



MUNDELEIN PARK &
RECREATION DISTRICT
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2024 Waters of Diamond Lake

Rules, Regulations & Ordinances



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Boat Launching and Park Regulations:

1. Keys and vessel decals are NOT TRANSFERABLE. Violator's permits will be terminated. Vehicle decal must be displayed when parking in the Boat Launch parking lot.
2. The Vessel Decal will be attached to front left side of bow on the boat/vessel.
3. The Vehicle Decal will be attached to the inside of the windshield of the tow vehicle(s).
4. The Daily Permit Hanger must be hung on the rear-view mirror of the tow vehicles.
5. Additional vehicles used for launching the boat must purchase & display an 2nd Vehicle Decal.
6. Failure to display stickers in accordance with the rules will result in a citation.
7. Any Park District citations written are the responsibility of the Permit Holder.
8. Citations must be paid within 30 days of issuance.
9. Boats will not be moored or parked on or off park property except while waiting to launch or retrieve.
10. No Swimming, No Open Fires, No Fishing, No Picnicking allowed at the Boat Launch area/park.
11. The Pier is to be used for Boat Launching purposes ONLY.
12. Use gravel lot across from 1016 Diamond Lake Road (MPRD Beach) for additional overflow parking.
13. No Parking is allowed at local area restaurants, or businesses on Diamond Lake Road.
14. Permit holder is responsible for unlocking and locking the Boat Launch gate during boat launching. At no time should the gate be left open during launching or retrieval of your vessel. Gate must be closed immediately after accessing the launch or leaving the launch area.
15. All boats launched at this site must be registered & equipped in accordance with IDNR State Boating Laws.
16. Permit holder received a copy of the Waters of Diamond Lake ~ Rules, Regulations & Ordinances.
5. All boat occupants must have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Boat refers to any and all vessels operating on the lake.
6. Children under 12 years old MUST wear a life vest at all times.
7. No wake or skiing before 7:00 am or near the shoreline, piers, and swimming areas. No wake or skiing half hour after sunset daily.
8. Observe No-Wake, Low-Wake, and Shallow zones to prevent sediment mixing.
9. Your boat/vessel must be at least 100 feet from the nearest boat/vessel at all times, while underway (moving).
10. Non-motorized boats always have the Right-of-Way.
11. If towing, you must have at least 2 people in the boat, one operator and one observing the person being towed. Vessels towing must be authorized for that purpose and have the proper occupancy rating.
12. Motorized boats must travel counterclockwise around the circumference of the lake and not near the shoreline, piers, or swimming areas.
13. No littering or polluting of the lake. Please pick up any trash you find. Keep roadsides clean of garbage or debris that can flow into the lake or storm drains.
14. Respect your fellow boater.
15. Provide help, if needed. Use common sense and follow all IDNR State Boating Laws.

Watercraft Safety Rules

1. Regulation Orange Flags **must** be flown when towing tubers, skiers, or wakeboarders. MPRD provides loaner flags. Please contact the Boat Ranger for a flag.
2. No person born on or after January 1, 1998, unless exempted by subsection (i), shall operate a motorboat with over 10 horsepower unless that person has a valid Illinois Safe-Boating Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources or an entity or organization recognized and approved by the Department. Please check IDNR website for more details.
3. No alcohol permitted on Diamond Lake. No alcohol or drug impaired boating.
4. All operators will follow the direction and assistance from the Mundelein Park and Recreational District Boat Rangers.

Flag Designations

-  **Red Flag** means boating activities reduced to NO WAKE.
-  **Yellow Flag** means CAUTION due to swimming advisory, boating advisory, etc.
-  **Green Flag** means the lake is OPEN for all activities.
-  **Black Flag** means the lake is CLOSED for all boating and swimming activities.

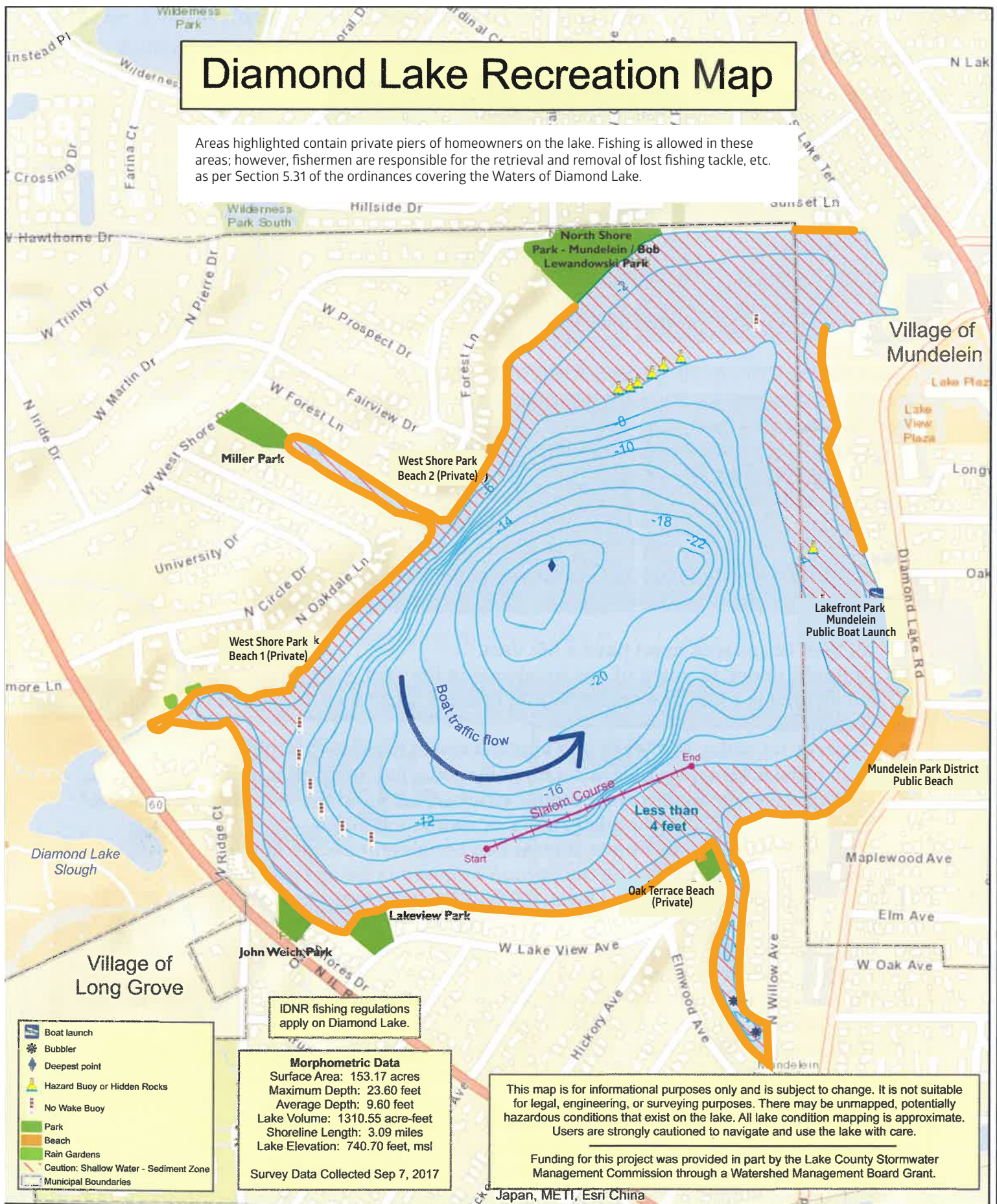
Regulations and Restrictions Governing the Use of the Park System of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, at mundeleinparks.org

