

An ordinance to regulate water traffic and boating upon the waters known as Ambro Slough, Town of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

The Town Board of the Town of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

(a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of the Town of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, within the area of the Ambro Slough, as described particularly under Section V, herein below.

(b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Town of Prairie du Chien and/or by any authorized officer of the State of Wisconsin 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 interest, 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., insofar as they may be pertinent to this ordinance, are hereby adopted by reference, or as subsequently amended, insofar as pertinent hereto.

Section IV. Definitions

(a) "Slow-No-Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

Section V. Controlled Area

No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of the Ambro Slough, in the following described areas:

Area I. All that portion of Ambro Slough south of that certain east-west line extended west from the northern boundary of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service boat ramp located off Ambro Road on the Ambro peninsula, and north of that certain east west line extended west from the southern boundary of the boat ramp of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources located off Ambro Road on the Ambro peninsula.

Area II. All that portion of the Ambro Slough which is bounded on the north by a certain east-west line extended 300 feet west from the southern boundary of the boat ramp of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources located off Ambro Road on the Ambro peninsula; bounded on the west by a certain line parallel to the shoreline of the Ambro peninsula, and 300 feet west of said shoreline, running south from the aforescribed DNR boat ramp, to a line extended west from the southernmost point of the Ambro peninsula; bounded on the south by a certain east-west line extended west from the southern most point of the Ambro peninsula a distance of 300 feet; and bounded on the east by the shoreline of the Ambro peninsula between the described east-west lines.

Restrictions in both areas shall only from May 15 to September 15, of each year, and only at such times as appropriately marked by controlled area buoys.

Section VI. Posting Requirements

The Town of Prairie du Chien shall place and maintain a copy this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Prairie du Chien.

Section VII. Penalties

Any person who shall violate any provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction of such violation forfeit not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and shall forfeit not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year together in each case with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs and prosecution shall be imprisoned in the Crawford County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

Section VIII. 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 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 IX. Effective Date

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

Passed this 7th day of June, 1993.