

# MARINE MANNERS AND REGULATIONS

Consideration of others, common sense and adherence to the following marine manners and regulations will permit everyone to have fun on the water safely. Established "Zero Tolerance" policies apply to marine law, and will be strictly enforced.

## NOTICE: TO ALL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS AND LAKE USERS

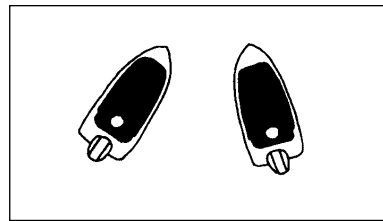
You alone are responsible for the safe navigation and operation of your watercraft and your safe use of Walloon Lake. The Walloon Lake Association has installed certain buoys, and may continue to do so in the future, but these are not navigational buoys which insure adequate depth or obstacle avoidance for all watercraft, nor may the accurate placement or operating condition of such buoys be relied on. You should exercise caution and use your own best judgement as you operate a watercraft, swim, dive or otherwise use Walloon Lake. If you elect to navigate by reference to buoys, you do so at your own risk.



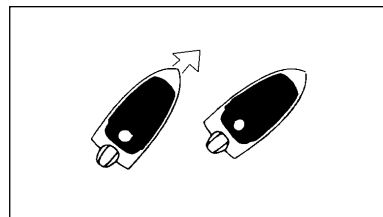
**1. Power boats should stay well clear of all other boats, including sailboats, fishing boats and boats towing skiers. Sailboats always have the right-of-way over boats under power.**

**2. The following right-of-way rules apply to power boats:**

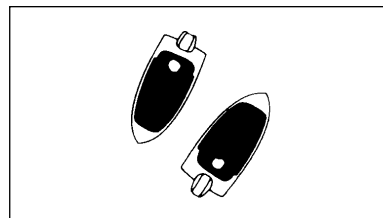
A. On crossing courses, the boat to the right (starboard) has the right-of-way.



B. A boat overtaking and passing a slower boat must stay clear until well ahead.

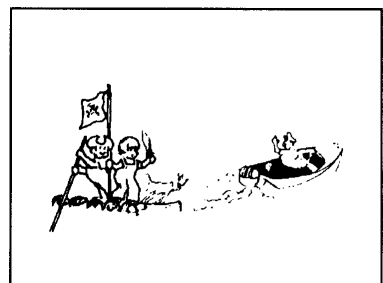


C. When power boats are meeting head-on, or nearly so, both boats should change course to the right (starboard) and pass on the right (left-to-left).

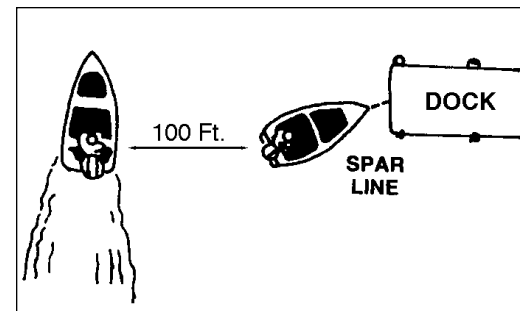


**3. Speed should be dictated by water, visibility and traffic conditions.**

It is recommended that speed not exceed 35 m.p.h.; it must never exceed 55 mph. At night, speed should be reduced and extra attention should be given to locating other boats, both moving and moored.



**4. The line of ramps, buoys, docks and moored boats must be cleared by at least 100' by power boats moving faster than slow, no-wake speed; fast boats should clear by at least 300'.** (For reference the typical water ski line is 75'.) Boats approaching or leaving docks should go through the line of ramps, etc., at approximately right angle to the shore at no more than 5 MPH with no wake.



**5. Swimmers should not swim outside the line of rafts, buoys and moored boats unless accompanied by a boat. All boats must be very alert for swimmers, especially near the shore.**

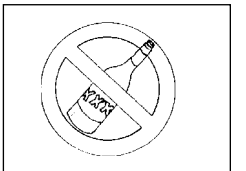
**6. Water skiing pick-ups and drops should not be made in congested areas.** Ski boats must be occupied by two qualified persons, one to operate the boat and the other to observe the skier. Water skiing is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

**7. Running lights are required between sunset and sunrise. A 360° white stern light is particularly important..**

**8. Power boats must not approach closer than 200' to scuba divers (identified with a red flag with white diagonal stripe).**

**9. All boats must have an approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person, and boats over 16' must also have a throwable PFD. Children age 6 and under must wear a Type I or II PFD at all times when riding in the open deck area of a boat.**

**10. No one under the influence of intoxicating beverages or a controlled substance may operate a boat. The same laws apply on the water as on the highway, and strong penalties apply.**



**11. A fully charged fire extinguisher (Coast Guard Type B-1) is required on all powerboats (except outboard motor boats less than 26', which are of open construction and have no permanent gas tanks installed). They are, however, highly recommended for all powerboats.**

**12. Personal Watercraft ("PWC") are powerboats and must follow the same rules of the road as a runabout or large yacht.** This includes observing swimming areas, "no wake" zones and other restrictions.

*The following laws also control their use:*

1. All people on or towed by a PWC must wear a wearable type PFD.
2. Legal operating hours are 8:00 am until one hour **before** sunset.
3. No wake jumping, weaving in heavy boat traffic, coming unreasonably close to other boats.
4. No carrying and/or towing more people than the PWC was designed to carry.
5. Must observe 100' rule and not jump wakes closer than 150' from the boat making the wake.
6. Young people, under 14, cannot operate.
7. Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978 needs a boating safety certificate.
8. Kill switch lanyard must be used if PWC has the system.
9. Person owning or in charge of PWC cannot allow young people to operate illegally.
10. A person shall not operate a PWC if a child under 7 is on board **or towed** unless the child is with a parent or guardian, or a designee of the parent or guardian.

In addition, it is recommended that PWCs ride quietly away from the shore and enjoy their ride, tricks, spin-outs, etc., in the middle of the lake and away from other boating traffic. PWCs should change their mid-lake location often and return to the shore quietly.