

CHAPTER 20

BOATING - MINOCQUA LAKE AND MID LAKE

20.00(1) PURPOSE

Being a joint, uniform and identical Ordinance by the Municipalities surrounding Minocqua Lake, Mid Lake and Thoroughfare, Oneida County, Wisconsin, regulating the equipment, use and operation of boats and other watercraft on said Lakes in the interest of public health and safety pursuant to Section 30.77 (3) Wisconsin Statutes.

The Town Boards of Minocqua and Woodruff Townships, each being a municipality as defined in Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes, being aware of and recognizing the hazards to person and property from the use and occupancy of boats and other watercraft during storms and from the presence of fire or other forms of heat aboard the same, and accidental burning therefrom, and also the possibility of intentional or accidental littering and polluting of the lake from such use and operation and the presence of motors and equipment using flammable liquids, and from the presence of such flammable material; and each having jurisdiction of a portion of Minocqua Lake, Mid Lake and Thoroughfare, being inland lakes, located in Oneida County; Wisconsin, which county does not operate any marina development adjacent to said lakes, do ordain jointly and identically in conformity with Section 30.77(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes as follows:

20.00(2) ENFORCEMENT:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Minocqua and Woodruff Boat Patrols and Police Departments.

20.00(3) DEFINITIONS.

Definition used in Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference.

20.00(4) SLOW NO WAKE.

Means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

20.00(5) SLOW-NO-WAKE AREAS DESIGNATED.

(a) Lake Minocqua:

(1) Highway 51 bridge, 200 feet east, and 100 feet west.

(2) Bearskin Hiking Trail Trestle near the intersection of Park and Front street, 100 feet north and 200 feet south

(3) Bearskin Hiking Trail Trestle between Minocqua and Kawaguesaga Lakes, 500 feet east of the channel entering Lake Kawaguesaga to 200 feet west of the trestle.

(b) Thoroughfare Road Bridge located in the channel between Lake Minocqua and Lake Tomahawk, 400 yards north of the bridge to 100 feet south of Stolp Island, also known as Maru Island, located in S34, T39, R6, Pt G.L.

1 Is. in S W COR. 1.20A, Maru Island.

(c) The thoroughfare between Minocqua Lake ending at its opening in Mid Lake.

20.00(6) STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.

The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water and ice, traffic, boats, boating and related water and ice activities, ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are by reference adopted in its entirety. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any statute incorporated by reference herein is required or prohibited by this subchapter.

20.00(7) SPECIAL EVENTS.

(CR. 6/14/89) There shall be no organized water events, special events or contests without the express permission of the Town Board of Minocqua and Woodruff.

20.00(8) DOCKING AT PUBLIC PIERS ON MINOCQUA LAKE.

No boat shall be left docked for more than three (3) hours at the public piers on Minocqua Lake which are located at the public boat landing on Park Street and Park Avenue, and the public piers located by the public fishing pier on Park Avenue.

(a) The penalty for overtime parking at the public piers shall upon conviction, be the forfeiture of five dollars (\$5.00) if paid within five (5) days, or ten dollars (\$10.00) if paid after five (5) days have lapsed. The penalty for continuous overtime parking at public piers shall, upon conviction, be the forfeiture of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). Continuous parking shall be defined as a boat docked three (3) or more hours after the initial parking ticket has been issued within any eight (8) hour period.

(b) Any boat parked at the public piers for more than twenty four (24) hours shall be considered abandoned, and shall be removed and stored at the owner's expense.

20.00(9) SEVERABILITY:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Minocqua and Woodruff Town Boards would have passed the other provision 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.

20.00(10) DISPOSITION OF REFUSE IN WATER.

No person shall dispose of, place or throw into any such waters within the jurisdiction of the Town, or leave upon the ice thereof, any cans, bottles, debris, refuse or other solid waste material.

20.00(11) OVERBOARD DISCHARGE SYSTEMS.

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ILHR 86.07, Wis. Stats., requires that overboard discharge systems for holding tanks, toilets, and appurtenances be permanently inactivated before any boat containing such equipment is placed in the water.

20.00(12) PUBLIC FACILITIES.