The Handbook of Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities can be procured from <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf>

Ranger Hotline: 847.450.3063

Diamond Lake Recreation Map

Areas highlighted contain private piers of homeowners on the lake. Fishing is allowed in these areas; however, fishermen are responsible for the retrieval and removal of lost fishing tackle, etc. as per Section 5.31 of the ordinances covering the Waters of Diamond Lake.



MUNDELEIN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
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 Lake County Lakes Management Unit;
 Geographic Society of Chicago

Mundelein Park & Recreation District Ordinances: Chapter V

Waters of Diamond Lake - Rules and Regulations

Revised December 28, 2020, Revised April 25, 2016, Revised July 27, 2015

SECTION 5.01 POLICY

It is the policy of this Park District to promote safety for persons and property in and connected with the use, operation and equipment of vessels on the waters of Diamond Lake.

SECTION 5.02 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(A) "Vessel" or "Watercraft" means every description of watercraft, other than a sea-plane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

(B) "Motorboat" means any vessel propelled by machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

(C) "Sailboat" means any watercraft propelled by sail or canvas. Any watercraft propelled by both sail and machinery shall be deemed a motorboat when being so propelled.

(D) "Owner" means a person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a vessel.

(E) The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of a vessel subject to an interest reserved or created by agreement and securing payment or performance of an obligation, but the term excludes a lessee under lease not intended as a security.

(F) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation or organization, except the United States and the State of Illinois; and includes any agent, trustee, executor, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof.

(G) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a vessel.

SECTION 5.03 REGISTRATION NUMBER DISPLAYED

The owner shall paint on or attach to both sides of the bow (front) of a motorboat or sailboat over twelve (12) feet in length, the registration number which shall be of block characters at least three (3) inches in height. The figures shall read from left to right, be of contrasting color to their background and be maintained in a legible condition. No other number shall be displayed on the bow of the boat. In affixing the number to the boat, a space or a hyphen shall be provided between the IL and the number and another space or hyphen between the number and the letters following. The certificate of number shall be pocket size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the motorboat or sailboat for which issued. On vessels of unconventional design or so constructed that it is impractical or impossible to display identification

numbers in a prominent position on the forward half of their hulls or permanent substructures, numbers may be displayed in brackets or fixtures firmly attached to the vessel.

The owner shall display all proper registration information on the motorboat, vessel, and sailboat, watercraft that is provided by the Mundelein Park and Recreation District within the regulations provided as well as their personal motor vehicle used to tow the vessel, watercraft, motorboat, etc.

SECTION 5.04 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES Updated

(A) It is unlawful to operate any recreational boat less than sixteen (16) feet in length or a canoe or kayak unless at least one Coast Guard approved PFD of the following types or their equivalent is on board for each person: Type I, Type II, or Type III (wearable PFDs)

(B) No person may use a recreational boat sixteen (16) feet or more in length unless at least one Coast Guard approved PFD of the following types or their equivalent is on board for each person: Type I, Type II-OF Type III or Type IV.

(C) No person may use a recreational boat sixteen (16) feet or more in length except a canoe or kayak, unless at least one Type IV Coast Guard approved PFD, or its equivalent is on board in addition to the PFDs required in paragraph (B) of this Section.

(D) When assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or signaling device, there must be one (1) U.S. Coast Guard approved lifesaving device on board for each person being assisted or towed.

(E) No person may use a recreational boat unless each device required by the Section is:

1. Readily accessible.
2. In serviceable condition.
3. Of the appropriate size for the person for whom it is intended; and
4. Legibly marked with the U.S. Coast Guard approval number.

(F) No person may operate a personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft unless each person aboard is wearing a Type I, Type II, Type III or Type V PFD approved by the United States Coast Guard.

(G) No person may operate a watercraft under 26 feet in length unless a Type I, Type II, Type III or Type V personal notation device is being properly worn by each person under the age of 12 on board the watercraft at all times in which the watercraft is underway, however, this requirement shall not apply to persons who are below decks in totally enclosed cabin spaces. This provision shall not apply to a person operating a watercraft on private property.

SECTION 5.05 LIGHTS

(A) It is unlawful to operate any vessel less than twenty-six (26) feet in length unless the following lights are carried and displayed when underway from sunset to sunrise:

1. A bright, white light aft to show all around the horizon, visible for a distance of two (2) miles.
2. A combination light in the forepart of the boat lower than the white light and, showing green to starboard and red to port, so fixed as to throw a light from dead ahead to two (2) points abaft the beam on their respective sides and visible for a distance of not less than one (1) mile.

(B) Watercraft propelled by muscular power when underway shall carry on board from sunset to sunrise, but not fixed to any part of the boat, a lantern or flashlight capable of showing a white light visible all around the horizon at a distance of two (2) miles or more and shall display such lantern in sufficient time to avoid collision with another watercraft.

(C) Sailboats equipped with motors and being propelled partly or solely by such motors shall carry and display the same lights required for motorboats of the same class. Sailboats of less than twenty-six (26) feet in length, equipped with motors but being propelled entirely by sail between sunset and sunrise, shall have lighted the combination running light, but not the white light aft. Sailboats twenty-six (26) feet or more in length, equipped with motors but being propelled entirely by sail between sunset and sunrise, shall have lighted the colored side lights suitably screened, but not the white lights prescribed for motorboats.

(D) Dinghies, tenders and other "watercraft, whose principal function is as an auxiliary to other larger watercraft, when so operating, need carry only a flashlight visible to other craft in the area.

(E) Power driven vessels and sailing vessels at anchor must display anchor lights. An anchor light for a vessel less than 20 meters in length is an all-round white light visible for 2 miles exhibited where it can best be seen. Vessels less than 7 meters are not required to display anchor lights unless anchored in or near a narrow channel, fairway or anchorage or where other vessels normally navigate.

