



# LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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February 11, 2022

Governor Tim Walz  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St Paul, MN, 55155

RE: Potential Boat Operator Education Requirements

Dear Honorable Governor Walz,

The LMCD prioritizes boater safety and supports a mandatory recreational boating safety program. We echo the beliefs of the organizations and leaders of the lake and recreational boating communities as outlined in their February 1, 2022 letter (attached) and welcome any opportunities that will improve boater safety on Lake Minnetonka and across Minnesota.

Additionally, the LMCD would like to offer its support and assistance if you take up this initiative. The LMCD can provide history and data on safety programs for Lake Minnetonka. The LMCD would welcome joining your team to ensure a safe future for boating and lake recreation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg Thomas".

Gregg Thomas, LMCD Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vickie Schleuning".

Vickie Schleuning, LMCD Executive Director

Enc: February 1, 2022 Letter to Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Flanagan by Various Organizations  
MN Boater Education Support Handout

Recipients:

Honorable Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan  
Commissioner Sarah Strommen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Senator Bill Ingebriksen, Environment and Natural Resources Finance Chair & Committee Members  
Senator Carrie Ruud, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance Chair & Committee Members  
Representative Rick Hansen, Environment and Natural Resource Finance and Policy Chair & Committee Members  
Policy Advisor Rachel Ganani, Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan  
Local Legislators