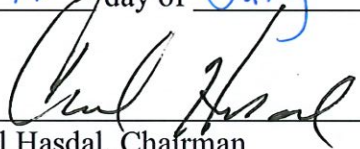


ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 11**AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF ROME CODE CHAPTER 137 WATER
TRAFFIC, BOATING, AND WATER SPORTS****SECTION 137-4(A) SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

The Town Board of the Town of Rome, Adams County, Wisconsin, hereby amends the Town of Rome Code of Ordinances as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The amendment shall be published or posted pursuant to section 60.80 Wis. Stats. and shall take effect the day after such posting or publication.

Adopted this 16 day of July, 2026

Approved: 
Carl Hasdal, Chairman

Attested: 
Wendy Newsom, Town Clerk

ARTICLE I
Water Traffic, Boating, and Water Sports

§ 137-1. Intent.

The intent of this article is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and the capability of the water resource.

§ 137-2. Applicability and enforcement.

The provisions of this article shall apply to the waters of Lake Sherwood, Lake Camelot and Lake Arrowhead, all of which are within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome. The officers of the Police Department of the Town of Rome shall enforce the provisions of this article.

§ 137-3. State boating and safety laws adopted.

State boating laws as found in §§ 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

§ 137-4. Speed restrictions.

- A. No watercraft, other than personal watercraft, shall be operated at a speed greater than slow-no-wake before sunrise or after 8:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first, or at any time when entering, traveling in or leaving a posted section of water. The speed limitation contained in this article shall not apply to any patrol or rescue craft.
- B. No personal watercraft shall be operated at a speed greater than slow-no-wake before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. or at any time when entering, traveling in or leaving a posted section of water. The speed limitation contained in this article shall not apply to any patrol or rescue craft.
- C. Lake Sherwood controlled areas: no person shall operate a watercraft at a speed faster than slow-no-wake in the following areas of Lake Sherwood in the Town of Rome, Adams County:
 - (1) The area located off the Kings Way Dam about 250 feet west, between the Scarlet Beach Club and Lots 14 and 15 of the Robindale Addition.
 - (2) The area of the large island located on the south side of Lake Sherwood between the Yeoman and Longbow Beach Clubs all the way to the east to the 10th Avenue Dam that separates Lake Sherwood from Lake Camelot.
 - (3) The area within 100 feet of the dam. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and maintained by Adams County.
- D. Lake Camelot controlled area:
 - (1) No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed faster than slow-no-wake in the portion of the lake commonly known as the Camelot Channel. Buoys marking this area shall be placed by the Town.
 - (2) The area within 100 feet of the dams. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and

maintained by Adams County.

- E. Lake Arrowhead controlled area: the area within 100 feet of the dam. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and maintained by Adams County.
- F. Subsections A to E do not apply to events permitted under § 137-6.¹

§ 137-5. Water skiing.

- A. Water skiing, for the period of May 1 through August 15, shall be limited to the daylight hours between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first. Water-skiing during all other times of the year shall be restricted to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to sunset.
- B. No person may operate a motorboat towing water skis, an aquaplane or a similar device carrying more persons than the towed device(s) was either designed to carry or is rated to carry, unless the motorboat operator provides a pickup boat to be in operation while the towing occurs. In the event that the provision of a pickup boat is not required, the motorboat towing the device(s) must have enough capacity-rated seating to accommodate the total number of individuals occupying the motorboat and the towed device(s).
- C. Subsections A and B do not apply to events permitted under § 137-6.

§ 137-6. Races, regattas, sporting events and exhibitions.

No person shall direct or participate in any boat race, regatta, water ski meet or other water-sporting event, or exhibition unless such event has been authorized by the Town Board.

- A. Application for permits shall be made to the Police Chief. Approval for permits may be granted by the Town Board upon recommendation of the Police Chief.
- B. Permits shall be valid only for the days, hours and designated areas specified thereon.
- C. Pickup and dropoff areas for water skiing will be designated on the permit and shall be marked with regulatory markers as per § 30.69(3)(d), Wis. Stats.

§ 137-7. No motor area.

- A. No person shall operate any motor on any motorized boat or similar device within any designated "No Motor Operation Area." All waters north of the County Road D bridge that compromise the Walden area of Lake Camelot are designated a "no motor operation area."
- B. The "no motor" limitation contained in this article shall not apply in case of patrol boat, rescue craft and aquatic weed control devices.

1. Editor's Note: Former Subsection G, regarding exemptions from prohibitions, was repealed 6-16-2022 by Ord. No. 22-08.