SECTION 5.06 MUFFLERS

Except in case of a motorboat actually competing in a race or regatta sanctioned by the Park District, it is unlawful to use a boat propelled in whole or in part by gas, gasoline or naphtha unless the same is provided with a stock factory muffler, underwater or other modern device capable of adequately muffling the sounds of the exhaust of the engine. The phrase "adequately muffling" shall mean that the motor's exhaust at all times be so muffled or suppressed as not to create excessive or unusual noise. The discharge of cooling water at the water line through the exhaust or an inboard engine shall be considered an adequate muffling device.

SECTION 5.07 WHISTLES

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat without a mouth, hand or power operated whistle, horn or other appliance, capable of producing a blast of two (2) seconds or more in duration and audible for at least one-half (1/2) mile. This regulation applies to all motorboats regardless of size of motor.

SECTION 5.08 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat anywhere in this State without at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher, so placed as to be readily accessible and in such condition as to be ready for immediate and effective use.

SECTION 5.09 CARBURETOR ARRESTERS

Carburetors on all engines of motorboats other than those propelled by a detachable outboard motor shall be fitted with or protected by a U.S. Coast Guard approved device for arresting backfire.

SECTION 5.10 VENTILATORS

Except for open boats, all motorboats which use fuel having a flash point of one hundred and ten (110) degrees Fahrenheit or less shall have at least two (2) ventilator ducts, fitted with cowls or their equivalent, for the efficient removal of explosive or flammable gases from the bilges of every engine and fuel tank compartment. There shall be at least one (1) exhaust duct installed so as to extend from the open atmosphere to the lower portion of the bilge, and at least one (1) intake duct installed so as to extend to a point at least midway to the bilge or at least below the level of the carburetor air intake. The cowls shall be located and trimmed for maximum effectiveness and in such a manner so as to prevent displaced fumes from being re-circulated.

SECTION 5.11 SEALING OF MARINE HEADS

No marine head (toilet) on any boat or watercraft operated upon waters of Diamond Lake may be so constructed and operated as to discharge any sewage into the waters, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 5.12 BATTERY COVERS

Every motorboat equipped with storage batteries shall be provided with suitable supports and secured against shifting with the motion of the boat. Such storage batteries shall be equipped with non-conductive shielding means to prevent accidental shorting of battery terminals.

SECTION 5.13 CAPACITY PLATES

Every vessel less than twenty-six (26) feet in length, designed to carry two (2) or more persons and to be propelled by machinery as its principal source of power, or designed to be propelled by oars, shall, if manufactured or offered for sale in this State, have affixed permanently thereto by the manufacturer a capacity plate as required by this Section.

SECTION 5.14 CARELESS OPERATION

(A) No person shall operate any motorboat in a careless or heedless manner so as to be grossly indifferent to the person or property of other persons; or at a rate of speed greater than will permit him/her to bring the motorboat to an emergency stop with ample clearance.

(B) No person shall operate a motorboat in a circular course within one hundred (100) feet around another boat or swimmer.

SECTION 5.15 RECKLESS OPERATION

No person shall operate any watercraft, specialty prop-craft, personal watercraft or manipulate any water skis, aquaplane or similar device in such a manner as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person. No person shall operate any recreational motorboat so as to approach or pass another boat in such a manner or at such a rate of speed as to create a hazardous wake or wash. A person convicted of committing a violation of this section shall be guilty of aggravated reckless operation of a watercraft if the violation of this Section resulted in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement of another, when the violation was a proximate cause of the injuries.

SECTION 5.16 AGE OF OPERATORS LIMITED

(A) No person under 10 years of age may operate a motorboat.

(B) Persons at least 10 years of age and less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:

1. They are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.

(C) Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:

1. They are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian or
2. A person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian or
3. Such motorboat operator is in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Education or a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or the United States Power Squadron..

(D) Violations of this Section done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be deemed a violation by the parent or guardian and punishable under Chapter. 625 Art, I IA of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act.

SECTION 5.17 INTERFERENCE WITH NAVIGATION

No person shall operate any watercraft in a manner which is unreasonable or unnecessarily interferes with other watercraft or with the free and proper navigation of the waters of Diamond Lake. Anchoring under bridges or in heavily traveled channels constitutes such interference, if unreasonable under the prevailing circumstances.

SECTION 5.18 OVERLOADING

No motorboat may be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather or other existing operating conditions. To determine safe carrying capacity, the following criteria shall be considered:

(A) The total weight of persons, gear or other articles placed aboard which the vessel is capable of carrying with safety under normal conditions.

(B) The recommended number of persons commensurate with the weight capacity of the vessel and the presumed weight in pounds of each such person. In no instance shall such presumed weight per person be less than one hundred and fifty (150) pounds.

(C) Clear notice that the information appearing on the capacity plate is applicable under normal conditions.

SECTION 5.19 INCAPACITY OF OPERATOR

The owner of any motorboat, or any person in charge or in control, shall not authorize or knowingly permit the same to be operated by any person who, by reason or physical or mental disability, is incapable of operating such motorboat under the prevailing circumstances.

SECTION 5.20 WAKE-POSTED AREAS

(A) A wake is defined as a movement of the water created by a boat underway, which is great enough to disturb a boat at rest. But under no circumstances shall a boat underway exceed five (5) miles per hour while in a posted "No Wake" area. "No Wake" areas shall be clearly posted with buoys or appropriate signs. All buoys or signs posting such "No Wake" areas shall meet the specifications as prescribed by the United States Coast Guard or the Illinois Department of Conservation.

(B) Under no circumstances shall a boat underway create a movement of the water great enough to disturb a boat at rest and under no circumstances shall a boat underway exceed five (5) mph during the period of one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to 7:00 am.

SECTION 5.21 TRAFFIC RULES

(A) Passing: When two (2) boats are approaching each other "head on" or nearly so (so as to involve risk of collision) each boat must bear to the right and pass the other boat on its left side.

(B) Crossing. When boats approach each other obliquely or at right angles, the boat approaching on the right side has the right of way.

(C) Overtaking: One boat may overtake another on either side but must grant right of way to the overtaken boat. Sailboats and Rowboats: When a motorboat is approaching a boat propelled solely by sails or oars, the motorboat must yield the right of way to the sailboat or rowboat. However, when a large craft is navigating in a confined channel, the large craft has the right of way over a boat propelled solely by oars or sails.

(D) No person shall operate a personal watercraft or specialty prop craft between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

SECTION 5.22 REGATTAS AND RACES

The Park District may authorize the holding of regattas, motorboat or other boat races on any waters or Diamond Lake. It shall adopt and may, from time-to-time, amend regulations concerning the safety of motorboats and other vessels and persons thereon, whether observers or participants. Whenever a regatta, motorboat or other boat race is proposed to be held, the person in charge thereof, shall, at least thirty (30) days prior thereto, file an application with the Park District for permission to hold such regatta, motorboat or other boat race.

