

CHAPTER 13 - BOATING

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13.1 BOATING REGULATIONS.

(1) GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) INTENT.

The intent of this Ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of the aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resources of Lac La Belle located in the Village of Lac La Belle.

(b) APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

The provisions of this Section shall apply to the waters of Lac La Belle within the jurisdiction of the Village of Lac L Belle. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by law enforcement officers having jurisdiction on the waters of Lac La Belle.

(c) STATE BOATING AND WATER LAWS ADOPTED.

The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and relating water activities and safety as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.50 to 30.71, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted and, by reference, made a part of this Ordinance. Any future

amendments, revisions, or modifications of the statutory regulations incorporated herein are intended to be made part of this Ordinance.

(2) MISCELLANEOUS BOATING REGULATIONS.

(a) Safe Operation Required.

No person shall operate, direct, or handle any watercraft in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy, frighten, or endanger the occupants of his/her or other boats.

(b) Right-of-way at Docks, Piers, and Wharves.

Boats leaving or departing from any pier, dock, or wharf shall have the right-of-way over all other watercraft approaching such dock, pier, or wharf.

(c) Littering and Polluting Prohibiting.

No person shall directly or indirectly deposit, place, or throw any can, paper, debris, refuse, garbage, solid waste, or liquid waste into the water of Lac La Belle.

(d) Continuous Circles Prohibited.

No person shall repeatedly operate or use any motor boat or personal watercraft in a circuitous course with a diameter of less than two-hundred (200) feet at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.

13.2 NIGHTTIME LAKE SPEED LIMIT.

No person shall operate a motor boat on Lac La Belle at a speed in excess of ten (10) mph between sunset one day and sunrise on the following day.

13.3 EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE AT TIMES OF HIGH WATER.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **HIGH WATER.** Means when the waters of Lac La Belle exceed 2.80 feet measured at the fourth bay from West Wisconsin Avenue down from the top of the existing concrete abutment of the Lac La Belle Dam (outlet of Lac La Belle). This represents an elevation that is eight (8) feet above normal summer water levels. Upon reaching and/or exceeding this level for twenty-four (24) hours, a Slow No Wake condition will automatically be in effect. The Slow No Wake requirement will automatically be removed when the elevation is at or below 2.97 feet, six (6) feet above normal summer water levels. Under all other circumstances, either the Mayor of the City of Oconomowoc, Town Chairman of the Town of Oconomowoc or Village President of the Village of Lac La Belle by a 2/3 vote may make a high water declaration.

(b) **SLOW NO WAKE,** has the meaning specified in Wis. Stats. § 30.50(12).

(c) **MOTOR BOAT,** has the meaning specified in Wis. Stats. § 30.50(6).

- (2) **SLOW NO WAKE SPEED REQUIRED.**
No person shall operate a motor boat at a speed in excess of slow no wake on Lac La Belle for a period commencing two hours after a high water condition has been declared until the declaration of a high water condition is repealed.
- (3) **NOTICE.**
Notice of a high water condition shall be posed at the public launch site and by publication of a notice in both the “Oconomowoc Enterprise” and “Focus” and by public service announcements on radio and television. Posted notice shall state the time of the declaration of a high water condition.
- (4) **POSTING REQUIREMENTS.**
Ordinance Section No. 13.03 shall be posted at all public boat launching sites on Lac La Belle.
- (5) **CRITERIA TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.**
Ordinance Section No. 13.03 shall not become effective unless the City of Oconomowoc, the Town of Oconomowoc, and the Village of Lac La Belle having jurisdiction over the lake, have enacted identical ordinances, or unless at least two (2) of said municipalities having jurisdiction over the lake have enacted identical ordinances, and at least sixty percent (60%) of the footage of shoreline of the lake is within the boundaries of the enacting municipalities.
- (6) **MONEY DEPOSITS.**
Any officer arresting a person for violation of a provision of this section who is unable to bring the person arrested before a court of appropriate jurisdiction without unnecessary delay shall permit such person to make a money deposit as provided by law. Such deposit shall be made to the Chief of Police.

13.4 – 13.09 RESERVED.

13.10 PENALTIES.

- (1) Violations of Section 13.01(1).
- (2) Violators of section 13.01(1) of this Chapter shall be subject to the Wisconsin State Boating penalties as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.80, as amended from time-to-time, which are adopted by reference and are applicable to violations of that Section.
- (3) Violations of Section 13.01(2) through 13.02; and 13.04 through 13.09.
- (4) Violators of sections 13.01(2) through 13.02 and 13.04 through 13.09 of this Chapter shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Section 15.04 of this Code.
- (5) Violations of Section 13.03 shall be subject to a forfeiture if not less than one dollar (\$1.00) or more than two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned in the county jail one (1) day for each twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) owed.

