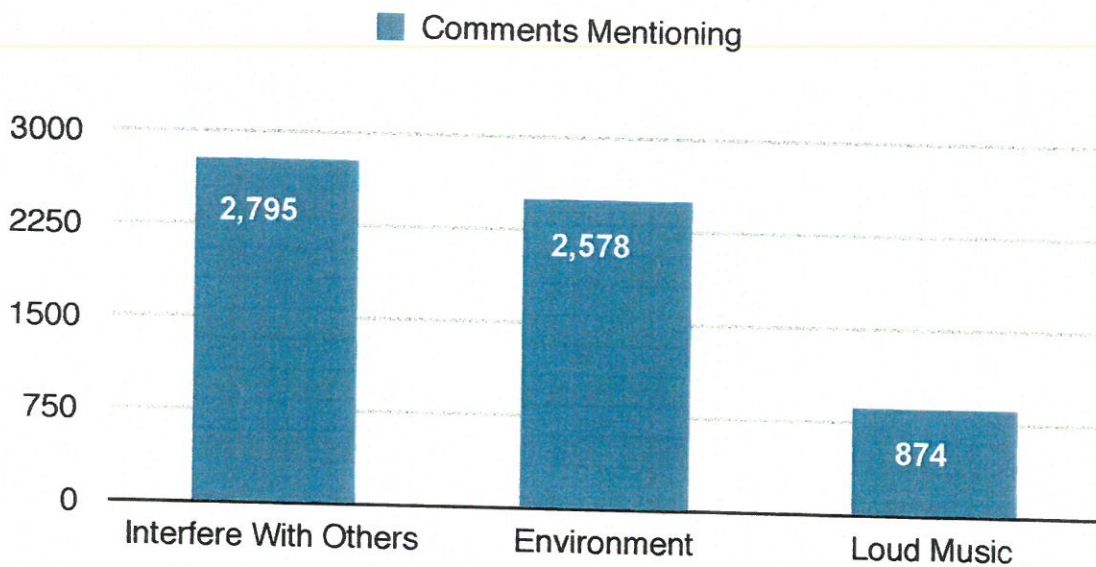


Summary of 5,602 Persons Stating Concerns About Wakesurfing July, 2020 - March, 2022

Prepared by Citizens For Sharing Lake Minnetonka

5,602 comments (posts + likes of posts on social media sites) that expressed dissatisfaction with wakesurf boats are tabulated and presented in this document for the period July, 2020 - March 2022. Interference with the enjoyment of other recreational activities was the greatest concern expressed, followed by environmental concerns and loud music.



Totals more than 5,602 comments due to multiple concerns expressed per comment.

All comments can be seen via the following link: <https://www.startribune.com/wake-boats-on-lake-minnetonka-are-making-waves/571820531/?refresh=truebigfishman>

Online Comments to Star Tribune Article:
Wake boats on Lake Minnetonka are making waves among fans, foes
By Katy Read, July 18, 2020

bigfishman LIKE: 20

I'm getting real tired of these boat waves knocking me around while fishing to a point of being concerned about my safety. I fish lots of lakes and when these boats come out, I see fisherman just give up and quit. Why should one type of boat be allowed to have such a great impact on everyone else trying to enjoy water sports? In addition, when these boats are operating, their prop wash and large waves tear up fish habitat and spawning areas which is the future of my

sport. Fisherman need to speak up in newspaper editorials and to the DNR fisheries managers so they can take steps to develop rules on the size of lakes that these boats can operate on and establish safe distances to operate at some where near 900-1000 feet and away from shallow water. Fisherman need to be heard too

kickhafer LIKE 14

11:03AM

Recreation doesn't mean we need to accept rudeness and disrespect on the water or in our homes. There should be some education of boaters and consideration for the residents who live on or near the lakeshore. We live across the street from Lake Minnetonka and our house shakes from the loud music of the boaters...we should just accept that?? I think not. Be better, people.

inlandsea LIKE12

10:54AM

According to the article: "“Instead of buying a cabin, [families are] putting \$200,000 into a boat.” What?? People spend that kind of money so that they can surf behind a boat--- and recklessly infringe on other nearby boaters, kayakers, paddleboarders---with a machine that will certainly erode shorelines?

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benblitzen LIKE 2

7:20AM

lol “only Need regulation in quieter parts of the lake, like where I live.” doesn't care at all about anyone but himself.

p123q123 LIKE 9

Probably the same type of folk who blast off military grade fireworks in their densely populated neighborhood and think nothing of it.

procrustes LIKE 6

JULY 20

There are plenty of studies that show the damage that recreational boat traffic waves can do to shoreline and the Minnesota DNR has done some of the best ones. And the science is established - the energy in boat waves does not magically dissipate after 200 feet. It continues

until it either hits the shore or is neutralized by an opposing wave. The LMCD ignores this and don't expect chairman Thomas to put this on the agenda anytime soon- or ever.

sherman22 LIKE 12

JULY 20

Few places I can safely navigate my 12' fishing boat or canoe with these things on the water.

wildriver LIKE 6

JULY 20

Who needs loons? I do. They are just our State bird ! So many swamped nests because of these boats.

oldgander LIKE 7

8:58AM

You are part right. BUT, if boaters with "Trim" know how to use it waves are small and boaters do NOT intentionally make them !Wake boats intentionally make waves every time they are used for "Boarding". That why they should only be used on the Great Lakes or bodies of salt water. Wake boaters just don't give a Damn about anyone else because they deliberately make waves !

cameronkeathome LIKE 9

1:18PM

Actually it's an environmental issue that affects all who wish to enjoy the beauty of Minnesota's lakes.

safelakes LIKE 22

JULY 19

Not just a Lake Minnetonka issue and not just a Minnesota issue. Comments on this article are echoed across the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Simply put, every element of the design of a wake boat is with the goal of creating a massive wake to facilitate wake surfing. When operated in shallow water (less than 16'), the powerful downward thrust of the 400+ hp propulsion system while plowing through the water at 9-10 mph causes environmental damage at the lake bottom. The wake energy created by these boats is exponentially greater than wakes from any other recreational sport boat. These wakes do erode shorelines, and damage lifts, docks and moored watercraft. They also cause safety issues with other lake users, whether on the lake or at the shore. If operated in a lake that has Aquatic Invasive Species, these boats carry the highest risk of transporting AIS because their ballast systems cannot be completely emptied. While some studies have been done, I'm encouraged that a valid scientific study is going to be done in Minnesota. There are several Minnesota lakes of less than 240 acres with 15 to 30 of these boats resident on the lake and these lakes also have public accesses. On a small lake, it only takes one of these boats to cause the concerns noted. The

"Wake Responsibly" campaign by the Boating Industry says (1) Stay at least 200' from shore, (2) Try to keep your music down, and (3) Try not to make repetitive passes. This campaign has been around since 2017 and yet the concerns are growing. These boats are being operated as designed and "Education" based on the Boating Industry's suggestions will do virtually nothing to address the valid concerns people have shared. This isn't a "Not on My Lake" issue. It is an issue that all Minnesotans should be concerned about. ???

justicforall LIKE 19

JULY 19

These the wakes these boats make especially on smaller metro lakes such as fish or Weaver are ridiculous. My family has nearly been flipped over on our pontoon and our enjoyment of activities like paddle boarding and kayaking has been destroyed not to mention the damage done to the lakeshore. No law will be effective on smaller lakes as current distance from shore laws and other water craft are ignored anyway.

amused83 LIKE 5

JULY 19

Just another step in the destruction of our lakes. Don't worry about it too much though, as with other environmental damage, we are certainly not turning back. It is the American way, while it lasts.