The application shall set forth the date, time and location where it is proposed to hold such regatta, motorboat or other boat race and it shall not be conducted without written authorization of the Park District

SECTION 5.23 WATER SKIING

When towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device, at least two (2) competent persons must be in the boat. It is unlawful to water ski from the period of one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to 7:00 am.

All motorboats having in vicinage to or otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance, shall be operated in a careful and prudent manner and at a reasonable distance from persons and property so as not to endanger the life or property of any person.

SECTION 5.24 RESTRICTED AREAS

No person shall operate a motorboat within a water area which has been clearly marked by buoys or signs as a bathing, fishing or otherwise restricted area, except in the manner prescribed by the buoys or signs marking the area. In areas designated as 'No Wake' areas, no motorboat underway shall exceed 5 miles per hour within the posted 'No Wake' area.

SECTION 5.25 INTOXICATION

It shall be unlawful for any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic or habit-forming drugs to operate or be in actual physical control of any watercraft.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any watercraft, or any person in charge or in control thereof, to authorize or knowingly permit the same to be operated by any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic or controlled substance.

(B) No intoxicating liquors of any type whether in bottles, cans or any type containers shall be allowed to be on, to be attached to, or to hang from any watercraft or vessel.

SECTION 5.26 PASSENGER LOCATIONS

No person operating a motorboat shall allow a person in the motorboat to ride or sit on the gunwales, tops of seat backs, or in the decking over the bow or stern of the motorboat while the motorboat is underway, unless the person is inboard of guards or rails provided on the motorboat to prevent passengers from being lost overboard.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit entry upon the decking over the bow or stern of the motorboat for the purpose of anchoring, mooring, or casting off or some other necessary purpose nor to prohibit customary practices while lawfully engaged in commercial fishing under the provisions of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code or hunting and trapping under the provisions of the Wildlife Code.

SECTION 5.27 THROWING DEBRIS INTO LAKE

No person shall be allowed to cast, throw or deposit any bottles, glass, cans, garbage, refuse or any other type of debris into the waters of Diamond Lake.

SECTION 5.28 DRIVING OF AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ETC.

Driving of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and minibikes on the frozen waters of Diamond Lake is prohibited.

SECTION 5.29 SNOWMOBILES AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

(A) Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited from being on the frozen waters of Diamond Lake between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(B) All-terrain vehicles with less than four (4) wheels or continuous tracks are prohibited from being on the frozen waters of Diamond Lake at any time.

(C) Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles shall keep a distance of one hundred (100) feet from ice skaters or persons on the frozen waters of Diamond Lake

SECTION 5.30 BOAT LAUNCHING SITE

(A) All persons shall close and lock gate immediately upon entering and leaving the Mundelein Park and Recreation District Lake Front park on Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, Illinois.

(B) No vehicle or vessel shall be admitted to the Mundelein Park and Recreation District Lake Front park boat launch area unless said vehicles and/or vessels are properly registered with the Mundelein Park and Recreation District and display a current Mundelein Park District parking decal and a boat launch sticker displayed on the left bow side of the vessel.

Swimming and fishing are prohibited at the Boat Launch site, pier or adjacent shoreline as identified.

SECTION 5.31 FISHING—Revised 12/28/20

(A) No person shall catch or attempt to catch or have within their possession in excess of the creel limit on Northern Pike of three (3) per day. Nor shall any person catch or attempt to catch or have within his/her possession a Northern Pike less than twenty-four (24) inches in length.

(B) No person shall catch or attempt to catch or have within their possession in excess of the creel limit on Muskellunge of one (1) per day, nor shall any person catch or attempt to catch or have within their possession a Muskellunge less than forty-eight (48) inches in length.

(C) Daily harvest limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed three fish (3) per day, no more than three (3) of which may be a minimum of fifteen (15) inches in total length. No person shall catch or attempt to catch or have in their possession in excess of the creel limit on Bass of three (3) per day. Areas with private piers have been identified on the Waters of Diamond Lake Map. Fishing at or around private piers or entering channels on the north and south end of the lake as marked is allowed for fishing purposes. Licensees are responsible for the retrieval and/or remove of any fishing tackle (line, lures, hooks, etc.) that may be entangled in a private pier. Licensees can use the entire lake, but he/she cannot do so in a manner that unreasonably interferes with any other owner's use of the lake.

Section 810.35 of title 17, Chapter I of the Illinois Administrative Code, as amended from time to time, be and hereby is adopted as the rules and regulations for fishing in the Mundelein Park District. www.dnr.illinois.gov/.

SECTION 5.32 RAFTS AND PLATFORMS

No person, group or organization shall be allowed to have any raft, platform or structure of any type on the waters of Diamond Lake owned or controlled by the Mundelein Park and Recreation District without the express written consent of said District.

SECTION 5.33 COLLISION, ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES: REPORTS

(A) The operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident or other casualty, so far as he/she can do so without serious danger to his/her own vessel, crew, passengers and guests, if any, shall render to other persons affected by the collision, accident, or other casualty such assistance as may be practicable and as may be necessary in order to save them from or to minimize any danger caused by the collision, accident or other casualty. The operator shall give his/her name, address and identification of his/her vessel to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the collision, accident or other casualty

(B) If the collision, accident, or other casualty results in death or injury to a person or damage to property in excess of \$100.00, the operator shall file with the Park District a full description of the collision, accident or other casualty.

(C) Reports of accidents resulting in personal injury must be filed with the District on a Park District Accident Report form within seventy-two (72) hours. Accidents which result in loss of life must be reported to the Park District within forty-eight (48) hours.

SECTION 5.34 APPLICATION AND JURISDICTION

The Park District shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, have full and complete jurisdiction of all waters of Diamond Lake owned and controlled by the Mundelein Park and Recreation District, subject only to the paramount authority of the State of Illinois and the Federal Government with reference to the navigation of the waters of Diamond Lake, and further subject to such powers as may be granted to political sub-divisions of the State and Federal Government.

SECTION 5.35 ENFORCEMENT

It is the responsibility of all Conservation, Police Officers and other employees of the District designated by the Executive Director to enforce this Ordinance and the duty of police officers to arrest any person detected in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance. It is further the duty of all such Owners to make prompt investigation of any violations of the provisions of this Ordinance reported by any other person and to cause a complaint to be filed before the Circuit Court if there seems just ground for such complaint and evidence to support the same. Every vessel subject to this Ordinance, underway and upon being hailed by a designated Park District representative or Law Enforcement Officer, must stop immediately and lay to and shall maneuver in such a way as to permit such Officer to come aboard.

