

BOHNERS LAKE LOCAL ORDINANCES

SWIMMING

1. No person shall swim or snorkel from any boat beyond the slow-no-wake zone, unless such boat is anchored and attended by an observer inside the boat and the swimmers stay within twenty five feet of the boat. — 11.12.01 0(A)
2. All boats accompanying distance swimmers must have a dedicated observer and a Type IV personal flotation device. — 11.12.010(8)
3. No swimming outside of the shore zone from sunset to sunrise. — 11.12.01 0(C)

WATERSKIING OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

1. No towing of more than 2 persons behind one motor boat. — 11.12.020(A)
2. Towing must be done in a counter-clockwise pattern. — 11.12.020(8)
3. No towing may occur in the shore zone. — 11.12.020(8)

MOTORBOAT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION LIMITS

1. No operation above slow-no-wake within any shore zone. — 11.12.030(8)
2. No operation above 40 mph unless authorized. — 11.12.040(8)
3. When operating above slow-no-wake, all watercraft must operate in a counter-clockwise direction around the perimeter of the lake. — 11.12.040(0)
4. No operation above slow-no-wake between 7 pm and 10 am. — 11.12.0s0(b)

GENERAL CONDUCT

1. No person shall leave, deposit, place or throw any cans, bottles, debris, refuse or solid waste material of any kind. — 11.12.060
2. No person under the age of 21 may operate a motor boat with a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.0 percent but not more than 0.1 percent. — 11.12.070(A)
3. No person under the age of 21 may possess alcohol on a boat. — 11.12.080
4. No person in either a public or private place may engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonable loud or otherwise disorderly conducted under circumstances that tends to cause or provoke a disturbance. — 9.947.01 (1)

FROZEN WATER

1. Any ice shanty left standing and unattended after sunset shall be marked by red or orange reflective stripe at least 4 inches wide and applied in a continuous stripe on all sides, not less than 2 feet and no more than 4 feet above the level of the ice. — 11.12.100

LAW ENFORCEMENT: (262) 886-2300

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OPERATIONS VIOLATIONS

NEGLIGENT OPERATION — 30.68(2)

- No person may operate or use any boat, or manipulate any waterskis, aquaplane or similar device upon the waters of this state in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger that person's life, property or person or the life, property or person of another.

CREATING HAZARDOUS WAKE OR WASH — 30.68(4)(A)

- No person shall operate a motorboat so as to approach or pass another boat in such a manner as to create a hazardous wake or wash.

RIDING ON DECKS AND GUNWALES — 30.68(6)

- No person operating a motorboat may ride or sit, or may allow any other person in the motorboat to ride or sit, on the gunwales, tops of seat backs or sides or on the decking over the bow of the boat in an unsafe manner while under way, unless such person is inboard of guards or railings provided on the boat to prevent persons from being lost overboard.

OVERLOADING — 30.68(9)

- No person may operate, and no owner of a boat may allow a person to operate, a boat that is loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and other existing operating conditions.

WATERSKIING /TOWING — 30.69(3)(A)

- No person operating a motorboat that is towing persons engaged in waterskiing, aquaplaning or similar activity may operate the motorboat within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any personal watercraft or any marked swimming area or public boat landing.

SAFETY CERTIFICATE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATES REQUIREMENTS — 30.678

Motorboat Certificate

No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, and who is 16 years of age or older may operate a motorboat unless one of the following applies:

- The person holds a valid boating safety certificate
- The person is accompanied in the motorboat by another person who is at least 18 years of age and that person holds a valid boating safety certificate or was born before January 1, 1989.

Personal Watercraft Certificate

- No person under 12 years of age may operate a personal watercraft.
- No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, may operate a personal watercraft unless the person holds a valid safety certificate.

Proof of Certification

- Any person who is required to hold a safety certificate while operating a motorboat shall carry proof of safety certificate and shall display such proof to a law enforcement officer on request.

Failure to Secure Battery and Cover Terminals — 30.62(8)

Failure to Have an Operating Fire Extinguisher — 30.62(4)

Failure to Provide 1 Personal Flotation Device Per Person — 30.62(3)(A)

Failure to Have 1 Class IV Flotation Device on a Motorboat — 30.62(3)(A)

Operate a Vessel Without a Valid Certificate/Number — 30.51(1)

Failure to Display Registration Number/Decal — 30.523(1)

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<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes>