

**TOWN OF STEPHENSON  
ORDINANCE NO. 121 – 2004  
BOATING/PERSONAL WATERCRAFT  
ON NEWTON LAKES**

An ordinance to regulate all watercraft upon Big Newton and Little Newton Lakes in the Town of Stephenson, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof:

The Town Board of the Town of Stephenson, of Marinette County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

**Section I Intent** The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest, and the capability of the water resources.

**Section II Applicability and enforcement** The provisions of this ordinance apply to all watercraft and may be enforced by persons authorized by the Town Board of the Town of Stephenson.

**Section III Definitions**

- (a) Slow no-wake – means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steering control.
- (b) PWC – means a motor boat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designed to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling or sitting astride the water craft.
- (c) Shore Zone - all surface water within 200 feet of shoreline or island(s).

**Section IV Rules of operation**

- (a) All watercraft, boats and PWC use a counter clockwise rotation on lakes.
- (b) Personal watercraft cannot operate at speeds in excess of slow no wake within 200 ft. from shore and 100 ft. from boats, rafts, docks and other PWCs.
- (c) All watercraft, boats and PWC will be restricted from operating at speeds in excess of slow no wake within 100 ft. of the area designated for swimming or boat landing area and no watercraft allowed in the swimming area at any time.
- (d) All watercraft, boats and PWC, shall be operated at a slow no wake manner within the shore zone.
- (e) Newton Lakes are slow no wake lakes between 6 PM and 10 AM.
- (f) Usage for PWC's above slow no wake allowed from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- (g) Usage for boats above slow no wake allowed from 10 AM to 6 PM.
- (h) PWC can operate at slow no wake anytime except from sunset until sunrise.
- (i) Boats can operate at slow no wake anytime.
- (j) No person shall operate ANY watercraft or permit any person to water-ski or engage in other similar water activity on waters of Big Newton and Little Newton Lakes in such an improper, careless or negligent manner that in any way may endanger the health or safety of persons or property.

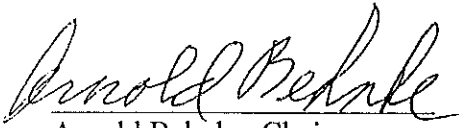
**Section V Posting requirements** The Town of Stephenson shall place and maintain a copy of this ordinance at Big Newton Lake and Little Newton Lake public access points.

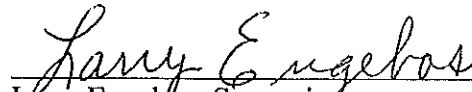
**Section VI State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted** State boating laws as found in WSS30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.


**Section VII Penalties** Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in WI Stats 30.80 and deposits as established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

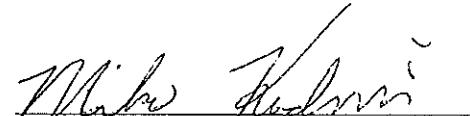
**Section VIII Severability** In the event that any section or sections above shall be ruled unconstitutional by any competent court, such determination shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the other sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Stephenson on this 11th day of March, 2004 and shall take effect upon publication.

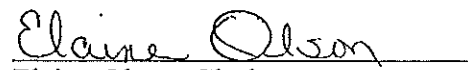
  
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