

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOATING CONTROL ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE No. 2

PREAMBLE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Grand Traverse adopts this Ordinance to promote the safe use of the waters within this County; to establish regulations relative to the use of the waters of certain lakes within this County for boating purposes in accordance with the authority granted by Part 801, Marine Safety, of Public Act 451 of 1994.

Section I: Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as “Grand Traverse County Boating Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2”

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for the operation of vessels on certain bodies of water in Grand Traverse County.

Section III: Definitions

- A. “High speed” shall mean a speed at or above which a motorboat reaches a planning condition.
- B. “Motorboat” shall mean a vessel propelled wholly or in part by machinery.
- C. “Operate” shall mean to be in control of a vessel while the vessel is under way and is not secured in some manner such as being docked or at anchor.
- D. “Operator” shall mean the person who is in control or in charge of a vessel while the vessel is underway.
- E. “Part 801” shall mean Part 801, Marine Safety, of Public Act 451 of 1994, MCL 324.80101 et seq.
- F. “Slow – no wake speed” shall mean a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal.
- G. “Vessel” shall mean every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

Section IV: Regulations

- A. On the waters of Arbutus Lakes Numbers 2, 3 and 4 (central basins), High Lake, Island Lake, Rennie Lake and Spider Lake, Grand Traverse County, State of Michigan, no operator of any motorboat shall, during the period from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. of the following day, (a) operate such motor boat at high speed, or (b) have in tow or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard or other similar contrivance.
- B. On the waters of Ellis Lake and of Arbutus Lake Number 1 (Southernmost basin) to and including the Northernmost portion of the channel connecting Arbutus Lake Number 1 and Arbutus Lake Number 2, and on the waters of Arbutus Lake Number 5 (Northernmost basin) to and including the Southernmost portion of the channel connecting Arbutus Lake Number 5 and Arbutus Lake Number 4, no operators of any motor boat shall, operate such motor boat at high speed, or have in tow or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard or other similar contrivance.

- C. In the defined channels separating Arbutus Lakes Number 1 and 2 and Arbutus Lakes Number 5 and 4, no operator of any vessel shall exceed a "slow - no wake" speed.
- D. On the waters of that part of Spider Lake lying southwest of a line drawn from a point where the North section line of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 10 West, intersects the water's edge on the Northwest shore, thence 127° true to where such line intersects the water's edge on the Southeast shore of said lake, no operator of any motorboat shall exceed a "slow -no wake" speed.
- E. On the waters of that part of Spider Lake in the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 10 West, lying between the West section line and a North-South line 430 feet East of said West section line, no operator of any motorboat shall exceed a "slow - no wake" speed.
- F. On the waters of that part of Spider Lake which lie East of a line bearing 180° true from a point of beginning which is described as the westernmost point of land which is 079° true from the point on the Western shore of Spider Lake where the North section line of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 10 West, Meets the water's edge, no operator of any motor boat shall, operate such motor boat at high speed, or have in tow or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard or other similar contrivance.

Section V: Penalty

Violations of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for such offense or imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both said fine and imprisonment.

Section VI: Miscellaneous

- A. The County Sheriff's Office shall erect and maintain beacons, markers, and other signs, as may be required by Part 801.
- B. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publications as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- C. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction the remaining portions of said ordinance shall remain in force.



Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners
of Grand Traverse County

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