

TOWN OF MANITOWISH WATERS - ORDINANCE No, 3-69

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the operation and control of all boats on the public waters in the Township of Manitowish Waters, Vilas County, Wisconsin, according to Wis. Statute 30.50 thru 30.80 (1972), and in the interest of public health and safety.

1. EQUIPMENT: Lighting and safety to be provided properly as stated in Wis. Statutes 30.61 and 30.62. (Note: Wis. Statute 30.62 (2)-"The engine of every motorboat propelled by an internal combustion engine shall be equipped with a muffler so constructed and kept in constant operation that it prevents excessive or unusual noises at all times while engine is in operation." Attention is also called to Dept. of Natural Resources Publication 716-69, "Wisconsin Boating Regulations.

2. SPEED RESTRICTIONS: In all channels speed to be maximum of 5 (five) M.P.H., as posted with buoys in accordance with WCD 5.09 Wisconsin Administrative Code. In open waters, speed to be reasonable and prudent. There will be no power boat racing without express permission of the Town Board.

3. PROHIBITED OPERATION:

- (1) No person shall operate a boat while under the influence of an intoxicant, narcotic drug or dangerous drugs.
- (2) No power boat shall be operated by a person who by reason of age, physical or mental disability is incapable of operating such a boat in a proper manner.
- (3) No person shall operate a motor boat repeatedly in a circular course around any other boat or around any person who is swimming, if such circular course is within 200 feet of such swimmer or boat.
- (4) No person shall operate a boat within a water area which has been clearly marked by buoys or some other distinguishing device as a bathing or swimming area.
- (5) No person shall anchor any boat in the traveled portion of any channel or river or in any traffic lane established and legally marked.

4. WATER SKIING:

- (1) No person shall operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water-skiing or aquaplaning or similar activity except between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., local time.
- (2) Water skiing and aquaplaning are forbidden in any channel or river of this Township.
- (3) All water-skiing and aquaplaning is confined to the open lakes of the Township and neither towing boat nor the rider shall approach another watercraft closer than 200 feet, further, neither towing boat nor rider shall approach any shore or dock closer than 200 feet, except starting out from or returning to a landing which must be from the lake shores only. Departure point and landing must be one and the same.

5. HOUSEBOATS: Houseboats are forbidden to operate on the waters of this Township; a houseboat is defined as a boat which provides living quarters for one or more persons. Each day this section of the ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

6. Town Ordinance No. 1-65 is hereby repealed.

7. PENALTIES: Any person violating any provision of this ordinance or the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 30.50 thru 30.80 shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both, for the first offense and fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both, upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year. Those convicted under provisions of 30.67(1) "Failure to Render Aid," and 30.68(1), "Intoxicated Operation," shall be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both for each conviction. Any one convicted of moving, tampering with, destroying or attempting to destroy, or mooring or fastening to any marking buoy will be fined \$100 or imprisoned not more than 90 days or both.

8. REGULATION: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after passage and posting and shall be enforced by any duly authorized officer of the Town of Manitowish Waters, County officers and Department of Natural Resources Officers.

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