SECTION 5.36 INSPECTIONS

The District Board of Commissioners, Executive Director, other representative and any Police may board and inspect any watercraft at any time for the purpose of determining if the provisions of this title are being complied with. If the boarding Officer discovers any violation of the provision of this title, he/she shall issue a summons to the operator of such a boat requiring that the operator appear before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction in Lake County, IL.

SECTION 5.37 PROSECUTIONS

All prosecutions under the provisions of this title shall be brought before a Circuit Court having jurisdiction under the law relative to the enforcement of these provisions.

SECTION 5.38 PENALTIES

(A) Any person who violates any of the provisions of Sections 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, 5.21, 5.25, 5.39 and 5.41, 5.42 of this title shall be punished by a fine of not less than nor more than \$ 500.00 or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or both.

(B) Any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 5.03, 5.04, 5.08, 5.12, 5.20, 5.26 or 5.27 of this title shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

SECTION 5.39 RESISTANCE TO OFFICERS

It is unlawful for any person to resist or obstruct any Officer or employee of the Park District in the discharge of his/her duties under the provisions hereof.

SECTION 5.40 ICE FISHING STRUCTURE

Although it shall be lawful for fisherman to construct or erect temporary shelters (shanties, sheds tents, etc.) upon the frozen waters of Diamond Lake for use while ice fishing, it shall be unlawful to leave such shelter unattended at any time. It is the intent of this Ordinance that any ice fisherman using such a shelter or structure remove said structure from the frozen waters of Diamond Lake promptly at the conclusion of his/her fishing. In no case shall any such shelter be left unattended or abandoned.

SECTION 5.41 TOWING FLAG

The operator of any watercraft that is towing a person or persons shall display on the watercraft a bright or brilliant orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag shall be displayed at the highest point of the area surrounding the boat's helm as to be visible from all directions, continuously, while the person or persons being towed depart the boat in preparation for towing and until re-entry into the boat when the activity has ceased. Display of the flag for purposes other than the activity described in this Section is prohibited.

SECTION 5.42 NOISE – SOUND AMPLIFICATION – Revised 12/28/20

In accordance and coordination with Article 1 – General, Section 1 - The Lake County Public Nuisance Ordinance, which applies to incorporated areas (those areas which are located within the corporate limits of any City, village, or incorporated town) as well as unincorporated areas (those areas which are outside the corporate limits of any City, village, or incorporated town) of Lake County, Illinois in accordance with the jurisdictional or contractual authority of the enforcing County Department.

Sound Amplification. It is a public nuisance to operate or permit operation of any radio or stereo sound amplification system or other sound amplification equipment from a "vessel", "motorboat", "sailboat", "water craft" as defined in Section 5.02 – Definitions of this Ordinance, which: 1) can be heard at a distance of one hundred feet (100') or more from the source vehicle or 2) can be heard at a distance of one hundred feet (100') from the property line of the source property, or 3) which exceeds 70db(A) (SLOW meter response) at the property line of any neighboring property zoned and used for residential purposes. The enforceability of this Section will be in accordance with Sections, 5.30, 5.34, 5.35, 5.36, 5.37 and 5.38.

SECTION 5.43 NOISE – WINTER AND ICE CONDITIONS

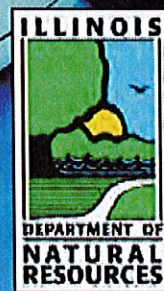
Operating on the waters of Diamond Lake during winter periods with ice are solely the responsibility of the user.

It is recommended that a 4" thickness of ice is present for safe operations by individuals (5" or more for groups) on the lake for any purpose. People operating on the ice should make sure they are equipped with personal flotation devices, a cell phone for emergencies, ice picks for self-rescue and notification to emergency contacts that you are on the lake.

It shall be unlawful for any person to breach (cut holes) in the ice-cap of the lake for any other purpose other than for ice fishing. Ice fishing holes are not to exceed 8 - 10" as a standard in diameter. Holes should be clearly marked when finished using for the safety of others on the lake. All other ice fishing provisions are found in Section 5.40 of this ordinance.

Public Safety agencies conducting training (e.g. Mundelein Fire Department, Mundelein Police Department, Countryside Fire Protection District, etc.) are exempt from the ordinance related to hole size and will follow their protocols for hole covering once the training is complete and will mark the areas appropriately.

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For federal boating laws, visit the U.S. Coast Guard's boating safety website: www.uscgboating.org.

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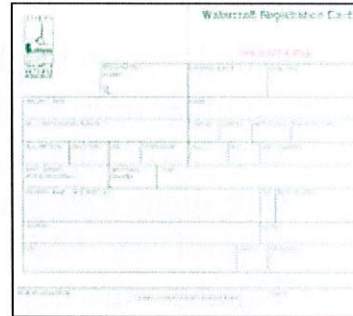
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Before Going Out

All operators are required to obey laws that regulate your vessel's registration, titling, and operation.

Registering and Titling (625 ILCS 45/3)

- You must have an Illinois Certificate of Number (registration), expiration decals, and Certificate of Title to operate your vessel legally. The only exceptions are:
 - Unpowered vessels, including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards
 - Vessels owned by the federal or state government
 - Vessels properly registered in another state and using Illinois waters for less than 60 consecutive days
 - Vessels documented with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and using Illinois waters for less than 60 consecutive days
 - Vessels used solely as lifeboats
 - Vessels registered in other countries temporarily using Illinois waters
 - Vessels used exclusively and solely for racing purposes
- Vessels 21 feet and under in length are not required to have a Certificate of Title.
- Registration is valid for three years. All certificates expire on September 30 at the end of the three-year period.



Where to Title and Register

Watercraft registration application forms are available from www.dnr.illinois.gov/boating/Pages/WatercraftApplications.aspx.

Boaters may renew their vessel registrations:

- By calling 1-866-867-3542
- On the Internet at www.dnr.illinois.gov

Registration Questions?

Call the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-382-1696 or visit www.dnr.illinois.gov

- The Certificate of Number (registration card) must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is being operated.

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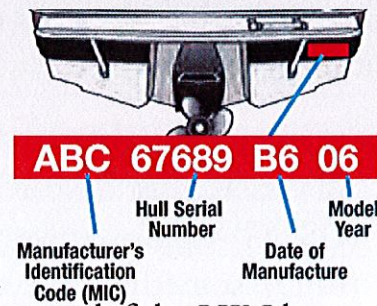
- The registration number and expiration decals must be displayed as follows.



