

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 9.25 REGARDING BOATING AND SWIMMING REGULATIONS ON SPRING LAKE

The Village Board of the Village of Palmyra does ordain as follows:

SECTION. 1. Section 9.25 of the Municipal Code of Palmyra, Wisconsin is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

9.25 BOATING REGULATIONS. Section 9.25 shall apply to Spring Lake.

(1) WATER TRAFFIC. Water traffic on Spring Lake is defined as all moving objects controlled by man or his agencies on the surface of the lake.

(2) TRAFFIC LANE AND DEFINITION OF EQUIPMENT.

(a) A traffic lane is hereby established embracing the surface of the lake in its entirety excepting therefrom a line parallel to and 100 feet distant from the shore and such greater distance as shall be necessary to clear projecting piers, wharves and structures a distance of 50 feet from the projecting extremities thereof. Also all that area west of a given line directly north of Shore Drive north to Highway 59.

(b) The word "motorboat" where used in this section shall include amphibians and all other aircraft while resting or operating on the surface of the water and generally every vessel propelled by machinery.

(3) RULES AND CLEARANCE.

(a) When 2 boats are approaching each other "Head on Head" or nearly so (so as to involve risk of collision) it shall be the duty of each boat to bear to the right and pass the other boat on its left side.

(b) When boats approach each other obliquely or at right angles the boat approaching on the right has the right of way.

(c) Vessels leaving a dock, pier or wharf shall have the right of way over all other vessels approaching the same.

(d) All motorboats must be driven at all times in such a manner as to be under complete control and must be driven at a speed that is reasonable and safe. When outside the traffic lane motorboats shall travel at a substantially reduced speed.

(e) All motorboats when approaching a zoned area indicating special hazards shall be operated in accordance with the marked buoy.

(f) No motorboat nor any boat, equipped with an outboard motor, being driven at a speed of more than 5 miles per hour, shall pass within 100 feet of, or be operated in a circular course repeatedly around a moored boat any occupant of which shall be engaged in fishing.

(g) The drivers of all boats by means of which aquaplanes or water skis or similar objects are being towed, and the riders of such objects must conform to the same rules and clearance as provided in this section for motorboats.

(h) No boat shall be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity nor in excess of the passenger capacity as fixed and determined by the certificate of seaworthiness and passengers capacity issued for each boat.

(i) No person shall operate a boat while intoxicated.

(j) No person shall swim beyond 100 feet from shore unless accompanied by a manned boat for each swimmer.

(k) A sailboat has the right of way when approaching other moving vessels.

(4) -REFUSE. No person shall deposit, place or throw from the shore or from any boat, raft, pier, platform or similar structure any cans, paper, bottles, debris, refuse, garbage, solid or liquid waste into the water of Spring Lake,

(5) DAM VIOLATION

No person shall at any time tamper with the dams or its appurtenances unless so instructed by the proper authority.

(6) SPEED. All motorboats shall be driven at a speed slow enough so as not to create a wake. Only during the following hours is water skiing and a greater speed permitted.

Sunday 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.
Monday 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.
Tuesday 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.
Thursday 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.
Wednesday 3:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.
Friday 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Saturday 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M

(7) DISTANCES. When operating at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour during the permitted hours, motorboat operators shall not travel closer than 100 feet to the shore or another boat nor closer than 50 feet to any pier or raft. When operating at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour, the operator of a motorboat shall not permit water-skiers or other objects towed by his boat to travel closer than 100 feet to the shore or another boat nor closer than 50 feet to any pier or raft. All motorboat traffic on Spring Lake shall be in a counter-clockwise direction.

(8) LIFE PRESERVERS. No person shall operate or ride in a boat unless that boat contains a life preserver for each person in the boat. All water-skiers shall wear a life preserver.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance, is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Dated September 4, 1973