

ORDINANCE NUMBER 127

A sole ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of Pokegama Lake and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

The Town Board of the Town of Chetek do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- a. The provisions of the Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Pokegama Lake from the southeastern aspect of Pittman Point to the County Highway M bridge.
- b. This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of County of Barron or any other authorized official acceptable to the Barron County Sheriff and/or WI Department of Natural Resources.

Section II. Intent

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

Section III. State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

Section IV.

"Slow-No-Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section V. Controlled Areas

No person shall at any time operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of Pokegama Lake beginning at the southeastern aspect of Pittman Point to the County Highway M (Taft's) bridge. This slow-no-wake zone then continues north as regulated under Town of Chetek Ordinance number 118.

Section VI. Posting Requirements

The Town of Chetek shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this ordinance and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town.

Section VII. Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s 30.80, Wis Stats., are adopted by reference.

Section IX. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board 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 of 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 X. Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage, Wisconsin DNR approval and publication as required by law.

Passed this 13th day of April 1999.