- Number must be placed on each side of the bow of the vessel.
- Number must read from left to right on one line, starting with two capital letters—IL—followed by a space and four digits followed by a space and two capital letters, for example: **IL 1234 AB**.
- Number must be in at least three-inch-high **BLOCK** letters.
- Number's color must contrast sharply with its background.
- Decals must be placed on both sides of the bow after a space at the end of the number.
- Unpowered watercraft are not required to obtain Illinois registration numbers.
- Larger recreational vessels owned by U.S. citizens may (at the option of the owner) be documented by the USCG. These vessels are required to display the expiration decal on either side of the documented vessel name.
- The owner of a vessel requiring registration and titling must file a watercraft application with the Department of Natural Resources. The application must be signed by the owner and must be accompanied by the required documents and appropriate fee. The required documents are as follows.
 - **New vessels:** The original properly endorsed Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin
 - **Vessels previously registered or titled in another state:** The owner's registration certificate and/or title
 - **Illinois titled vessels:** The owner's Illinois title
- **Warning:** Vessels purchased new or used from out-of-state dealers, manufacturers, or lending institutions are subject to tax. Contact the Illinois Department of Revenue at **1-800-732-8866** for instructions before submitting an application.

Hull Identification Number (625 ILCS 45/3-13)

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique 12-digit number assigned by the manufacturer to vessels built after 1972. These numbers distinguish one vessel from another and are engraved in the fiberglass or on a metal plate attached to the transom. You may not operate a vessel if the HIN has been removed, defaced, or obliterated. You should write down your HIN and put it in a place separate from your vessel in case warranty problems arise or your vessel is stolen.



Who May Operate a Vessel (625 ILCS 45/5-18)

Persons born on or after January 1, 1998, may operate a vessel powered by a motor of more than 10 horsepower (hp) *only if* they have a valid Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Department of Natural Resources.

- **Persons under the age of 10** may *not* operate any motorized vessel, including personal watercraft (PWC).
- **Persons at least 10 years old but less than 12 years old** may operate a motorized vessel with more than 10 hp, including a PWC, *only if* they are accompanied by and under the direct control of a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old designated by the parent or guardian.
- **Persons at least 12 years old but less than 18 years old** may operate a motorized vessel with more than 10 horsepower, including a PWC, *only if*:
 - They complete a boating safety course and possess a Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Department of Natural Resources *or...*
 - They are accompanied by and under the direct control of a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old designated by the parent or guardian.
- **Parents, guardians, or designees born on or after January 1, 1998**, must have a valid boating safety certificate to supervise a person 10 to 17 years old who is operating a motorized vessel with more than 10 hp.

Required Equipment

When preparing to go out on a vessel, the operator must check that the legally required equipment is on board.

Personal Flotation Devices (625 ILCS 45/4-1)

- All vessels must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)–approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD), sometimes called life jacket, for each person on board or being towed. All vessels 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, also must carry one USCG–approved throwable device.
- All children under the age of 13 must *wear* a PFD on vessels less than 26 feet in length when underway, unless they are below decks in an enclosed cabin or on a vessel operating on private property.
- A personal watercraft (PWC) or a specialty prop-craft may not be operated unless each person on board is *wearing* a USCG–approved PFD. (Inflatable PFDs are not approved for PWC or prop-craft use.)
- Besides being USCG–approved, all PFDs must be:
 - *In good and serviceable condition.*
 - *Readily accessible*, which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency.
 - *Of the proper size for the intended wearer.* Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.
 - *Legibly marked with the USCG approval number.*

Fire Extinguishers (625 ILCS 45/4-5)

All vessels equipped with an internal combustion engine operating on Illinois waters are required to have at least a USCG–approved fire extinguisher on board.

Backfire Flame Arrestors (625 ILCS 45/4-6)

Because vessel engines may backfire, all powerboats (except outboards) fueled with gasoline must have a USCG–approved (must comply with SAE J-1928 or UL 1111 standards) backfire flame arrestor on each carburetor.

Ventilation Systems (625 ILCS 45/4-7)

Properly installed ventilation systems greatly reduce the chance of a life-threatening explosion. All gasoline-powered vessels, constructed in a way that would entrap fumes, must have at least two ventilation ducts fitted with cowls to remove fumes.

Boat Battery (625 ILCS 45/4-10)

It is unlawful to operate a motorized vessel equipped with a stored battery unless the battery is secured against shifting. The battery must be equipped with non-conductive terminal shields to prevent accidental shorting.

Mufflers and Noise Level Limits (625 ILCS 45/4-3)

- The exhaust of every internal combustion engine on any vessel must be muffled effectively. That is, the engine's exhaust must be muffled or suppressed at all times so as not to create excessive noise.
- It is unlawful to operate a vessel that exceeds a noise level of 90 decibels when subjected to a stationary sound level test or 75 decibels when in operation on state waters.

Engine Cut-Off Switch (625 ILCS 45/4-11)

It is unlawful to operate a motorized vessel, including a PWC or specialty prop-craft, that is equipped with an engine cut-off switch unless the switch is operational and fully functional.

- With a lanyard-type engine cut-off switch, the lanyard must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator.
- With a wireless cut-off device, the wireless system must be activated.

Sound-Producing Devices (625 ILCS 45/4-4 and 45/4-8)

- On Illinois state waters, all motorized vessels must have a mouth-, hand-, or power-operated whistle or other device capable of producing a blast that is two seconds or more in duration and audible for at least one-half mile.
- No vessel may be equipped with a siren, except law enforcement and emergency vessels.

Visual Distress Signals (625 ILCS 45/4-12)

Vessels on Lake Michigan must be equipped with USCG-approved visual distress signals (VDSs). All vessels are required to carry night signals when operating between sunset and sunrise. Vessels 16 feet long or longer must carry day signals also.

Navigation Lights (625 ILCS 45/4-2 and 45/4-8)

The required navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility.

Power-Driven Vessels When Underway

If less than 65.6 feet long, these vessels must exhibit the lights as shown in illustration 1. Remember, power-driven vessels include sailboats operating under engine power. The required lights are:

- Red and green sidelights visible from a distance of at least two miles away—or if less than 39.4 feet long, at least one mile away—on a dark, clear night.
- An all-round white light or both a masthead light and a sternlight. These lights must be visible from a distance of at least two miles away on a dark, clear night. The all-round white light (or the masthead light) must be at least 3.3 feet higher than the sidelights.

Remember... A vessel or motorboat when underway between sunset and sunrise must have and exhibit USCG–approved navigation lights. No vessel is authorized or permitted to carry any lighting (not required by law) that will interfere with another vessel's ability to distinguish the vessel's navigation lighting.

