# BOATING ORDINANCE Town of Jackson Burnett County, Wisconsin



The Town Board of the Town of Jackson do ordain as follows:

#### Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of North Sand Lake.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the Burnett County Sheriff's Department, Town Constable of Jackson Township and officers of the Burnett County Water Parol.

# 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 interests, 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 are adopted by reference.

#### Section IV No Wake Areas

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed faster than "Slow -No Wake," as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as "that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control." Said "No Wake" areas are:

(1) The channel between Thompson Bay and North Sand Lake, and Thompson Bay itself.

This area will be indicated by a buoy placed at the entrance to Thompson Bay.

## Section V Markers and Navigational Aids

#### Posting Ordinance

(a) Duty, the Township of Jackson shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township.

### Section VI Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80 are adopted by reference.

# Section VII Severability

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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 VIII Effective Date

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

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.

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# CONDITION REPORT

The local conditions necessitating this regulation is that a narrow channel connects Thompson Bay with North Sand Lake. Because of the lack of state regulation and because of the danger of a boating accident, with boats traveling at a high rate of speed, this channel and Thompson Bay should be a "Slow - No Wake" area. At the present time, boats travel through this channel at a high rate of speed, creating an unsafe boating environment. This Ordinance would prevent boats from traveling in the channel at a high rate of speed and would protect public rights, interests and the capability of the water resource.

If this ordinance is not adopted, the impact on public health, safety or welfare could be great, creating a condition where the prospect of a boating accident is great.

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