

Boating laws are important because they are meant to keep us all safe. They carry penalties if not followed and they also keep our loons safe!

For the complete list of boating laws and to sign up for a boating safety course, please visit the Wisconsin DNR's website:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat>

Sand Lake is a beautiful retreat for all of us – boating safely will allow us to keep it this way!

BOATING SAFETY ON SAND LAKE

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HIGHLIGHTED REGULATIONS

Vessels

- it is illegal to operate a vessel within **100 feet** of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or swimmer at a greater than "**slow, no wake speed**"
- it is illegal to operate a vessel in a **circuitous manner** within 200 feet of another vessel or person in the water
- it is required that navigation lights be displayed between **sunset and sunrise** and during periods of restricted visibility
- it is illegal to chase, harass, or disturb wildlife**

Personal Watercrafts (PWC)

- PWCs cannot be operated between **sunset and sunrise**
- a PWC can not be faster than a "slow, no wake" speed within:
 - 100 feet** of any other vessel, dock, pier, or raft
 - 200 feet** of the shore
- PWCs cannot be operated within **100 feet** of a vessel towing or person being towed

Age Restrictions

- a person **older than 12** may operate a motorboat or a PWC if they have completed the boaters safety course

Towing (includes skiers, tubers, wakeboarders...)

- it is illegal to bring a vessel that is towing someone within **100 feet** of any anchored boat, PWC, or public boat landing
- it is illegal to tow from **dusk to dawn**
- it is illegal to **weave** your towing vessel through congested waterway traffic
- when a vessel is towing, you must have an **observer** or a wide-angled rearview mirror

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)

- all vessels, including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation device or PFD for **each person on board**
- every person** on board a PWC must **wear** a PFD
- all children under 13 must wear PFD when on a vessel**

Intoxicants

- it is illegal for a person to operate a motorboat or use water skis, a surfboard, or other device if they:
 - are **under the influence** of an intoxicant or a controlled substance or...
 - have a **blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or greater**

Due to nesting loons and unmarked shallow rocky areas, The Sand Lake Association requests boaters have a MINIMAL WAKE at the north and south ends (areas with red shading).