A reasonable fee may be charged and paid for the use of public boat launching facilities owned or operated by the Town, and as to boats carrying passengers for hire, such boats shall be subject to such inspection and regulations, not restricted or prohibited by statute, as may be reasonably required to provide safety and security to the crew and passengers.

20.00(13) PENALTIES.

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s.30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference.

20.02(2) ENFORCEMENT:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Minocqua and Woodruff Boat Patrols and Police Departments.

20.02(3) DEFINITIONS.

Definition used in Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference.

20.02(4) STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.

The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water and ice, traffic, boats, boating and related water and ice activities, ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are by reference adopted in its entirety. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any statute incorporated by reference herein is required or prohibited by this subchapter.

20.02(5) SPECIAL EVENTS.

(CR. 6/14189) There shall be no organized water events, special events or contests without the express permission of the Town Board of Minocqua, Woodruff, Lake Tomahawk and Hazelhurst.

20.02 (6) SEVERABILITY:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Minocqua, Woodruff, Lake Tomahawk and Hazelhurst Town Boards would have passed the other provision 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.

20.02(7) DISPOSITION OF REFUSE IN WATER.

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20.02(8) OVERBOARD DISCHARGE SYSTEMS.

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20.02(9) PUBLIC FACILITIES.

A reasonable fee may be charged and paid for the use of public boat launching facilities owned or operated by the Town, and as to boats carrying passengers for hire, such boats shall be subject to such inspection and regulations, not restricted or prohibited by statute, as may be reasonably required to provide safety and security to the crew and passengers.

20.02(10) PENALTIES.

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20.03 BOATING: CLEAR LAKE.

(1) INTENT.

The intent of this section is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and capability of the water resource.

(2) APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

The provisions of this section shall apply to waters of Clear Lake within the jurisdiction of the Town of Woodruff. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the officers of the Water Safety Patrol and Police

Department of the Town of Woodruff.

(3) RESTRICTED AREAS.

(a) No person shall operate a motor boat at a speed greater than slow-no wake in the following area when posted by regulatory buoys: The entire channel between the north and south basins of Clear Lake, T39N, R7E, Sec. 9.

(b) No person shall operate a boat in the following area, except for an emergency or rescue operation, when marked by swimming buoy: The east shore of the channel between the north and south basins of Clear Lake in T39N, R7E, Sec. 9, adjacent to land owned by Red Pine Camp for girls, Inc., specifically described as an area 200' from Shore for a distance of 300' parallel to shore that encloses the swimming raft and piers.

(4) WATER SKI PICK-UP AND DROP AREA.

The following area is designated as a public water ski pick-up and drop area when marked by buoys: The southeast shore of the north basin of Clear Lake in T39N, R7E, Sec. 9, encompassing a pier owned by and adjacent to property of Red Pine Camp for Girls, Inc., more specifically described as from 100' each side of such pier extending out 200' lakeward.

20.04 INTERNAL COMBUSTION MOTORS ON CERTAIN LAKES PROHIBITED.

(1) No person shall operate a boat powered by an internal combustion engine and no owner of a boat shall allow his boat to be so operated on the following lakes: Sureshot Lake, Zottle Lake, Three Little Lakes and Miller Lake.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to make it illegal for any boat to be powered by an electrically powered motor.

(3) "Boat" as defined by 530:50(2), Wis. Stats., and adopted by this section means every description of watercraft other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

20.05 DISPOSITION OF REFUSE IN WATER.

No person shall dispose of, place or throw into any such waters within the jurisdiction of the Town, or leave upon the ice thereof, any cans, bottles, debris, refuse or other solid waste material.

20.06 OVERBOARD DISCHARGE SYSTEMS.

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20.07 PUBLIC FACILITIES.

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20.08 GENERAL INCORPORATION.

Insofar as applicable and authorized, such other regulatory provisions under SS 30.77, Wis. Stats., not herein specifically covered and not prohibited or restricted to this Town, shall be incorporated herein so as to protect the health and welfare of the public in the lawful use of the inland waters for recreation, fishing, swimming and other proper uses within the jurisdiction of this Town.

20.09 STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.

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20.10 PENALTIES.

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