

Belle Plaine Ordinance 1-18  
Local boating regulations

Section 1(a) Applicability, (b) Restrictions, (c) Enforcement (d) Repeal

**(a) Applicability:**

A sole ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of Pine, Grass and Round Lakes (also known as Cloverleaf Lakes) and Long Lake located in the Town of Belle Plaine in the County of Shawano and prescribing Town of Belle Plaine penalties for violations thereof.

The Town Board of Belle Plaine of Shawano County ordains as follows:

**(b) Restrictions**

**Slow-no-wake**

No person may operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the designated areas, bays, or zones of Pine, Grass or Round Lakes that are clearly marked and identified by slow-no-wake waterway markers. The following Waterway Marker Buoys will be placed at intervals that accommodate boating traffic and are in line of sight of each other.

**Regulatory markers.** Buoys indicating the swimming area on Pine Lake shall read SWIM AREA; buoys warning of the walleye bed area shall read ROCK; and buoys indicating the slow no-wake area in Grass Lake shall read SLOW NO WAKE.

**Areas Designated:** The areas designated shall be as follows: Swimming Area: Section 34 Township 26 Range 15E. 50 feet by 100 feet at Sandy Beach.

GPS coordinates: N44.688881, W88.653430

N44.688790, W653350

Walleye Bed Area: Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. 50 feet by 50 feet at northwest corner of Pine Lake.

GPS coordinates: N44.690195, W88.661761

N44.690510, W88.660810

N44.690390, W88.661294

Slow No-Wake Areas: Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. 100 feet by 100 feet at southwest area of Grass Lake.

GPS coordinates: N44.688581, W88.669770

N44.688938, W88.670476, N44.689110, W88.671013,

N44.689071, W88.671578, N44.688758, W88.671900,

N44.688258, W88.671881, N44.688965, W88.671222,

N44.688965, W88.670315, N44.687811, W88.669950

Also Channel between Pine and Grass Lakes. Section 33 Township 26 Range 15E. Approximately 275 feet wide and 550 feet long marked by SLOW NO WAKE buoys at each end and in the center.

GPS coordinates: N44.688600, W88.664163

N44.688406, W88.665800

N44.688394, W88.666710

Round Lake is permanently designated as a Slow No-Wake lake for the entire lake because it is less than 50 acres, by state law.

**Slow-no-wake During Periods of High Water**

No person shall operate a boat faster than "slow-no-wake" in the waters of Long Lake when the water level exceeds the 1 foot level on the marker located on the seawall at W8179 Long Lake Drive. When this slow-no-wake restriction is in effect, orange flags will be raised on three designated docks on the lake.

**Hours of Operation**

No person may operate a boat faster than slow no-wake between the hours of 6 p.m. and sunrise on Grass or Pine Lakes or 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. on Long Lake. Slow no-wake means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

**Direction of Travel Boating Traffic**

No person may operate a boat in a clockwise direction of travel between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time from one week before Memorial Day until one week after Labor Day on Grass or Pine Lakes.

### **Water Skiing, towing, personal watercraft**

No person shall water ski or operate any motorboat towing a person engaged in water skiing, towing a water device, tubing, surfing or operate a personal watercraft or similar activity during the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. local time on Pine or Grass Lakes or Long Lake.

### **Wildlife harassment**

It is unlawful to chase, harass or disturb wildlife including ducks, geese or loons with a watercraft.

**(c) Enforcement** This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin

### **(d) Repeal of conflicting ordinances**

Any and all former ordinances or parts of ordinances regulating boating upon the waters listed in this ordinance that are in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by this governing body are hereby repealed. Town ordinances repealed and replaced by this document include but are not limited to the following Town Ordinances: Ordinance 23, Ordinance 24, Ordinance 36-95, Ordinance 36-96 and Ordinance 6-05.

### **Section 2 Intent**

The intent of this ordinance is to provide for the safety, welfare, healthful conditions and enjoyment of recreational boating enthusiast and riparian landowners consistent with public rights, interests and capabilities of the waterways listed.

### **Section 3 State Boating and Definitions Adopted**

State boating laws and definitions found in Wisconsin State Statutes 30.50 are adopted by reference.

**Section 4 Waterway Marker** (a) Placement (b) Maintenance (c) Buoy Standards (d) MOUs and Contracted Services

#### **(a) Placement of Waterway Markers**

An approved Waterway Marker Permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is required prior to any buoy placement per Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 5.09(3).

#### **(b) Maintenance of Waterway Markers**

The Waterway Marker Permit Applicant is responsible for the placement, maintenance and upkeep of said buoys pursuant to NR 5.09(4).

#### **(c) Buoy Standards**

Buoys will conform to Specifications for Waterway Markers as stated in NR 5.09(6)

#### **(d) Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Contracted Services**

Any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance, after an approved waterway marker permit from the DNR has been issued specifically for the care of, placement, pulling, storage and maintenance of any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance may be placed by the named entity, club, group or association that enters into a written MOU or contracted service with the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County. In addition, the Town of Belle Plaine or the named entity, club, group or association; may at any time change, amend or terminate such agreement for any cause and will shall give immediate written notice of such change, amendment or termination of such agreement to the Town of Belle Plaine.

**(e) The named entity**, club, group or association that enters into a written MOU shall have in their possession before placement of any and all waterway marker(s), buoys and or signs identified in this ordinance an approved Waterway Marker Permit (WWMP) or copy of WWMP, from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, as required prior to any buoy placement.

**Section 5 (a) Posting and Publicizing of Boating Related Ordinance (b) Recording and Filing of Boating Related Ordinance**

#### **(a) Posting and Publicizing of Boating Related Ordinance**

The Town of Belle Plaine shall provide and maintain a sign with a minimum of 3 inch lettering stating "Local Ordinance" and be posted at each public landing. The sign shall list, in letters with a minimum height of one inch, a summary, synopsis, or outline of those regulations more restrictive than state law, or shall contain a map made of a durable material showing those areas with local restrictions, or both.

#### **(b) Recording and Filing of Boating Related Ordinance**

The Town of Belle Plaine shall send a complete signed copy of the enacted ordinance to their local Department

of Natural Resource Office or Recreational Safety Warden, per Wisconsin State Statute 30.77(4) and NR 5.15 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**Section 6 Penalties**

Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in Wisconsin State Statutes 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not more than \$50 for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than \$100 upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.

**Section 7 Severability**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town of Belle Plaine would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 8 Effective Date**

This ordinance will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

This ordinance passed on the 8th day of January 2018.

Signed Alvin Bartz  
Chairperson

Kris Vomastic  
Clerk