

**WHITE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
TOWN OF MONTELLO, MARQUETTE COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01  
SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTIONS ON WHITE LAKE  
DURING HIGH WATER PERIODS**

**WHEREAS**, the White Lake Management District is authorized to enact and enforce ordinances regulating the use, equipment and operation of boats on White Lake, which is located wholly within the boundaries of the Town of Montello and the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in enacting this Ordinance, the District Board has considered the type, size, shape, depth and any features of special environmental significance of White Lake, the amount, type and speed of boating traffic on that water body, boating safety and the degree to which the boating traffic on these water bodies affects other recreational uses and the public's health, safety and welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources.

**WHEREAS**, the District Board finds that an ordinance establishing a slow-no-wake speed for watercraft on White Lake is necessary in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the State's natural resources, specifically to protect against shore erosion and degradation of water quality and the fishery when the lake's water level is excessively high.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the White Lake Management District Board of Commissioners hereby enacts an Ordinance to regulate the speed of watercraft operating on White Lake when that is necessitate by high water conditions as set forth below:

**Section 1. AUTHORITY.** This Ordinance is adopted by the White Lake Management District Board of Commissioners pursuant to the powers granted by Wis. Stat. §30.77(3)(ar) and the delegation of authority to the District pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Montello under to on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Section 2. APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of White Lake, Town of Montello, Marquette County, Wisconsin. This Ordinance may be enforced law enforcement officers of Marquette County Sheriff, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the District.

**Section 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the characteristics of White Lake, including prevention of damage to property and the lake's aquatic ecosystem.

**Section 4. DEFINITIONS.** In this Ordinance “SLOW-NO-WAKE SPEED” means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

**Section 5. SLOW-NO- WAKE DURING HIGH WATER PERIODS:** No person shall operate a boat or watercraft faster than slow-no-wake speed on the waters of White Lake when the water level of the lake exceeds 95.8 feet based on the local benchmark located at W1904 White Lake Court.

**Section 6. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this ordinances shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the District would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 7. PENALTIES.** Wisconsin state boating law penalties as found in Wis. Stat. §30.80 and the deposits established in the latest *Revised Uniform Deposit for Conservation, Environmental Protection, ATV-UTV, Boat, OHM and Snowmobile Violations Schedule* adopted by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference, except for any references therein to fines amended to forfeitures or to imprisonment.

**Section 8. POSTING REQUIREMENTS.** The District shall place and maintain a synopsis of the ordinance consistent with the requirements of Section NR-5.15, Wis. Adm. Code at all public access points on White Lake.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, posting, publication and the District’s receipt of an advisory review report from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Wis. Stat. §30.77(3)(d).

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the above ORDINANCE 2019-01 was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the White Lake Management District Board of Commissioners held this 7 day of December, 2019 on a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Noes.

Catherine Kielich, its Secretary  
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