Unpowered Vessels When Underway

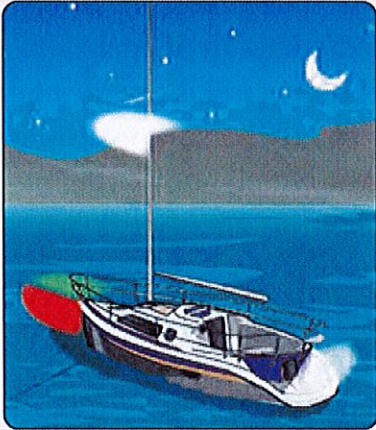
Unpowered vessels are sailboats or vessels that are paddled, poled, or rowed.

- **If less than 65.6 feet long**, these vessels must exhibit the lights as shown in illustration 2. The required lights are:
 - Red and green sidelights visible from at least two miles away—or if less than 39.4 feet long, at least one mile away.
 - A sternlight visible from at least two miles away.
- **If less than 23.0 feet long**, these vessels should:
 - If practical, exhibit the same lights as required for unpowered vessels less than 65.6 feet in length.
 - If not practical, have on hand at least one lantern or flashlight shining a white light as in illustration 3.

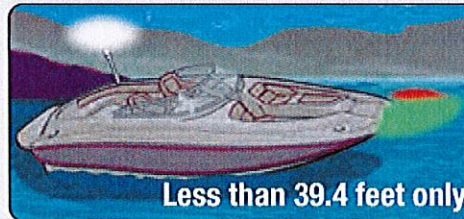
All Vessels When Not Underway

All vessels are required to display a white light visible for one mile from all directions whenever they are anchored away from a dock or moored in an area other than a designated mooring area between sunset and sunrise.

1. Power-Driven Vessels Less Than 65.6 Feet

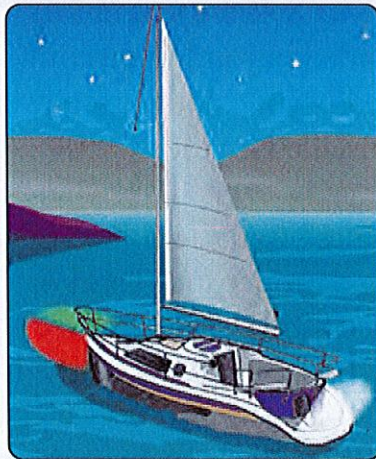


The masthead light and sternlight may be combined as an all-round white light on vessels less than 39.4 feet long.



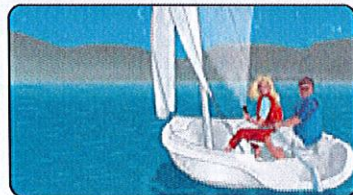
Less than 39.4 feet only

2. Unpowered Vessels Less Than 65.6 Feet



An alternative to the sidelights and sternlight is a combination red, green, and white light, which must be exhibited near the top of the mast.

3. Unpowered Vessels Less Than 23.0 Feet



Vessel operators should never leave shore without a flashlight. Even if you plan to return before dark, unforeseen developments might delay your return past nightfall.

On the Water

Unlawful Operation (625 ILCS)

Illinois law states that these operating practices are illegal.

- **Careless Operation (625 ILCS 45/5-1)** of a vessel is operating in a careless manner that causes danger to any person or property, or operating at speeds greater than that which allows the operator to bring the vessel to a stop within an assured clear distance ahead.
- **Reckless Operation (625 ILCS 45/5-2)** of a vessel or the reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is operating in a manner that causes danger to the life, limb, or property of any person. Examples are:
 - Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic
 - Jumping a wake of another vessel unreasonably close or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed
 - Waiting until the last moment to swerve and avoid collision
 - Operating a vessel in a manner that creates hazardous wave or wake conditions while approaching or passing another boat
- **Overloading or Overpowering (625 ILCS 45/5-4 and 45/5-6)** is operating a vessel that has been loaded beyond the recommended carrying capacity or powered beyond the horsepower limits shown on the capacity plate installed by the vessel manufacturer.
- **Operating in Restricted or “No Wake” Areas (625 ILCS 45/5-7 and 45/5-12)** is not maintaining a proper speed and/or distance while operating a vessel. Specifically, it is illegal to:
 - Operate a vessel within an area that has been clearly marked as a bathing, fishing, swimming, or restricted area.
 - Operate a vessel within 150 feet of a public launching ramp at greater than a “**slow, no wake speed.**”
 - Exceed “slow, no wake speed” in any area marked with buoys or signs as “No Wake.”

“**Slow, No Wake Speed**” means speed at which the vessel does not produce a wake, not to exceed 5 miles per hour.


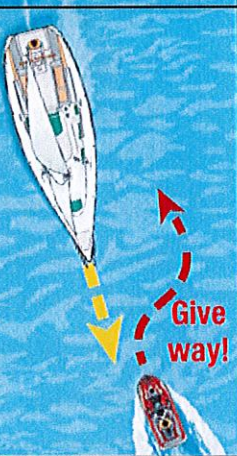

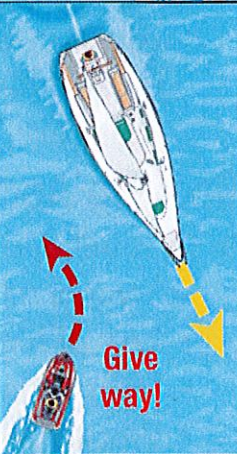
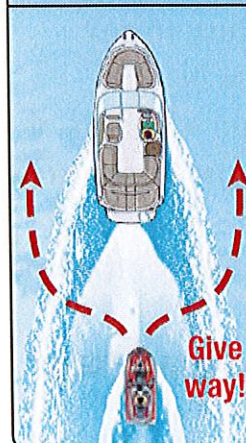
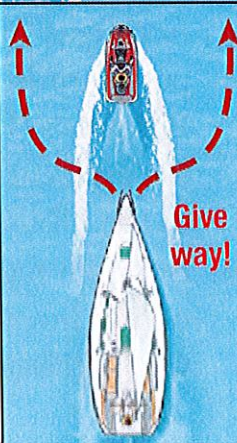
- **Riding on Bow or Gunwales (625 ILCS 45/5-21)** is allowing a passenger to ride on the decking over the bow or stern, gunwales, or tops of seat backs of a motorized vessel unless the passenger is within guard rails to prevent falling overboard.

- **Failure to Follow Navigation Rules** (625 ILCS 45/5-13) is not following the navigation rules (listed below).

Navigation Rules

All operators are equally responsible for taking action to avoid collisions. There are two terms that help explain these rules.

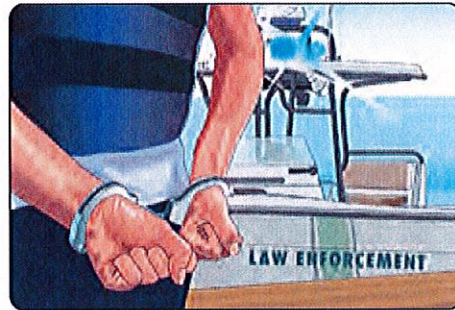
- **Stand-on vessel** should maintain its course and speed.
- **Give-way vessel** must take early and substantial action to avoid collision by stopping, slowing down, or changing course.

