

LAKE BOON COMMISSION

The Lake Boon Commission, acting under the authority of Chapters 712 and 713 of the Special Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts of the year 1941, adopted the following rules on June 26, 1968, and has amended the same from time to time in accordance with applicable state laws.

BOATING REGULATIONS AT LAKE BOON

Rule 1.

No person operating a craft propelled by other than muscular power shall allow said craft to approach closer than seventy-five (75) feet to another craft unless said second craft is stopped and a closer approach is for the purpose of communicating with the occupants of the second craft; nor circle around any craft in a manner as to annoy or endanger the occupants of other crafts; nor pass between moored rafts or floats and the shore. No craft shall operate at a speed that endangers the life, limb or property of any person. No tow line shall exceed seventy-five (75) feet from the point of contact on tow boat to object being towed.

Rule 2.

A. EQUIPMENT

All motors or power boats on the Lake, whether or not required to be registered under State Law, shall display the lights and be equipped with a proper muffler or underwater exhaust as is or may be required by Sections 5 and 6 of Chapter 275, Acts of 1960, or acts in amendment thereof, or regulations made thereunder.

B. SPEED

- (1) No person shall operate any motor boat on the Lake at a speed that is greater than is reasonable and proper under the circumstances and conditions then existing, or operate same or manipulate any water skis, surf-board or similar device in a negligent manner so that the lives or safety of the public might be endangered.
- (2) Speed in any of the narrows shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- (3) Speed during the period from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- (4) The hours of 2-6 PM on Sundays and holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, are designated for canoeing, sailing, swimming and other non-motorized uses of the Lake, and the maximum speed of any motorboat shall be the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.

C. WATER SKIING

- (1) Water skiing and skip board riding is prohibited in the narrows between the first and second, and second and third, and third and fourth basins at all times, and prohibited on all the waters of the Lake between 2 PM and 6 PM on all Sundays and holidays including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
- (2) No person operating a boat with a water-skier, skip board rider or similar device in tow shall bring such device or rider or the boat within seventy-five (75) feet of any other boat, dock, pier, raft, wharf, float or a person or persons swimming or any part of the shore except to embark or disembark, and except as allowed under Rule 2. C. (1), in the performance of official duties or to render assistance to a boat or person in need of it.
- (3) Two persons, an operator and an observer, shall be in any boat towing a skier, skip board, or similar device.
- (4) The towing of two or more persons on skis, skip or surf board or other device is hereby prohibited.
- (5) No craft, skier, or towed object may go beyond the markers set by the Commission at Hanson's Beach except for purpose of docking at a permanent dock. Craft proceeding to dock or leaving said dock shall enter and leave without delay from the marked area and shall be operated so as not to endanger any swimmer.

Rule 3.

When any person having charge of a vessel, canoe, boat or motorboat approaches another vessel, canoe, boat or motorboat, head and head, that is, end on, or nearly so, it shall be the duty of each craft to pass on the left side of the other. But, if the course of such vessel, canoe, boat or motorboat is so far on the left side as not to be considered as meeting head and head, each shall pass on the left side of each other. When any person, having charge of a vessel, canoe, boat or motorboat overtakes another vessel, canoe, boat or motorboat, it shall be the duty of the person in charge of the overtaking boat to pass on the left side.

Rule 4.

Any person who violates any provision of the bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (50) dollars.

Rule 5.

- A. Houseboats: No vessel may be used as a residence, either permanently or temporarily, on the waters of Lake Boon.
- B. No air boat, so-called, which requires a propeller or propellers which are located above the surface of the water (and said propeller or propellers are used with a motor of more than twenty- five (25) horsepower) for the propulsion of a boat shall be used or allowed on the waters of Lake Boon except vessels as described above which are operated by any governmental subdivision or department.

RULE NO. 1 - No person shall annoy another person, or utter any profane, threatening, or abusive language, or loud outcry except for emergency; or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor or do any obscene or indecent act on the waters of Lake Boon.

RULE NO. 2 - No person shall throw any stone or other missile, or have possession of any firecracker, torpedo or other fireworks; or, except with the written authority from said Lake Boon Commission, engage in business, sell or give away any goods, wares or circulars; or post, paint, affix or display any sign, notice, placard or advertising device; or have possession of or discharge any firearm on or over the waters of Lake Boon.

RULE NO. 3 - No person shall bathe in the waters of Lake Boon except in a costume proper for bathing purposes and either at a place designated therefor or with the consent of the owner or person in possession of the land immediately adjoining such place.

RULE NO. 4 - No person shall throw, drop, or place in the waters of Lake Boon or its tributaries, any waste paper, rubbish, brush, leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, or refuse; or chemically treat the waters of Lake Boon or its tributaries without the approval of the Massachusetts State Department of Health and the Lake Boon Commission.

RULE NO. 5 - Whoever shall at any time make an opening in the ice of Lake Boon exceeding twelve (12) inches in diameter shall properly guard such opening by lights, ropes or brush so as to prevent accident.

RULE NO. 6 - No person shall use the waters of Lake Boon for the taking off or landing of aircraft, except in case of emergency to save the lives of the pilot or passengers.

RULE NO. 7 - No person shall row or paddle a boat or canoe unless able to control or handle the same with safety to himself and others; or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger the occupants or other boats or canoes, or neglect or refuse to stop the same or to place the same when stopped as directed by a police officer in uniform or who displays his badge; or abandon a hired boat or canoe or leave the same unattended by some person or fail or neglect to return the same to the place from which it was hired except with the written consent of the owner and no boats or canoes of any description shall be rented to any person under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

RULE NO. 8 - No person, without the permission of the Lake Boon Commission, may permanently moor any vessel, boat, canoe, raft or float, marker buoy, or series of connected buoys, so that any part of the same extends more than twenty (20) feet from the shore, or outside the limits of such lesser distance as may be designated by the Lake Boon Commission for particular locations, by buoys, markers or otherwise.

RULE NO. 9 - Any structure, whether fixed or floating, on the waters of Lake Boon, shall be removed or repaired within twenty (20) days after notification in writing by the Lake Boon Commission that it has been deemed unsafe for said normal use. The property owner concerned may request a Commission hearing within ten (10) days of receipt of notification in case of dispute with the Commission's findings. In which case, the property owner will have ten (10) days following final determination in which to complete removal or repair of said structure if necessary.

RULE NO. 10 - All docks, piers, floats and similar structures shall be clearly marked with the name of the owner in letters not less than three (3) inches in height and placed at the front of the dock, pier, float or other structure.

RULE NO. 11 - No person shall engage in the business of renting boats or canoes or permit their premises to be used for launching or dock facilities by other than members of their family or social guests without a Commercial Use Permit. Such permits to be issued by the Selectmen of the town in which the property concerned lies and only after recommendation of the Lake Boon Commission. The fee for such permits is five (5) dollars and they shall continue in force until December 31st of the year issued unless sooner suspended or revoked.

RULE NO. 12 - Any person who violates any rule or regulation or order of said Commission or any provision of the acts shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (50) dollars.

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