

# **TOWN & VILLAGE OF WATERFORD**

## **Boating Ordinance Summary**

This document only constitutes a summary of certain ordinances.  
No representation is made that it is all inclusive of all ordinances,  
laws and regulations

Chapter 30 of the Wisconsin Statutes is strictly enforced  
upon the Waterway within the Town and Village of Waterford.

These provisions shall apply to the waters of Lake  
Tichigan, the Fox River and the Fox River Impoundment  
within the jurisdiction of the Town of Waterford and shall  
be enforced by the Town Police Department.

#### 4.05 PROHIBITED OPERATIONS

1. No person shall operate a motorboat in a contest of speed or maneuverability, unless the contest or race is authorized by the Town Board.

2. A. On Saturdays, Sundays and recognized Legal Holidays, boats shall be allowed only one towline for the purpose of pulling no more than two persons involved in water sports activities, nor shall more than two persons allow themselves to be pulled by a motor boat operator.

B. On weekdays, boats shall be allowed no more than two toelines for the purpose of pulling no more than a total of four persons involved in water sports activities, nor shall more than four persons allow themselves to be towed by a motorboat operator.

C. All downed or dropped persons and water sports equipment shall be picked up immediately.

3. No aircraft shall be permitted to land or take off except in an emergency or as authorized by the town board.

#### 4.06 SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Boat speed must be reasonable & prudent but also must never exceed 50 miles per hour.

A maximum speed of 15 miles per hour is established from sunset to 9:00 PM and a slow-no-wake speed is established from 9:00 PM until sunrise the following day. This speed restriction applies from April 1 thru November 1.

No person may operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.

#### 4.08 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

1. All boats, while operating on the Fox River (Fox River Impoundment), shall stay to the right side of center line buoy of said River while proceeding northerly or southerly on said River. Boats travelling to and from port of call on said river shall be exempt from such travel restrictions.

2. On Saturdays, Sundays and all recognized legal Holidays, all boats traveling on Tichigan Lake shall proceed in a counter-clockwise direction.

3. All motorcraft shall keep to the right of centerline Buoy's located in the River traffic areas.

#### 4.09 LITTERING PROHIBITED

##### 1.10 SWIMMING RESTRICTIONS

On Tichigan Lake no person shall swim more than 100' from the shore unless within 50' of an anchored or attending boat.

On the Fox River no person shall swim in the traffic lane, defined as the regularly traveled portion of the river, unless accompanied by an attending boat. Such boat shall stay reasonably close to and guard such swimmer.

# PENALTY

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter or any Wisconsin Statute shall forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$1,000 or an amount allowable under State Statutes, plus the costs of prosecution, assessments or other costs, subject to any specific forfeiture limitations imposed by Wisconsin Statutes.

A violator may also be required to satisfactorily complete a safety course under Sect. 30.74(1) Wis. Statutes.

Upon failure to pay forfeiture and costs imposed by the Municipal Court, such person may be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period of up to 90 days.

The Waterford Waterway Management District is offering a One Thousand Dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone deliberately damaging the lighted Buoy's in place on the waterway.

To report an emergency call 911.

To report a non emergency call **(262) 534-2422**  
(Lake patrol dispatch)

This summary of boating laws provided by  
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