Power vs. Power		Power vs. Sail
	<p>Meeting Head-On Power vs. Power: Neither vessel is the stand-on vessel. Both vessels should keep to the starboard (right). Power vs. Sail: The powerboat is the give-way vessel. The sailboat is the stand-on vessel.</p>	
	<p>Crossing Situations Power vs. Power: The vessel on the operator's port (left) side is the give-way vessel. The vessel on the operator's starboard (right) side is the stand-on vessel. Power vs. Sail: The powerboat is the give-way vessel. The sailboat is the stand-on vessel.</p>	
	<p>Overtaking Power vs. Power: The vessel that is overtaking another vessel is the give-way vessel. The vessel being overtaken is the stand-on vessel. Power vs. Sail: The vessel that is overtaking another vessel is the give-way vessel. The vessel being overtaken is the stand-on vessel.</p>	

Alcohol and Drugs (625 ILCS 45/5-16)

Illinois law prohibits anyone from operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- By operating a vessel on Illinois waters, you have given “implied” consent to alcohol and/or drug testing if arrested for operating under the influence.
- Illinois law states that a person is considered to be operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs if:
 - The alcohol concentration in his or her blood or breath is 0.08% or more *or...*
 - The person is under the influence of any other drug or combination of drugs and/or alcohol to a degree that renders him or her incapable of operating the vessel safely *or...*
 - The person has any amount of a drug, substance, or compound in his or her blood or urine resulting from the unlawful use or consumption of cannabis, a controlled substance, or an intoxicating compound.



Just remember this simple rule:
Don't Drink and Boat!

Boating Accidents (625 ILCS 45/6)

- A vessel operator is required to make a written report whenever a boating accident results in:
 - Loss of life or disappearance of a person *or...*
 - Injury to any person *or...*
 - Property damage in excess of \$2,000.
- Accidents that result in death of or serious injury to any person must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by the vessel operator within 48 hours of the accident. All other reportable accidents must be reported to the DNR within five days.
- Accident report forms are available from any DNR office or on the Internet at:
www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Documents/BoatingIncidentReportForm.pdf

Enforcement (625 ILCS 45/2 and 45/5-22)

Illinois DNR officers and all other law enforcement officers enforce boating laws.

- Officers have the authority to stop and board your vessel in order to check that you are complying with state and federal laws.
- It is illegal to refuse to follow the directive of a person with law enforcement authority. An operator who has received a visual or audible signal from a law enforcement officer must bring his or her vessel to a stop.
- You must yield or slow to "slow, no wake speed" when being approached by or passing an emergency vessel using legal visual signals. Failure to yield or slow will result in a mandatory suspension of vessel operating privileges for a period of three months up to two years.

Diver-Down Flags (625 ILCS 45/5-19)

- Persons scuba diving, skin diving, snorkeling, or underwater spearfishing must display a diver-down flag to warn other boaters. A diver must stay within 150 feet of the flag. Unless there is an emergency, a diver may not surface more than 50 feet from the flag. It is unlawful to display a diver-down flag when not diving. Vessels not engaged in diving operations must stay at least 150 feet from a displayed diver-down flag.
- Two types of flags are used to indicate diving activity.



**Divers
Flag**

A rectangular red flag, at least 12" high x 15" wide, with a white diagonal stripe



**Alfa
Flag**

A blue and white International Code Flag A (or Alfa flag), required on federally controlled waters

Discharge of Sewage and Waste (625 ILCS 45/4-9)

Illinois law states that it is unlawful to discharge any sewage into Illinois waters directly or indirectly. Federal law requires that every vessel with an installed toilet must have an operable U.S. Coast Guard–certified marine sanitation device (MSD) on board.

Specifically for PWC

In addition to adhering to all boating laws, personal watercraft (PWC) operators have requirements specific to their vessel.

Requirements for PWC

(625 ILCS 45/4-1, 625 ILCS 45/4-11, 625 ILCS 45/5-2, 625 ILCS 45/5-18, 625 ILCS 45/5-20)

- Every person on board a PWC or a specialty prop-craft must *wear* a U.S. Coast Guard–approved personal flotation device that is in good and serviceable condition. (Inflatable PFDs are not approved for PWC or prop-craft use.)
- If the PWC is equipped with an engine cut-off switch:
 - The lanyard must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator *or...*
 - The wireless cut-off system must be activated.
- A PWC may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- There are minimum age and boater education requirements for PWC operators. See “Who May Operate a Vessel.”
- A PWC must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, including:
 - Weaving your PWC through congested waterway traffic
 - Jumping a wake of another vessel unreasonably close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed
 - Waiting until the last possible moment to swerve and avoid collision



Specifically for Skiing

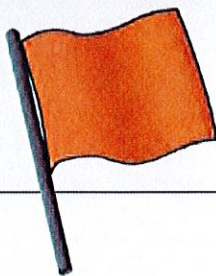
Vessel operators towing a person(s) on water skis, aquaplanes, or any similar devices must obey these laws also.

Requirements for Towing Skiers (625 ILCS 45/5-14)

- When a vessel is pulling a person on water skis, aquaplanes, or similar devices, the operator must have a competent person on board to act as an observer.
- All vessels, including PWC, that are towing a person(s) on water skis, aquaplanes, or similar devices must be designed and recommended by the manufacturer to accommodate the operator, observer, and person(s) being towed.
- A person may not be towed from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.
- Those towing skiers on water skis, aquaplanes, or similar devices and those being towed must act in a safe and prudent manner.
 - Vessels towing persons must maintain a reasonable distance from other persons and property so as not to endanger the life or property of any person.
 - It is illegal to operate the vessel or manipulate the towing rope, water skis, or other devices such that the towed device or person collides with any other person or object.

The Skier-Towing Flag (625 ILCS 45/5-14)

Vessels towing persons on water skis or other devices must display a skier-towing flag from the highest point around the vessel's helm so that it is visible from all directions at all times while a person is in the water preparing to be towed, while the person is being towed, and until the person has re-entered the vessel. The flag may not be used for any other purpose.



The flag must be bright orange and at least 12" x 12" in size.

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Prepare for Safety

Take a boating safety course. It's required by law for some Illinois boaters. Even if it's not required for you, becoming certified may save you money on boat insurance.

- ◆ To find a classroom course, call 1-800-832-2599
- ◆ To take an online course, visit www.boat-ed.com/illinois
- ◆ Everything you want to know about what's going on outdoors in Illinois is just a click away...



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