



Maine Youth Camp Association

LAKE ETIQUETTE FOR CAMP MOTORIZED BOATING STAFF FROM MYCA:

The legislation that would have limited wake surfing has created more intense scrutiny of all motorized boating activity on Maine Lakes. MYCA will continue to work on best practices for camp boating to help our relationship with the boating coalition that wants to more closely regulate motorized boating on Maine lakes.

In the meantime, share with your motorized boating staff and waterfront director about driving responsibly, keeping in mind shoreline erosion, wildlife protection, other boaters and community members on your lake. Respectfully share the lake with others by:

- Drive headway speed (slowest possible) within 200 feet of shore, including islands.
- It is illegal to waterski/wakeboard within 200 feet of shore. You are allowed to “take off and drop” skiers/boarders at your dock system but it must be at a prudent, safe speed.
- Always assume others do not know where your camp typically run their boats and give right of way to others.
- When wake surfing, always aim enhanced wake away from the nearest shore.
- Keep music and voices in check (sound travels loudly over water).
- Know your rules of the road when overtaking others, observe buoy meanings, comply with controlled speed areas and when in doubt, go slow.
- Be aware of your wake. Smaller craft with limited maneuverability can be tipped over by larger wakes AND are often not easy to see.
- Identify and report invasive species to your lake association.
- What you bring to the lake, take home from the lake.
- Pick up trash in the lake if possible.
- Follow all other state rules and ACA standards, specifically regarding PFDs.
- Encourage all motorized boat operators to complete a Boating Safety course, either in-person or online.

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf>

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