Letsgobison LIKE 13

JULY 19

I can't stand them, but as long as they make a few self-centered people happy, the rest of us just have to deal with it; it's the new way of the world.

nomorepaper LIKE 15

JULY 19

Let's start by enforcing noise limits. 82dB at 50', 84dB at idle at 4 feet. Then enforce the Jetski hours (9:30-1 hour BEFORE sunset) and you'll eliminate 90% of the behavior that **frustrates other people trying to enjoy a sunny summer day on the lake. Wake distance restrictions make sense too. 500' from shore for artificial wake, that at least gives the people who want to swim and float a fighting chance. Don't get me wrong, I love wake surfing and used to own a wakeboard boat, but you need to do everything in moderation and allow others to enjoy the lake too.**

roar04 LIKE 20

JULY 19

They are destructive to the lake, tearing up the bottom and eroding shorelines. The term "recreational" use of a lake has taken in a entirely different look in the past few years. Huge boats, wake boats, huge waves, crazy speeds by jet skiers, boats running to fast and to close, boats that will make you deaf with engine noise, boats playing music so loud that you can hear it everywhere. What is the recreational use of a lake? How should it be defined? It is anything and everything goes? It is another indication of our "Me" society, its all about what I want and what is good for me, sad but true.

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minnetonka12 LIKE 6

JULY 20

I'm not on minnetonka but when one these boats has the tower facing us they can be over 1/2+ mile away and the music is blasting in our yard with sometimes brutal lyrics. you just have to trust me it can be really loud. Our lake is small enough that there is rarely a sheriff who can give tickets for violating the existing noise ordinances....

justicforall LIKE 10

JULY 19

Nope, boats that are designed to create huge wakes and are loaded with water so the back end sinks low and the front end sits high to create the biggest wake possible. They are ridiculous, Wake boats tear up the shoreline. They have been a problem on gull lake chain. Shoreline erosion is a huge problem for lake home owners and the DNR has zero sympathy.

finnguy LIKE 30

JULY 19

We were on Balsam Lake 2 weeks ago and every time a wake boat went by the waves nearly knocked you over standing in chest deep water on a sand bar. And the boats got tossed around like bobbles. I don't know what the answer is. But they are annoying and I'm sure they cause shore erosion.

wildriver LIKE 26

JULY 19

We have lost our loons due to these ballast type boats. It is very upsetting to not have loon families on the lake anymore. Full recreation for who ?

w10553 LIKE 22

JULY 19

The wake boats are a nuisance. They toss around my 24 ft deck boat. I can't imagine what they do to canoes and wake boards.

Bigdrone LIKE 40

JULY 19

The lake is a recreational lake. But if your recreating is causing a negative experience for others trying to recreate, then we have a problem.

truth4tech LIKE 34

JULY 19

Most people who wake board Are tethered to the boat. That is why there is tower on the boat, to attach the tow rope higher to allow jumps and flips etc. Very few people wake surf untethered as shown in the photos. I have done it and it was fun. But it uses a ton of fuel, requires deeper water not to bottom out, and makes a very destructive wave at the shoreline if you are not far away from shore. It should be illegal closer than 600 feet to shore, and maybe even farther. Boating is very unfriendly to the environment, but it is one of those things people have a right to do. I wish sometime when there is an article on Lake Minnetonka they would find someone other than Gabriel Jabbour, marina owner, to speak with. While he may be an advocate, he is clearly profiting from the activity, and that should be called out in the article.

really6600 LIKE 34

JULY 19

We had to bring in 8 tons of rip wrap (rocks / boulders) this year because of wake boats. I'm not the only one either. So all the intellectuals that want to politicize this and reason about it do not have thousands of dollars of damages to their property. This is about erosion and dock damage. I'm hoping this pandemic year is an anomaly but this has been building for the past couple years. There should be hour of use restrictions similar to jet skis'. Kids don't need to be out there at night shattering our windows with rap.

inlandsea LIKE 25

JULY 19

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bumswrap LIKE 6

JULY 19

Use the lake how you wish so long as it does not infringe on the right of others to do the same. Every boater is legally responsible for her or his wake and any damages or injuries it causes. If your wake keeps others from enjoying the lake in a reasonable manner the take your wake elsewhere or just shove it. We survived just fine for a very long time without wake boats.

justicforall LIKE 5

JULY 19

And on smaller lakes take away the enjoyment of others who can't stand being thrown around on their boats like bobbers in the ocean. My family has almost been flipped over on our pontoon boat which is ridiculous. Defense of wake boats is selfish.

propwash LIKE 10

JULY 19

Their waves are annoying. Maybe make a few more bays minimum wake on the weekends for the old people. Kind of like and adult swim.

carlson LIKE 41

JULY 19

Wake boarding seems really boring to me, but it's just not my thing. But the purpose of these boats is to put up as big a wake as possible, which disrupts all the other boaters, churns up the water and probably damages the shoreline. But my biggest pet peeve is all the boaters who think I want to listen to them blast their horrible music. It has really ruined the lake.

Luckily I'm retired, so I never need to go out on the weekend.

StillWinning LIKE 12

JULY 19

Lived on Minnetonka for 20+ years. The wake boats were by far the worse because of playing lousy music on the speaker tower too loud. Otherwise not an issue

eddie55431 LIKE 12

JULY 19

I'm as conservative as they come, but I recognize the impact of wake boats on a lake. They literally pound the environment of the lake with their wake, both above and the below the water shock wave.

Jet skis are more annoying, but are legal and fun. They are like buzzing mosquitoes, annoying but part of Summer. Wake boats are more like having a huge loaded dump truck rumble past, shaking the ground all day. Not a fan, and I love the sounds of Summer on the lake.

krautkraut LIKE 5

JULY 19

"We only damage the environment and make life annoying for everyone else for a couple of months" isn't quite the argument you think it is.

safelakes

JULY 20

Not just a west metro issue. Not an arrogance issue. Issue is not a small amount of people driving these boats in a manner that they shouldn't. Wake boats, operated as designed, are the issue if operated too close to shore and/or in water too shallow to accommodate their power and technology. These boats are a game changer for our lakes and navigable rivers.

fleetfoot

JULY 19

They are so bad the legislature needs to outlaw them on lakes under 1,000 acres a and within 300 feet of shoreline.

bross0691 LIKE 22

JULY 19

Thats not true. Cabin cruisers do create a larger wave but it's a softer wave and not a giant fast moving plow of water hitting the shore or other boaters. Add the wakeboarders boat cruising with their stereo cranked up as far as it can go and you have a deafening experience for others who are not able to enjoy their recreation because of the constant waves and noise. We have a boat and a cabin -we enjoy it and use the lake a lot but we respect the fact that there are

people who canoe, paddleboard, and float around who have rights to enjoyment as well. It's called courtesy and moderation.

humbleguy LIKE 11

JULY 19

and the big boats dont go into the small bays and ruin things for the green boaters. The noise boats only use the small bays as they want calm water that they can shred

Herm9458

JULY 19

Wake boats absolutely ruin water skiing. Nothing worse than enjoying smooth water only to have a wake boat pull in the bay. I am a live and let live type of person, but I struggle with this one. Wake boats have a huge negative impact on everyone else. Lake Minnetonka gets so rough these days its like the North Sea. Not fun for anything - except wake surfing.

ilumnh55410

JULY 19

Creates wakes too large for other midsize boats. One should not need an oceanliner to boat on Mtka.

mukajay LIKE 45

JULY 19

These boats could not be more disruptive to all other lake activities as well as having their loud music heard throughout the lake or bay. They should not be allowed on any lake or bay of a certain size. On Minnetonka on the main lake only. Regulation is a must.

