

An Ordinance to Regulate water Traffic, Boating and Water Sports upon the Waters of Merrilan Lower Lake, and Prescribing penalties for Violation Thereof

The Village Board of the Village of Merrilan, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Tower Lake, which are within the jurisdiction and within the corporate limits of the Village of Merrilan. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Village of Merrilan.

Section 2. State Boating and Water safety Laws Adopted.

Section 3. Speed Restrictions. No person shall operate a boat at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.

Section 4, Capacity Restrictions. No person shall operate or loan, rent or permit a boat to leave the place where it is customarily kept for operation or the waters covered by this ordinance with more passengers aboard than there are seats in said boat nor with passengers or cargo in excess of the capacity recommended by the manufacturer's rating or if such boat is a canoe with more than the following number of person aboard: Canoes 16 feet or under--no more than 2 persons; canoes over 16 feet to 18 feet--no more than 3 persons; canoes over 18 feet to 20 feet--no more than 4 persons.

Section 5. Additional Traffic Rules.

(a) Right of Way at Docks, Piers and Wharves. Boats leaving or departing from a pier, dock or wharf shall have the right of way over all other watercraft approaching such dock, pier or wharf.

(b) Right of Way of Sail Boats. Boats propelled entirely by muscular power shall yield the right of way to sail boats when necessary to avoid risk of collision.

Section 6. Safe Operation Required. No person shall operate, direct or handle a boat in such manner as to unreasonably annoy, unnecessarily frighten or endanger the occupants of his or other boats.

Section 7. Littering Waters Prohibited, No person shall deposit, place or throw from any boat, raft, pier, platform or similar structure any cans, paper, bottles, debris, refuse, solid or; liquid waste into the water of the lake.

Section 8. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than \$1 nor more than \$100 together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned in the county jail until full payment thereof is made, but not exceeding 50 days,

Section 9. Wisconsin Statutes Defined. Wherever used in this ordinance the term Wisconsin Statutes shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes of 1963.

Section 10, Effective Date. Clerk's Duty, (a) This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as provided by law. (b) The clerk is directed to file a copy of this ordinance with the Wisconsin Conservation Commission in Madison, Wisconsin.

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