

Townships of Royalton and Little Wolf

Ordinance 1-1984 Revised 06-17-08

A SOLE ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF BEAR LAKE
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The Town Boards of the townships of Royalton and Little Wolf, Waupaca County,
Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Bear Lake.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the County of Waupaca.

Section II. Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

Section III. State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss.30.50 to 30.71, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted by reference.

Section IV. Definitions

- (a) "Slow-No-Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (b) "Water ski" means a boat towing a person using water skis, and aquaplane or similar device.

Section V. Controlled Area

No person shall operate a boat, including personal water craft, faster than slow-no-wake in waters of Bear Lake outside the marked ski area at any time.

Slow-No-Wake Buoy Placement		Ski Area Buoy Placement	
Buoy#	GPS Location	Buoy#	GPS Location
1	N44°25.273/W88°56.443	1	N44°24.823/W88°56.351
2	N44°25.105/W88°56.383	2	N44°24.829/W88°56.422
3	N44°24.987/W88°56.394	3	N44°24.763/W88°56.538
4	N44°24.920/W88°56.399	4	N44°24.706/W88°56.684
4A	N44°24.860/W88°56.397	5	N44°24.638/W88°56.778
5	N44°24.463/W88°56.751	6	N44°24.578/W88°56.811

6	N44'24.517/W88'56.863	7	N44'24.512/W88'56.770
7	N44'24.502/W88'56.937	8	N44'24.502/W88'56.679
		9	N44'24.550/W88'56.577
		10	N44'24.614AV88'56.469
		11	N44'24.708/W88'56.367
		12	N44'24.769/W88'56.302

Section VI. Hours of Operation

No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake during the hours of sunset to sunrise on Bear Lake.

Section VII. Water Skiing

No person shall water ski or operate any motorboat towing a person engaged in water skiing or similar activity except between the hours of 11:00 am and sunset local time from May 1 to October 1 on the waters of Bear Lake.

Section VIII. Traffic Rules

No person shall operate a motorboat, including personal watercraft, at a speed greater than "slow-no-wake" except in a counterclockwise direction in the marked ski area on Bear Lake between the hours of 11:00 am and sunset local time.

Section IX. Water Exhibitions and Races

Persons or groups wishing to conduct any water exhibitions or races as defined by State Statutes or the Wisconsin Administrative Code shall apply for a special permit issued by the Town Clerk after Town Board approval. The application must be submitted to the Town Board at least 60 days prior to the requested event date.

- (a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to Bear Lake.
- (b) Exceptions from State boating laws granted through the permitting process apply only to the specific event time or dates. These exceptions from State boating laws do not apply for any practice times or dates.
- (c) The officers of the County of Waupaca shall enforce this chapter.
- (d) The permit shall include the following: Permittee, address, telephone number, day(s) or date(s) of the event, hours of the event, day(s) or date(s) of necessary practice, hours of the practice, legal description of the event area, legal description of the practice area, and expiration date.
- (e) Under the authority granted in NR 5.09(7)(d), Wisconsin Administrative Code, the Town Board hereby authorizes the permittee to place water ski buoys at the event location described in the permit for the length of the permit.
- (f) An exclusive use event location on Bear Lake is described in each permit. The permittee shall be granted exclusive use of the event location described in the permit

during the authorized day(s) or date(s) and hours of the permitted event. This section does not apply in the case of emergency, to the water patrol or to rescue craft, or for the ingress and egress of private riparian owners within the exclusive use area.

- (g) A water exhibition and race authorized practice area is described on each permit. The permittee's use of this area is limited to not more than the permitted day(s) or date(s) and hours.

Section X. Posting Requirements

The townships of Royalton and Little Wolf shall place and maintain a synopsis of this Ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the township pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Section XI. Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wisconsin Statute 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

Section XII. Severability

The provisions of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the townships of Royalton and Little Wolf Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section XIII. Effective Date

This section shall become effective upon passage and the day after publication. Passed this 19 day of June, 2008.

Marian Bock

Township of Royalton
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Attest: Nancy Timms
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