

## CHAPTER 12 BOATING REGULATIONS

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12.01 APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the waters of Balsam Lake within the jurisdiction of the Village of Balsam Lake, which waters are those located in Sections 2 and 3 of Township 34 North, Range 17 West, Polk County, Wisconsin.

The provisions may be enforced by the Village Marshal, water safety patrolman or Village Trustee of the Village, or any sheriff or deputy sheriff of Polk County, Wisconsin, or any warden of the Wisconsin Conservation Department.

12.02 STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED. The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin statutes, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any statute incorporated by reference herein is required or prohibited by this chapter:

- 30.50 Definitions
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- 30.53 Identification Number to be Displayed on Boat; Certificate to be Carried
- 30.54 Transfer of Ownership of Numbered Boat
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### 12.03 SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS.

- (1) No person shall operate a motorboat at high speeds on a course parallel to the shoreline within 200 feet of said shoreline, and any operation within such distance to the shoreline shall be reasonable and prudent.
- (2) No person operating a motorboat shall approach a swimming area within a distance of 200 feet in excess of 5 miles per hour, or operate a motorboat in excess of 5 miles per hour within a distance of 100 feet from any canoe or rowboat.

### 12.04 OPERATION BY MINORS AND OTHERS.

- (1) No person shall operate a motorboat who is less than 12 years of age unless accompanied by a competent adult person.
- (2) No person shall operate a motorboat with a motor in excess of 10 horsepower unless such person is over 16 years of age or accompanied by a competent adult.

12.05 WATER SKIING. No motorboat shall be operated towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device unless operated by two competent persons, one of whom shall maintain a sufficient lookout ahead and one of whom shall face the stern in such operation.

12.06 LIGHTS. No person shall operate any boat or permit any water contrivance owned by him of any nature whatsoever, except floating docks within 200 feet of the shoreline, on the waters of Balsam Lake to be operated or anchored during the hours of darkness unless such boat or contrivance shall have lights displayed and operating, when necessary.

12.07 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in section 15.04 of this Code. Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense. This section shall not preclude any appropriate action to prevent or remove a violation of this Chapter.

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