Speedrgillis LIKE 45

JULY 19

Recreation is one thing, obnoxious behavior is another.i see and hear plenty of it living near the north arm boat launch. Really loud rap music even coming from jet skis. My girlfriend walked down to the landing on Friday to yell at a jet skier who was blasting music while using the buoys as an obstacle course. The people fishing on shore thanked her. Minnetonka is beyond out of control. I see and hear it every day of every boating **season**

Tommy Tutone LIKE 42

JULY 18

This needed to be outlawed yesterday.

burkegenz LIKE 31

JULY 18

Not just lakes, they are tearing up shoreline on our Rivers too!

bigtmn LIKE 7

JULY 19

No one has the right to endanger other people or destroy the lake or the lakeshore.

freedubay LIKE 64

JULY 18

I mentioned this years ago. I don't own lake shore but the waves generated by wake boats are huge, disruptive and bad for shorelines. These boats are a menace and are actually illegal because they make too much noise. Their wakes are huge causing shoreline damage and destroying loon nest by swamping them. We moved off the lake last year. However I would go out after these boats with my decibel meter in hand. I would stop them, photograph their registration, show them that their noise level was over the Minnesota limit, and tell them I would report them to the Sheriff. That got it under control These boats are in no way acceptable on Minnesota lakes.

hobbydog LIKE 58

JULY 18

The water levels are high this year on area lakes and it doesn't take a scientific study to see the lakeshore erosion that is happening. Two or three wakeboard boats on a body of water can ruin it for the rest of the boaters on the lake. But in today's world where everything is all about me and to heck with anyone else this is par for the course. Sad.

Kayak4Life LIKE 32

JULY 18

Thanks Startrib for highlighting this issue. As an avid kayaker it's hard to enjoy the Lake after 9am in the morning. Also how shocking that a marina owner would be opposed to regulating wake boats, doesn't he sell them?

tiers123 LIKE 37

JULY 18

If the DNR was doing their job that type of boat wake would be illegal for shore impact from wave sizes

MinnesotaHeart LIKE 45

JULY 18

Reminds me a bit of noise ordinances. Nobody likes sitting at a sidewalk cafe and having to stop their conversation for 30 seconds as the headache-inducing pipes from the motorcycles rev by, or sitting in their kitchen at night and hearing the kid with 90 decibel cherry bombs

disrupt your dinner. The wake surf boat affects the casual boater in the same way. I don't mind noise ordinances. So I wouldn't mind wake ordinances.

mmeyer1947 LIKE 59

JULY 18

I am a volunteer pontoon driver taking seniors (before Covid) for Lake Minnetonka tours via a 25' tri-hull. Wake boats cause absolute havoc when their wakes hit a pontoon and smaller boats. I am constantly on the lookout for them but there are times you can get pinned in by other boat traffic with no where to go. Staying clear of shoreline would help but I often see drivers are not aware of their proximity to other boats.

marpie LIKE 42

JULY 18

Wake boats can make it difficult and unsafe for canoe and kayak paddlers in my neck of the woods.

Turn the music down and stay away from other boaters. The tunes are so loud most times and one dou-che last year swamped the front four feet of my 24 pontoon flooding and destroying my powered anchor with some 2 foot wake. They need to regulate and ticket because they prevent others from being able to enjoy the lake by making it dangerous

Scooter126 LIKE 55

JULY 18

Essentially if you're fun activity impedes, obstructs, hurts, damages others on a public lake, don't do it. Selfishly messing up other people, or a public lake for you're own pleasure is classic selfish anarchist, destructive behavior: another example of freedom without responsibility.

yabob LIKE 44

JULY 18

The loud music is the worst! With the way sound travels on water, boats that are 500 yds away feel like 5ft away. It's disrespectful.

minnetonka12

JULY 19

I'm on Minnewashta and the music is so loud sometimes it is ridiculous. the boat is 1/2 mile away and its like i have the speakers right next to me. Parents talk to your kids/teens about manners!

roar04 LIKE 26

JULY 18

They ruin the bottom of the lake, stir up the bottom and make a mess

mmedia LIKE 51

JULY 18

They pretty much shut down the lake to any non-motorized activity including fishing. I'm an experienced paddler so I can I catch up to them to surf their wakes with kayak, SUP, or sailboard (if there's the right breeze), but this sets them off like the entitled babies they are, "You're too close!, That's our wake!" But other non-motorized users have had trouble with the large wash from their boats, and I've gone to help paddlers and kayak fishermen who've been flipped.

An easy way to report them is if they are overloaded. They typically have a gang of bros hanging off the tower and gabbing on the sound system, so we can all hear how "sick" they are and their favorite auto-tuned songs, but they may also have "fatsacs" stuffed into the boat that can hold 1500 lbs of water to give them a bigger wave. At that point they are over and the COs can force them off the water. It's funny that they can get away with wrecking the shoreline and recreation for others, but if they violate Coast Guard rules . . .

LAKES for LOONS not GOONS!

Seagavin LIKE 24

These boats are purpose made to create the biggest waves possible; it's akin to bringing concert speakers to the park. Sound waves or water waves, we should consider banning these so that everyone can enjoy the water!

Spiritof76 LIKE 1

Two wake boats bracketed my 20 foot pontoon boat head on. No way to take on the wakes effectively, the front of my pontoons disappeared into the lake with the waves driving my boat down in the bow to the point my stern and prop came out of the water. 2 feet of water washed

down the deck the entire interior of the boat. We we're clearly in trouble but they kept on going. This was on Prior Lake. Wake boats are mence and pose a real danger to other boaters.

Cameronkeathome LIKE 22

Wake boats tear up the shoreline. They have been a problem on gull lake chain. Shoreline erosion is a huge problem for lake home owners and the DNR has zero sympathy.

Phattlys LIKE 38

Some people simply feel Lake Minnetonka's recreation rules should be as unrestricted as possible." there will always be people that think any regulation is bad and will call to end it.

But here is the thing about regulating people. We do it protect us from others, our selves, and to force people to comply. If these boats are in the deep middle and waves are minimizing before reaching the shore ... and there is no negative affects on others and property. Fine. Let them go create a wake. But if they are not safety conscious of others, if the wake is speeding the erosion of the shoreline and there is an increased danger to small craft on the water well, create and enforce a regulation that is fair to everyone. Like 38

Walleye82 LIKE 52

Let's pump in 5000 lb of ballast so we can make a massive wake that you can surf! And then blast music from a sound tower. That won't effect anyone's enjoyment of the lake.

oncorhynchus LIKE 29

I think Mr. Kroll, and others, are legitimately concerned about losing their backyards to increased erosion caused by the large waves generated by these small groups of thrill seekers. Wake boarding is just the latest high point of obnoxious behavior.

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By Katie Read, July 18, 2021

burkegenz

It isn't just lakes that suffer shoreline damage, don't forget our Rivers! LIKE 2

purlieu

Why is it that some people can't appreciate our natural resources without making noise, burning fuel, and creating a turmoil? Why does their "fun" trump the peace and tranquility of residents around the lake, canoers, kayakers, and fishermen? LIKE 3

MarnieD

A woman broke her back due to a wake boat throwing her off of her own boat. That should be enough to ban them permanently from any lake in MN. Why is any further discussion needed?

LIKE 2

e

MarnieD

This seems easy. I can't believe these are even allowed. I would never be so selfish as to own lakefront property, so this is not impacting me directly. But how were boats like this ever allowed on lakes? For some people, me, me, me is the only thing that matters. Such people need laws and regulations to force them to act like responsible, mature citizens. LIKE 4

starloft

Other boats don't make that same size waves, that the environmental reason.

LIKE 2

segavin

These boys are purpose built to create waves, which disrupt enjoyment of everyone else on the lake. I've seen my small children fall over because of a rogue wake hitting our boat so many times. Ban them.

