

The Town of Boulder Junction

Boating Ordinance

Ordinance #4-1994

Amended May 6, 1997 & May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999

A sole ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of the Town of Boulder Junction in Vilas County, Wisconsin, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

The Town Board does ordain as follows:

Section I      *Applicability and Enforcement*

- (a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the sole waters within the Town of Boulder Junction.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by any authorized law enforcement officers of the Town of Boulder Junction and any other authorized law enforcement officer.

Section II.      *Intent*

- (a) 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 resource.

Section III.      *State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted*

- (a) State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted by reference.

Section IV.      *Definitions*

- (a) *Motor Boat* means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.
- (b) *Slow-no-Wake* means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (c) *Water Ski* means a boat towing a person using water skis, an aquaplane, or similar device.

Section V.      *Water Skiing-Restricted Hours*

- (a) No person shall water ski or operate any motor boat towing a person engaged in water skiing or similar activity during the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. local time on any waters solely within the Town of Boulder Junction

Section VI.      *Motor Boat Prohibited Waters*

- (a) No person shall operate a motor boat that is propelled by internal combustion engine or engines on the following waters:

Elizabeth Lake  
Grassy Lake  
Grassy Creek from Grassy Lake to Rush Lake  
Oswego Lake  
Little Rice Lake  
Manitowish River from Fishtrap Dam to the outlet of Little Rice Lake

No motor boat lakes cont.

Fourth Puddle Lake  
Little John Jr. Lake  
Wool Lake  
Firefly Lake  
Emerald lake  
Fallison Lake  
Wildwood Lake  
Day Lake  
Edith Lake  
Rudolph Lake  
Street Lake  
Nichols Lake  
Whitney Lake  
Maple Lake  
Nelson Lake  
Manitowish River from Highway k to Riley's Camp  
Nixon Lake and Nixon Creek to the Fishtrap Flowage  
White Sand Creek from White Sand Lake to the Manitowish River

Electric motors only are permitted on said waters.

Section VII. *Speed Restricted-Manitowish River adjoining Boulder Lake; Rice Creek*

- (a) No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake on the Manitowish River from the County Highway M. bridge to Boulder Lake.
- (b) No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake on outlet of Boulder Lake from the intersection of section lines 13 and 18 through the Manitowish River, approximately 1.5 miles to the bridge at County K.
- (c) No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake on Rice Creek, from its inlet to Island Lake, through approximately 2.5 miles to the County Highway K Culvert.

Section VIII. *Special Events*

- (a) There shall be no organized water events, special events, or contests without the expressed permission of the Town Board of Boulder Junction.

Section IX *Posting Requirements*

- (a) This ordinance, or information within this ordinance, shall be prominently posted by the Town of Boulder Junction as required by s. 30.77(4), Wisconsin Statutes.

Section X *Penalties*

- (a) Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in s. 30.80, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted by reference.

Section XI *Severability*

- (a) 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.

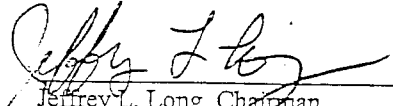
If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

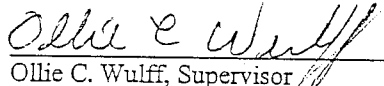
Section XII *Effective Date*

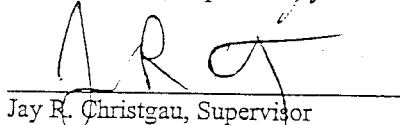
(a) This ordinance will become effective upon passage, and the day after publication.

Passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1994.

The Town Board of Boulder Junction

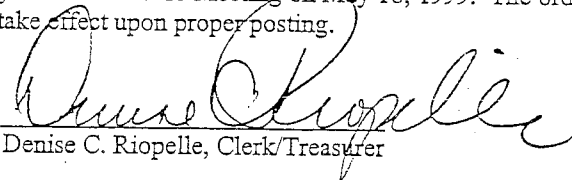
  
Jeffrey L. Long, Chairman

  
Ollie C. Wulff, Supervisor

  
Jay R. Christgau, Supervisor

The aforementioned ordinance was amended and adopted to include a slow-no-wake zone for Rice Creek at a Regular Town Board Meeting on May 6, 1997, and a slow-no-wake zone for the outlet of Boulder Lake at a Regular Town Board Meeting on May 18, 1999. The ordinance appears here in its amended form, and it shall take effect upon proper posting.

Attest:

  
Denise C. Riopelle, Clerk/Treasurer

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999