

## Motorized Watercraft Operation

No operating a motorized watercraft:

- within 150 ft. of a public swimming area
- faster than headway speed (6 mph) in a public swimming area
- in the town beach cove in speeds in excess of headway speed (6 mph)
- within 150 ft./50 yards of shore or moored vessel except for headway speed
- in excess of **45 miles per hour**
- faster than headway speed between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- within 150 ft. /50 yards of the turnpike cove and Rt. 20 cove, unless at headway speed
- under the **influence of alcohol or narcotics**

Motorized watercrafts must:

- be equipped with sufficient muffler or under water exhaust which must be in use at all times.
- give right of way at all times to non-motorized crafts such as paddle boards, paddle boats, kayaks, canoes and sailboats
- keep a distance of 150 ft. / 50 yards from shore and (75 ft./25 yards ) of other motorized crafts.

Motorized and non-motorized watercrafts must :

- display running lights, red and green fore, white aft, visible 360 degrees on the horizon, from sunset to sunrise.
- Every minor under the age of 12 must wear a USCG approved PFD of type I, II, or III at all times on motorized & non- motorized crafts.

Right of Way:

- During head on approach, each motorized craft must bear right.
- When approaching at right angle, the motorized craft on the right has the right of way.

The flow of motorized crafts operating on Cedar Lake is **counter clockwise**.

## Swimming

No person to swim or float more than 50 feet from shore unless in a marked swim area or accompanied by a boat.

## Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- **No person under the age of 16 yrs. may operate a personal watercraft.**
- Operators sixteen or seventeen yrs. of age must **OBTAIN A SAFETY CERTIFICATE** given by USCG or division of Law Enforcement.
- Persons 18 yrs. of age or older may operate a PWC without restrictions.
- No operating a PWC in a **negligent manner**, such as operating faster than 45 mph, jumping or attempting to jump the wake of another vessel, following within 150 ft. / 50 yards of a recreational towing boat, weaving through congested vessel traffic, speeding in restricted areas, crossing in front of or passing unreasonably close (75 ft. / 25 yards) to another vessel ,or operating in such a manner as to endanger life and or property of another person
- **No recreational towing**
- No operating between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- All persons aboard a PWC must wear a U.S.C.G. approved PFD type I, II, III.

## For Safety's Sake

For personal safety, paddle boards, paddle boats, kayaks and canoes should stay close to shore when motorized watercraft traffic is high.

## Disposal of Hazardous Materials

When accidents happen, hopefully we are prepared. Gas and oil are not good in our lake, and we have a plan in effect to assist you and others using the lake should an accidental spill occur.

- First— Don't panic!
- Keep the water calm where the spill has occurred.
- If you feel you can't handle it yourself, or it's spreading quickly, call 911 for the Fire Dept.

## Spill Kit Location

We have a complete spill kit geared for our lake at the Host Hotel Boat House next to their dock. It contains 10 bags of Speedi-Dry for land based spills, pads and containment booms for the lake to absorb and pick up the oil in the water. These belong to the Cedar Lake Association and are free to those using our lake.



*Play it Safe on Cedar Lake!*

## Minors: Motorized Craft Operation

- A minor 12 yrs. of age and less than 16 yrs. of age may operate a motorized craft except a PWC (e.g. Jet Ski) upon completing a training course in boating safety administered by the U.S. Coast Guard or Division of Law Enforcement.
- Persons 16 yrs. of age or older may operate a boat without restrictions. For PWCs (i.e. Jet Skis), operators sixteen or seventeen yrs. of age must **OBTAIN A SAFETY CERTIFICATE** given by USCG or division of Law Enforcement.

## Recreational Towing

- Recreational towing is pulling anything such as a tube, kneeboard, wake board, or skiers
- No recreational towing unless driver is accompanied by a person who is at least 12 years old for observation of the person being towed.
- No recreational towing between the hours of sunset and sunrise as **visibility is too poor to be deemed SAFE.**
- All persons water-skiing or on a recreational tow item must wear a USCG approved PFD of type I, II, or III at all times.
- **It is illegal to engage in recreational towing using a PWC (Personal WaterCraft)**



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## References

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Massachusetts Boating Law Summary



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