be visible above the water line.

(2) All boat trailers must be identified with the section and lot number of the owner on the tongue of the trailer.

(3) Only the Board of Directors has the right to deny or revoke any registration at any time due to carelessness or reckless operation, repeated violations or regulations, or any other reason pertaining to the safety and wellbeing of the boating community as a whole.

(4) (a) There shall be a limit of four (4) watercraft (excluding human powered watercraft) registered per dues-paying lot at Lake Carroll; the classification of watercraft for purposes of registration is as follows:  
(Revision effective 6-26-2009)

(b) A MAXIMUM of four (4) watercraft from the following:

1. Runabout/Deck Boat, Ski Boat, Surf/Wakeboat, or Bass Boat (max. length of 21 feet).

2. Pontoon (max. length of 25 feet).

3. Personal watercraft (a maximum of two (2) per dues-paying lot).

4. Fishing Boat (max. length of 21 feet and max. 25 horsepower).

5. Sailboat (max. length of 24 feet).
6. Jet Boat (min. length of 17 feet).

(Category added January 2006)

(5) Contiguous lots that have been replatted into one (1) lot and are required to pay two (2) dues will be treated as two (2) lots relative to watercraft registration.

(6) Watercraft belonging to non-members is prohibited from use on the lake, except as addressed in the following division (D)(7).

(7) Members in good standing shall have the privilege of gaining access to the lake with watercraft that they have rented for that purpose.

(a) Said access must be approved by the LCA Office prior to the boat being allowed on the Lake.

(b) This approval shall be obtained in the following manner with documented proof:

1. A copy of the rental agreement from a commercial rental agency (or boat dealer);

2. A certificate of liability insurance showing \$500,000 liability coverage on the watercraft;

3. There is a registration fee; said registration receipt shall be displayed on the watercraft in a conspicuous manner at all times the watercraft is in Lake Carroll waters.

(Revised 11-17-2006)

(E) GUEST USE OF WATERCRAFT: Guests of Lake Carroll Members or their member designees may use a property owner's watercraft when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Must be a member designee.

(2) Operating the watercraft registered to a property owner; and,

(3) Following all rules and regulations including, but not limited to, safety equipment and safe behavior, season and hours of use, and age restrictions of operators.

(4) Must pass the LCA Boater Safety Quiz and show proof of completion upon request.

(F) WATERCRAFT DEALERS - USE OF THE LAKE.

(1) Watercraft Dealer must be an LCA Member in good standing

(2) Must provide proof of commercial insurance; minimum of \$500,000.

(3) A "dealer placard(s)" will be assigned to the Watercraft Dealer by the Admin. Office.

(4) Placard allows watercraft to be used in Lake Carroll by dealer, or dealer representative, for potential purchase demonstrations only.

(5) If a watercraft identified with a dealer placard is found to be used on Lake Carroll for purposes other than demonstrations, the placard(s) will be returned to the office and the dealer will forfeit his or her rights to demonstrate during the rest of the current year plus the following year.

(G) INFRACTIONS, FINES AND PENALTIES.

(1) Security personnel have the authority to immediately remove an operator and watercraft from the lake for recklessness for a period of up to 24 hours.

(2) See § 50.22 and/or reference the Security Fine Table - § 50.24.  
(R&R, Ch. I, § D) (As amended 2-24-2001)