LIKE 3

mobiledeb

I look for the "no wake" lakes or "no power boat" lakes. So much safer and saner! LIKE 4

Milo

Besides being how obnoxious these boats are, it amazes me that so many people have this kind of disposable time and income. 80,000-300,000 for these things and they can't make them fast enough. They are simply big toys and around here aren't going to be even used more than 3 months of the year. Along with the boat you have to have a pretty substantial vehicle to drag it around and then there's gas, insurance etc. Must but be a lot of sweet, high paying jobs out there. LIKE 6

Impassive

This same problem was reported last year by the strib: "Wake boats on Lake Minnetonka are making waves among fans, foes" JULY 18, 2020. Nothing has changed. Nothing will until rules are stipulated. LIKE. 1

unionsrock

Get rid of them. They've caused a lot of shore erosion already. LIKE 31

silverlight

Hopefully these wake boats won't be allowed on the St. Croix. We already have problems with "cigarette boats," and the noisy jet skis. LIKE 12

Sarava

If surf boats are to be banned because of the big wakes they make, also the 40+ footers should be banned as they make even greater waves. I agree that water sports should be allowed only at certain times... there should be quiet times too.... LIKE. 11

WriConsult

"Education will alleviate any need for regulation." Uh-huh. LIKE. 16

foodformer Just ban them. Lakes are fragile environments. Anyone who destroys lakeshore and disturbs others for their enjoyment is a bad person and shouldn't be allowed to do this. The lakes are really stressed now by algae and runoff already. LIKE 32

JoeQuattro

Good! He'll be sad and the lake's environment will be happy. LIKE 3

Netflixgoogl

Ban them all. We don't have enough DNR on the lakes to ticket these people. Ban them all. LIKE. 20

safelakes

This isn't about "the wealthy living on the lake". Every Minnesotan should be concerned about the environmental damages to our lakes, the safety risks to others using the lakes, and to the higher risk of spreading AIS. LIKE 5

Netflixgoogl

Shore erosion is huge with these boats. Stop it. Do this on the ocean. Not our lakes. LIKE 26

reggie12

Sounds pretty similar to the complaints of jet skis in the 80's and 90's, and complaints about the music of 40ft+ boats moving through the channels at 1am. The nuisance aspect of these are nothing new. However the added component of wake boats is the real and documented issues of shoreline erosion. There's also a safety issue, think small kids falling off an anchored boat or being knocked down near shoreline by these monster wakes. I foresee some major restrictions coming along, it's just a matter of time. LIKE 22

lpeterz

The lakeshore damage has only just begun. Wakeboats will eventually be banned. Like 18

Vikequeen77

These things are a hideous nuisance. I wish they could be banned. LIKE 27

SyperScuzzy

I live on a super clear, narrow lake (200 yards wide and 5miles long). You don't need another study. Come visit my shoreline and you can see the erosion and turbid water caused by the zone Wake Boat on our lake. Sochi Disk test has gone from 21 feet to 16 feet this summer. LIKE 21

mmedia

Definitely. It's weird that canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards have to pay so much. They don't powerload at the access and have no livewells or bilges to spread invasives. But these wake boats are doing damage. LIKE 11

amused83

Some forms of amusement force lots of other people to participate with you. Loud music -- go right ahead at home, at a concert, or with headphones. Loud music on a lake, especially in the evening, makes everyone listen to what you want at your volume. Maybe the scores of people not in the loud boats really didn't come to the lake to listen to blasting music?

Huge wakeboard boats also make everyone else deal with them regarding everything from shoreline erosion, to damaging lake beds, to paddle boards, kayaks, canoes and the like. So it is not just a personal choice. It is a question of how much of my personal choice do I get to

impose on those around me and the environment? Wakeboard boats are designed to impose a great deal, but are used by relatively few folks. That's why so many people don't like them.

Would you like your in-town neighbor playing loud music throughout the day? Doing things at their house that damage your lawn? Running vehicles that make it difficult to run yours?

Yeah, probably not. LIKE 39

keskmj

Reminds me of the need to go racing through the Superior National Forest. People can't seem to stop destroying the environment. Wait until it all comes crashing down. Humans seem to be the only animal that spoils its habitat. LIKE 41

larsenpe

I grew up on Lake Minnetonka and have enjoyed the lake my entire life. Wake boats have come in the past few years and have completely disrupted everything. Boaters drive too close to shore and blast their music too loud. My family can sit on our deck and hear a boat across the bay on a clear night. The boaters driving too close to shore, we just had our riprap replaced a few years ago and we fear we might have to repair it soon. My plea is to simply slow down near shore and please turn your music down.

DasKapital

Jakal1000

Limit wake boarding to a couple hours a day. LIKE 21

MojoMe

Square lake has designated hours and area this type of boating. Very limited and enjoyable.

LIKE 1

carlson

I am always amazed by people who think I want to listen to their choice of music being blasted from their boat. Usually country music. LIKE 41

jpk22648

The music blaring in my area is rap with plenty of obscenity LIKE 8

nova72

We are on a smaller lake and have one wakeboat. They are courteous and respectful of their surroundings and have no issues. However, if we get one or two more of these boats then the lake just isn't going to be big enough to deal with it. And if these do in fact disrupt the ecosystems on the shoreline and bottoms of the lake according to scientific studies then I would support restrictions. LIKE 13

stCloudFats

Wake boats are ruining lakes and you don't need a study to see this, they are very disruptive and noisy , shorelines are getting churned up in a major way. Have had a cabin on a lake since 91' and once owned a jet ski. Talk about annoying , sold it the next year. LIKE 29

elizabeth995

There are already numerous studies nationwide that have documented the lake bottom ecosystem destruction caused by wake boats. And, shoreline destruction anywhere the wake travels is also a big concern. Their use needs to be eliminated or at least restricted to large, deep water lakes. LIKE 49

Netflixgoogl

We don't want them on our larger deep water lake either. I would love to Ban them all from our state. LIKE 6

grandmaster

Maybe on 1000 acre lakes and above but incredibly dangerous on any smaller fishing/tubing lake. LIKE 27

carlson

These are specialty boats that go for 50K a pop. Lots of rich parents on Minnetonka are buying these for their kids who then blast music while making waves. Pretty obnoxious all the way around. LIKE 29

kivirl

So stupid. We have plenty of other opportunities for water sports in Minnesota without wake boats. And even if you do the wake stuff, its pretty lame. If you really want this experience go to the ocean and try surfing, or do the other things here and not bother everyone else. LIKE 52

cas002

The same class of brain surgeons / rocket scientists who want to rip through trails in or adjoining the BWCA with ATVs You see bulrush beds disappearing on lakes due to excessive wave action from boats. LIKE 26

biggusdoggus

They have no business being on the water. What's next? Treasure hunters launching dredging boats to look for treasure on the lake bottom, ecosystems be darned?? LIKE 32

hackerboy

Wake boats are a menace. Sure they are fun and that's what a lake is for but wake boats materially effect the enjoyment of others on the lake and too much so. The wake can toss you out of your boat. I fish and more than once I have stood on the bow of my 16 ft boat jigging or casting and all of a sudden its like "surf is up " and you better have good balance or you can get hurt. I don't give a rip about loud music or going fast or whatever, enjoy. But the size of those waves is too much and if you aren't looking can be dangerous.

I also own jet skis. Those things have long been the " red headed step child" of water craft. Cant use them till 9:00 Am, gotta be 100 feet from shore before acceleration, no lights allowed and docked 45 minutes before sunset etc. But wake boats, no problemo, use em anywhere anytime. Stupid. Fun to ride a jet ski over the wake boat waves though. But not worth it. Wake boats are a menace. We can all enjoy our lakes and rivers w/o wake boats. LIKE 53

SJinCH

"Sure they are fun and that's what a lake is for"Explain that to the loons, fish, turtles and frogs.It's their home. LIKE 5

elmore1

ban these harmful machines statewide! LIKE 43

srnelson

Anyone who has spent any time at a lake should realize, constant wake action disrupts the shoreland habit. Loons are especially vulnerable, because they nest at the waters edge.

These boats should be baned on all but the largest lakes. LIKE 57

NineStrings

This is a statewide issue, not just a Lake Minnetonka issue. My medium-sized lake of about 1300 acres has at least ten wake boats on it. The racket from the so-called music makes me want to run away in the summer, and the waves hitting the shoreline caused huge damage during the many years when we had very high water. I think there need to be special rules for people who are using these boats, just like there are for PWCs. LIKE 4

Netflixgoogl

We don't want them on any lake. Big or not. Ban them all from MN lakes once and for all.

LIKE 4

atch1111

When your idea of how to use the water makes boating more dangerous for everyone, erodes the shoreline and affects the wildlife, then no, that viewpoint should not be considered equal.

LIKE 54

Jakal1000

The article isn't about danger. It's about adverse environmental impact to the lake from the large waves they create and the obnoxious music they blast on their speakers. The massive waves they create can swamp/sink smaller watercraft. LIKE 34

test0001

So you can't have the biggest boat on the lake, erode the shoreline, create dangerous conditions for others and generally disrupt others' enjoyment of the lake. Get over it already. LIKE 1

bross0691

No mention of cutting anyone's hair in this article. Baby boomers do still listen to loud music- but as you grow into an adult, you do learn that you don't need to listen to your music as loud as you can get it. There are other people on this planet who would prefer a different type of music or just quiet. Turn it down..I shouldn't have to stop talking to my friend while sitting on the dock because you're screaming by my dock with the music so loud - I can't hear the conversation. There's no excuse for that - it's rude and selfish. LIKE 25

bross0691

LOL - yep. If only there was a way people could listen to music - without others having to listen to it as well and moderate how loud it is, so you don't damage your hearing long term. Oh yeah - EAR PHONE/ ear bugs etc. turn that music down and enjoy. LIKE 1

Ischreif

A friend worked in the industry watching these get designed. He would shake his head and say that these are going to destroy inland lakes. But the company owner saw money to be made. There is going to be a lot of lobbying pressure on our legislators to continue to allow these. Industry will say that people, not their boats cause the issues. Not so. Time for Minnesota lake associations, waterfowl hunters, anglers, birdwatchers, paddlers, all other boat owners and anyone who doesn't look at our lakes as a disposable resource to step up and support legislators to ban these. LIKE 57

Jakal1000

I don't think they will get banned. It will get mitigated by reducing the hours that people can wakeboard.

Bigdrone

"Volunteer" regulations never work. I'll admit I hate these boats, but at least have a set period of time and place that they can partake. They are too disruptive for everyone else, including the creatures trying to live in and on the lake. LIKE 14

bismarcknd

Jetski's, wakeboarding, etc. The newest and most effective ways to degrade our natural resources and everyone else's pleasure. Someone must be out there figuring out ways to retrofit unmuffled Harleys onto watercraft. Only a matter of time. LIKE 46

Landmarkwater

I have lived on Mtkka for 20+ years and have had a variety of boats including a ski boat (Not a wakeboard boat). So I get the idea of I having the right to use my boat in a recreational manner. Wakeboarders need to be mindful of what was decided with Jetski's (which I also own) They are regulated (because they eventually had to) and have to be X amount of distance from the shore and it seems to have worked. That probably makes sense for the Wakeboarders and thats something both sides could live with. The wakeboard music volume however is unacceptable to the vast majority of us who live on the lake. The solution could be drones from the Sheriff's department monitoring noise - taking a picture of the offending boat and a warning and/or fine system send to the owner to make the offender comply. During the week most of the wakeboard boats are driven by the kids, not the parent so that would probably change the behavior pretty quickly. Wakeboard Boats are not going away - we just need to work together to be respectful either using the carrot or stick approach to get everyone on board. LIKE 25

downsideup

Noise ordinances exist. Not sure how they apply on lakes, but listen to what you want. However, recognize that people 1000 yards away may not want to hear what you are listening to. And people 500 yards away may want to talk amongst themselves without screaming to heard above YOUR music. LIKE 27

bross0691

jackson - it's not their choice of music - it's how loud they play it. We have a place on a smaller to medium sized lake. The last few years, wakeboarders have appeared - rude, coming close to shore - cutting other boaters off. It's mostly teenagers doing it but parents are almost as bad. I can hear their music loud and clear from across a 1000 acre lake. Please tell me why I have to listen to their music? There's no excuse. LIKE 10

centerview

Another example of the society we have become, my actions and desires take precedent over your's. The lack of consideration for other people is an abomination. Regarding the ecological impact, it's undoubtedly significant but at least Minnetonka has some depth, same issue on other shallow lakes like Medicine or Turtle, guessing it's much worse. Parent's with the financial resource to have these "toys" how about teaching your "privileged" off-spring some manners! LIKE 52

sheila2009

I blast music from my pontoon - midday summertime? Come on. I don't mind the wake boats on the big lakes — but they're very annoying in the smaller ones where they toss your boat — and cocktails— through the air while you're trying to cruise. LIKE 11

Morg

At a campground if your music can be heard outside your immediate campsite it's too loud. Same with a boat. If it can be heard more than, say, 25 yards from your boat it's too loud. Regardless of time of day. Nobody else wants or needs to hear your music. Maybe they are trying to listen to their own. Maybe they want to enjoy the sounds of nature. LIKE 26

eddie55431

Everyone has the same complaints about the wakeboard boats that they had about jet skis 25 years ago. Noisy, tearing all over disturbing people, impacting the lake bottom, etc. The largest problems with those boats is that the ballast tanks in the back can hold around 400 gallons of lake water. Not all of that drains out. It only takes 2 cups of water with zebra mussel veliger's in it to infect another lake. Lake Minnetonka is a cesspool of invasive species, Keep your wakeboats that have been in city lakes down in the Cites!! LIKE 38

or_runner

Lake Minnetonka about 100 years ago must have been a magical and amazing place. Then we showed up. LIKE 39

joehommes

Boaters want ocean waves? Go to the ocean. LIKE 42

Seacoaster

After crossing a few large wakes from wake boats on Woman Lake in Cass County last weekend, I can see that these wakes are potentially dangerous, certainly disrupting to other lake users. It's a rough traverse on a stable boat, and an upsetting event on a paddle board, kayak, or canoe.

I don't want to ban them, but user awareness and self regulation would be helpful. Perhaps limiting use to off days or hours, when far fewer people are on the lake?

If we restrict anything, it should be access, given the spread of zebra mussels into our watershed last year, and previous milfoil contamination. The DNR holy grail of access for those not invested in long-term health of the lake is leading to permanent destruction of lake health and usability on hundreds of recreational lakes in Minnesota. Sad. We should be paying for screening and control of all public landings. Twenty years from now, when every lake is degraded by invasive species, our kids will wonder how this happened.... LIKE 18

Bigdrone

Surf boats hold 400 gallons of ballast water to create the wakes. Do you think all that water drains out at the end of the day? LIKE 15

bmmvk3

Can't imagine being in a kayak on that lake. LIKE 21

Peachesforme

Then try imagining a SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard). LIKE 13

stanford1

Any boat that moderately infringes on the rights of others to enjoy any other kind of motorized or non-motorized activity should be banned. Period. LIKE 31

nomorepaper

Sensible regulation and enforcement is key. Stop jet skis from operating outside of legal hours. Enforce maximum decibel level. Some sensible regulation for wake/surf boats is needed (not an outright ban). Stay at least 500' from shore. No operation on lakes of say less than 100 acres. Same 930-1 hour before sunset timeframe. No music audible from 500' or further. There isn't a need for an outright ban. But if the people with these boats keep abusing their fellow boaters that's what it will result in. Courtesy on the water goes a long ways. And

that's from a former wakeboarder/surfer that was courteous and now sticks with skiing since blowing out my knee. LIKE 9

muckandgrind

I'm ok with some of the sensible regulations you have listed. Especially around enforcing of noise ordinances. And I also agree that the people that operate wakeboards and jet skis should exhibit the same courtesies that all watercraft operators are supposed to abide by.

WriConsult

Well, we can ban usage that promotes shoreline erosion. Nothing UnAmerican about that.

EP1955

The biggest damage is to fish estuaries. LIKE 15

atch1111

Yeah, screw the environment and all the people who visit the lake to fish, kayak, paddleboard, etc! LIKE 7

procrustes

"But opponents raise another concern that might be harder to solve through education: the possibility that the wakes cause environmental damage. Problems could include shoreline erosion and stirring sediment on the lake floor, uprooting aquatic plants and destroying breeding grounds for fish." This so-called recreational activity should be banned in all Minnesota lakes. LIKE 46

tassedecafé

I hope the Star Trib assignment editors return to this issue each summer to document shoreline property erosion from wakeboarding, property owner investments to stabilize their shoreline property, plus injuries and fatalities. The breaking news I do not look forward to is "board rage, shots fired." LIKE 17

fgirlnow

I was recently visiting friends who live on Stubbs Bay. That bay was constantly inundated with wakeboats going round and round with huge waves. We couldn't even go out and float on blow-up floaters because of the waves. The biggest issue was the constant blaring music --

especially the "rap" music with what many would call offensive because of the "n-word" use, violence lyrics, etc. If wakeboaters aren't aware, your music and conversations can be heard clearly & loudly across the lake water into backyards. The music directly into homes with all windows closed. I first thought someone in the house was blasting a radio. First step should be for MN to ban music from being played on any boat on any lake in MN. If you must have music, use earbuds and you can have your music without making everyone else listen to it. As far as the wakes, probably issue a time of day when they're allowed as the wakes are dangerous to others enjoying the lake as well as the shoreline, etc. These boats work great in the ocean where I live and that's the perfect location for them. To the yellow wakeboat that comes into Stubbs -- be considerate and turn off your speakers at the very least. Thank you. LIKE 63

kingsxman

As someone who see's this regularly on the Mississippi river, I can say its not only Lake Minnetonka that this is a problem for. On one hand I get how fun it is. The issue is that these boats can be SO disruptive to everything else around them its crazy. It has to be causing erosion on the shoreline as the waves that hit the shore (at least on the river) are higher than anything else that we see naturally. If you have a boat or jetski "tied" to a dock when they go by...it had better be tied well with plenty of bumpers so that it escapes damage from the pounding it will take as it violently hits the dock. Granted..this is all "first world problems" so lets keep this in mind..but hopefully there can be a solution found that keeps everyone happy. LIKE 12

nomorepaper

This is the way it should be. Allow people to enjoy calm mornings on their kayak or SUP. Allow people to watch the sunset in peace on their pontoon. And allow people to allow their backyard in the middle of the day without your explicit lyric rap "music". We can share the lake, it just takes courtesy towards each other.

LIKE 4

Heyreaders

Wake Boats are in the same category as four wheelers that rip up state forest trails--lots of pollution, noise and damage for the joy of the user, but detrimental to everyone and everything else. Hopefully laws can change their usage.LIKE 14

lparsons

Maybe it's time for some boater education as a requirement for boat ownership. Just because these people have massive piles of money to put into these boats doesn't mean they have any appreciation for their impact on other people. What's being described here would be called reckless if it involved a car, probably time to apply the same to boats. LIKE 32

e

wiseoracle

Education won't work, without consequences. Classic carrot & stick scenario. LIKE 9

Herm9458

My son has been wake surfing on a friend's wakeboat. He says it is super fun and much easier than water skiing or wake boarding - "you can do it all day".

I hate the waves and noise they create. Lake Minnetonka becomes horribly rough when the wake boats are out. They ruin it for everyone else. Fishing, paddle boarding, water skiing, or just going for a ride in a normal size family open bow become very unpleasant at best. There are large boats on the lake that create big wake. But they typically go from point A to point B and that's it. Wakeboats go round and round and don't stop. I am sorry for those who bought a wakeboat and love it - but it is wrong that your enjoyment so negatively impacts everyone else. Something needs to be done. LIKE 111

Chrisf5712

Wow, I have never read in the comments section such agreement on any issues as there is here on wake boats. To be fair, everyone gets to enjoy the water in their own way. The guiding principle still should be, one persons enjoyment should not infringe on another's. Pretty simple. Be courteous of others, be kind, be aware of others and be respectful. LIKE 35

chatonka

These boats are the steel-studded tires of the watercraft industry. Three of these boats can take over our 900 acre lake making it difficult or impossible to canoe, kayak, paddle board, water ski, or fish, or to just enjoy being out on the water. The damage extends to the loons that nest along the shore and to other water fowl. The waves bounce off the shoreline undermining the rip-rap, sucking out the rocks and soil, and disturbing shallow water habitats. LIKE 88

fleetfoot

They should be banned on any lake under 10,000 acres. Loud speaker systems should be banned also. The ban should be extended to jet skis also. But the ban will do no good because the sheriff won't enforce the ban. LIKE 58

hankdawg

I have a fishing kayak and I hate these boats. I need to reorient my kayak each time one of these monsters roll by; otherwise I capsize. LIKE 52

alagnak

If you want to surf then move close to the ocean. These wake boats are ridiculous and damaging on many levels. LIKE 72

wiseoracle

Water patrol on Mtka is woefully inadequate! Our 20ft open bow boat was seriously swamped by a wake boat, *right in front of the no wake zone*, in front of the Arcola bridge, three weeks ago. Zero enforcement for super bad behavior! Personal responsibility has been cast to the wind. Recommend greater water patrol enforcement, funded by an annual wake boat sticker. 6 month boat consfication for arse hats that can't be safe and respectful! LIKE 75

Fanboom

Morning wakeboarding? No! That is currently the only the remaining time of the day the lake is quiet. I'm for a total ban. LIKE 83

stevensp0

Wake boats don't belong on any lake in Minnesota. Too big. Too loud. Too disruptive. Go surf in the ocean. It is time for some sensible government intrusion. LIKE 96

gutshot

Ban them! LIKE 75

Joe Bob

There is no such thing as "respectful" when it comes to wake boats because they are inherently obnoxious. LIKE 93

mplsjrb

I lost the riprap along my shore 4 years ago, during a summer of high water, when a recent neighbor who continually, and all summer long, insisted it was his right to wakeboard 100 feet offshore. The waves pounded the shore and ultimately undermined my riprap. Add to that he also ended his day by wakeboarding around 8:00 at night, when the lake was at its calmest and most tranquil, blaring his music and yelling instructions to his guests. It was a true nightmare. I asked him, calmly and repeatedly, to go further out into the middle of the lake, but he refused, claiming his right to wakeboard within earshot of his dock. The damage to my shoreline, he claimed, was a "natural" occurrence, even though the riprap had survived, in good condition, for 3 decades of low/high water cycles. Thank goodness his wife left him and he had to sell his cabin. But it cost me \$7k to repair the damage. So, please, take your wakeboat into the middle of the lake and turn off/down the music. And that goes for waterskiers as well. LIKE 180

mplsjrb

I didn't say that wake boats and ski boats are "alike." I was referencing the loud music that skiboats frequently play, not wakes. But, frankly, waterskiers need to understand that zipping back and forth, constantly, 150 feet from the shoreline is both distracting and a nuisance to those who don't waterski. No one's saying don't participate in the sport. Just go out into the middle of the lake. It's a small ask from your neighbors and fellow lakeshore owners. And, yes, I've taken pictures and video, and notified both the sheriff's office and the DNR. However, both told me it's a low priority in light of diminishing budgets and low staffing. LIKE 23

bosshog

This is one case where more regulation is needed since this is happening on numerous lakes now and directly damages other people's property let alone destroying the entire atmosphere of the lake for many. LIKE 1

canadajay

Why every time something is invented to use in our lakes or land they are allowed. There is zero benefit to those devices.

They not only churn the bottom up but raise havoc for other users and wildlife like loons. LIKE 107

spjmk100

That is the heart of the problem. Before new inventions are used at all, the impact should be evaluated. Why should wake boats ruin the lake experience for the majority of lake users, not to mention the environment? LIKE 35

minnetonka12

bmwfan - sometimes the music is so loud that a boat playing music on the other side of the lake(3/4 mile) that shazam can tell me which particular rap song they are playing. always nice to hear "f this and f that" blasting when out on my deck. I do agree with your point you should expect some noise when you live on a lake but this is very different. LIKE 10

elsmack

The fact is that wake boats are hugely annoying to people who are not using them. I have a friend who used to boat on Minnetonka and has since moved elsewhere, because it was simply impossible to enjoy a day on the lake when wake boats were in the vicinity. LIKE 34

atch1111

They look fun. I'm sure they are. But wakesurfing boats are easily the worst thing to happen to our lakes in decades. They create wakes that are larger than most wakes from even the biggest, most ridiculous boats. Combine that with the erosion, the noise from the always-blaring speakers, and the way that most wakesurfers seem to just constantly go back and forth in the same area, and these probably-very-fun boats ruin the lake experience for literally everyone else on the water. LIKE 141

Waterloverc

They should only be allowed on lakes that naturally have the same size wakes. I'm guessing Mille Lacs, Leech and Gull qualify, many others I doubt it. LIKE 23

Tommy Tutone

Wake boats are a menace and should be banned. They are way worse than the larger yachts. LIKE 102

momsoc

It's time for our government officials to do something about these boats. They are causing real harm to all MN lakes. LIKE 89

canadajay

Its up to the people to give the DNR and County water safty(sp) the power to shut them down. LIKE 14

thepoint

I can definitely see where this is headed. Can you say RESTRICTIONS. I recently fished on a popular northern lake at fishing opener. One boat had music blaring and it carried for 1/3 of a mile due to calm conditions. It was a real mood wrecker and you could see guys in other boats, and there were 60 on the reef, just shaking their heads. Want music on the water? Get headphones. LIKE 107

justicforall

Wake boats on lakes under 400 acres should outright be banned. Highly destructive to shoreland, docks, moored boats and all other lake activity. Nearly had my pontoon boat flipped over by one. LIKE 97

ozzie00

One of the worst things to happen to the lakes in Minnesota is the induction of wake boats. Not only do they erode shorelines, create unsafe waves for other boaters, stir up the bottom content, and send music blaring across the lake, in my opinion they also have the greatest potential to carry invasive species from one lake to another. They fill internal bladders up to add weight for bigger waves and i promise you not close to all water is drained when they leave a lake. Enough water that invasives will live until the boat reaches the next lake!! Wish they would ban them...LIKE 128

stevensp0

Anyone with the bucks to own and operate a wake boat has the money to get to an ocean shore and learn to surf. Ban them. LIKE 60

stufferguy

Wake board boats should have hours of operation like jet skies, distance from shore etc. put on them. The bladders on these things are impossible to remove all the water and invasives from, thats a real problem that isnt being addressed. Like 67

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But the ban will do no good because the sherif won't enforce the ban. LIKE 58

gutshot

Ban them! LIKE 75

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Newscast Regarding Wake Boats on Lake Minnetonka
By Jessica Miles. December 8, 2020

Joe Bob

There is no such thing as "respectful" when it comes to wake boats because they are inherently obnoxious. LIKE 93 MORE COMMENTS

Joshua Bone

I vote no wake boats and no jet skis. It'll never happen. Best we can hope for is the water to be breaching the spillway and a no wake zone is enacted on the whole lake.

That happens a few years ago. It was amazing. You could swim virtually anywhere. Likes: **Peto Sky Stone, Christopher Scott, Marc Hilgert, Margaret Towne**

Steve Hansen

They need to ban them from lakes 400 acres or smaller. Was on lake O'Dowd this summer there were 3 wake boats. It was impossible to enjoy the lake Likes: **Steve Wallace, Marc Malmquist, Dan Loomis, Stony Eagle Eriksen, Mandy Hughes, Jeff Krause, Holly Clark**

Patrick Stangl

Lake Minnetonka has become nearly to the point of dangerous. I have fished on it almost weekly for years and the power boaters are out of control. No need to cut by a fisherman or sailboat within 100 feet at over 30mph but it happens constantly. Saw a paddleboarder get dumped in July when a big stern drive ripped by her at 40+.

Likes: **Margaret Towne, Roberta Bogenschutz, Jody Marie Shenkle, Gloria Schmitz Koob Leej Vwj, Tonya Trombley Nelson**

Tyler Bollin

Patrick Stangl had a guy do that to us repeatedly when we were fishing in front of his house. I had 3 kids in my boat. Had all I could do to not cast a 1 oz weight at him. Likes: **Tonya Trombley Nelson, Patrick Stangl**

Brad LaZerte

Jet skis and float planes have restrictions on lake Minnetonka. Not surprised wake boats headed for similar fate.

Stephanie Swift Whitney

This is an issue on many lakes unfortunately. I almost fell out of our fishing boat this summer due to high waves from a wake boat. **Likes: Jody Marie Shenkle Gloria Schmitz, Tonya Trombley Nelson**

Koob Leej Vwj

Just this year a wave maker flipped my brother and nephew 14ft John boat on north arm bay. The wave maker didnt even stop to help or assist of getting my brother and nephew out. Thank god they both had life jacket on and other fishermen came to their rescue. **Likes: Gloria Schmitz**

Holly Clark

Its just that there's a bunch of inconsiderate drivers they don't think of the huge waves they making all over the lakes

Dave Smith

Wake boats should be illegal in all public waters. <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/news/wakeboards> MAISRC.UMN.EDU Zebra mussels' best friend: wakeboard boats, new U study finds. Livewells also tested. **Likes: Chad Daniels**

Online Comments On Minnetonka Fan Club Facebook Page
Regarding Channel 5 KSTP TV Newscast - Wake Boats on Lake Minnetonka
By Jessica Miles, December 8, 2020 & March 10, 2021

Dean Weisser

They throw quite a wake. A wake boat was about 100 yards out, and kept going back and forth in front of a bunch of people on the beach. He had a beginner on the end of the rope. The kids were so scared, they wouldn't go back in the water. The waves knocked adults over. There is no way we could be on the beach as long as that wake boat was going by. Reactions to Post: Like 3, Sad 3, Laugh 1

Tracy Dostal Gustafson

Their wakes are very large and can be dangerous - people don't understand being responsible for their own wakes. Reactions to Post: Like 6,, Laugh 1

Todd McGonagle

I just laugh....for 5 decades all we hear about is the need for slow speeds to keep wakes at a minimum, then comes the 21st century and we build boats specifically to create huge wakes. Who could possibly have anticipated this problem... ? LOL. Reaction to Post: Like15, Sad 1, Laugh 3

Bob Bemmels

Wake borders are not courteous to others. They travel back and forth not 100 feet from me when I'm fishing. Go play in the middle of the lake. Reactions to Post: Like 10

Nancy Purdum Hall

If they would just tone down the tunes so we all don't have to listen to their choices. [Reactions to Post: Like 16](#)

Dan Bilancia

I would like everyone to enjoy the lake. But it's impossible to fish when these boats go back and forth. Most fishing is by the shore. Why not go wakeboarding in the middle of the lake? [Reactions to Post: Like 9](#)

Dean Weisser

Believe it or not, there are some rules on a lake! I wish they would make boaters learn them before handing them the keys! [Reaction to Post: Like 11](#)

Jacob Selseth

I am personally concerned about the large wakes impact on the shoreline and the health of the lake. Lake Minnetonka is a unbelievably beautiful natural resource. Unfortunately we are way past treating it as such with acres of manicured lawns and all kinds of activity, my self included, my fishing boat is much bigger than the 16' mirror craft I grew up with. Be good to each other and respect those around you out on the lake. Be safe. Happy Holidays. Merry Christmas. [Reaction to Post: Like 15, Love 1](#)

Tee Jay Taylor

I don't like water plows. [Reaction to Post: Like 3](#)

Amy Johargensen

why not time slots? I like this idea. Not banning anything, just allowing for different types of recreation that you can plan ahead for. [Reaction to Post: Like 4](#)

Charles Sailwright

Wake boats just need the same rules as Jets skis, only 30 mins of operation in a given area. [Reaction to Post: Like 1](#)

Kory Lidstrom

Good. TWICE last season, we were tied up with friends in a no-wake zone in Maxwell Bay and some wakeboaters came so close that the waves caused our boats to smack up against each other so hard that it snapped a quarter-inch line! Then you get the d-bags that insist on circling you way too close, going round and round and round ad nausea like some kind of sick horror movie. It happens all the time in Harrisons Bay, Maxwell Bay, etc. I have no problem with wake boarding per se, but some of them are complete pricks and they ruin it for the ones that do it right. And, doing it right is not hard: just stay away from shorelines and anchored boats, and don't circle the same bay multiple times. It's really not that hard.

The fact is it IS a problem, whether you want to admit it or not. Shore erosion is real. Big wakes DO do damage. Some wakeboats are only 18-20 feet long yet they put out wakes bigger than 40 foot boats, and 40-footers don't go round and round in the same bay 100 times a day. Painting it as a "liberal" issue

or a "difference of opinion" or "fun killing" just shows that you're incapable (or unwilling) of understanding science or discerning nuance -- not everything is black and white. It's easy for many people to say "it's no big deal" when they DON'T live in the lake and have property that gets damaged. Yes, wakeboating is fun. Yes, plenty of wakeboaters do it right. But, many of them don't, and they are fu**ing up the lake, and it's reaching a boiling point.

If you're against this, know this: you're in a vocal minority. The majority of those who live on and use the lake regularly are not in your corner. Either be part of the solution or don't. But, make no mistake, there WILL be legislation on this, so why not get in front of the issue before it's too late? We can all co-exist, but it starts with wakeboaters admitting that, yes, it IS an issue. Ignoring it will get you nowhere.

Reaction to Post: Like 10

Paul E. Taylor

Seems other states are also addressing wake boats and the potential of causing problems. As more and more people buy and use these wake boats, so too, will the laws come that could eventually ban their use for creating wakes. In New Hampshire, concerns are serious enough that the Legislature has formed a study committee to evaluate the watercraft's impact. In Chesapeake Bay, they have enough evidence to suggest an impact of boat wakes, protective policy measures should be adopted in highly vulnerable systems to reduce current boat wake energy. In Michigan and their inland lakes, 1. Reduce their speed within 500 feet of shore; 2. Not add ballast water or other extra weight to their boats; 3. Not operate their boats near sandy areas, wetlands or lakefront residences; 4. Avoid turning their boats in tight circles (tight circles increase wave height and frequency); 5. Avoid operating their wake boats in shallow water or near natural shorelines. Some states such as Missouri have passed new laws that can hold the boat owner responsible for wake damage or injuries if the operator can't be identified. Other municipalities have gone so far as to pass ordinances that prohibit "artificially enhanced wake" on local waterways. This study was fascinating: <http://lacmercier.ca/.../impact-of-wakeboats-large-waves...>

Reaction to Post: Like 1

Kevin Reich

Just say no to wake surfing boats! Total annoyance ruining everyone else's enjoyment and the shoreline.

Reaction to Post: Laugh 1

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Online Comments On Tiny Boats of Minnesota Facebook Page
Wakesurfing Baot Waves Disrupt Fishing
March 31, 2021

Post - March 31, 2021

This past summer wake surfing boat waves have disrupted fishing on Lake Minnetonka's small bays. A group called Citizens For Sharing Lake Minnetonka is petitioning the LMCD to prohibit wake surfing before noon on bays 250 acres or less. If you agree, you can sign the petition at www.sharelakeminnetonka.com

Likes: 15 Individuals

Cole Semler, Vayoung James, Abby Olson, Matt Sonnen, Kike Sutton, Perry Piehl,
Jesse Drummer, Justin Ziemiecki, Owen Praska, Cory Olson, MJ Kae, Eric Knutson,
Tyler Furu, Sasori Lee, JA Cooksey

Jay Johnson - Admin.

To: [Eric Schmelzer](#) I'm in no way against something like this, Minnetonka is over run with wake boats and jet skies. It's also just not about fishing, It's destroying folks properties and causing massive damage to to shorelines(natural habitat). And yes, a lot of folks in this group own small boats and let me tell you. It's nearly impossible for us to get out and actually enjoy one of the bigger fisheries in the metro due to wake boats. LIKES 8 Individuals

Sam Joachim

They are creating pretty sweet shoreline erosion with those as well...**Darren Dahlin**
I've grown up on Tonka and now I'm trying to raise my kids around the lake. I have a 16 tin boat and I've been swamped more than once by a wakeboard boat.

I agree with those who don't want more rules. I also agree with those that say common courtesy should dictate behavior, but common courtesy is not common nor courteous on Tonka. I don't like a rule like this but I think it is needed. The general rule is that a boat owns its wake. You are responsible for any damage that your wake causes. We aren't enforcing this as it is difficult to enforce.

Lastly, there are big cruisers on Tonka. Most of the time they are going at cocktail speed or up on plane- either one isn't creating a big wake and they generally aren't creating big wakes in smaller bays. Anyone with a larger boat know that if you try to get up and go in a 40ft boat in a small bay you'll run out of room before you get on plane. Wakeboard boats can usually be found close to

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Online Comments CSLM Website

*Regarding Wake boats on Lake Minnetonka
April 5, 2022*

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Message:

We should exclude all shallow bays (e.g. Grays, Wayzata, Robinson, Carson, etc.) where wakesurfing disturbs the bottom of the lake and request use only on "open" parts dedicated for wakesurfing. Since wakesurfing boats impacts depth down to 20 - 30 ft, that could be a criteria to determine zones free for wakesurfing. The loud sound is wider issue, since not only wakesurfing boats can produce it. Both issues require more enforcement and this could be an opportunity for us to build funds for additional enforcement staff by private contributions. I suppose we will have enough of homeowners interested in solving this problem to build a great support base. Thx for starting this!

Name: jeff powell

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Message:

Limit Wakeboarding before noon. I'd like to see if we could include Halsted Bay. thx

Name: Bob Beauchamp

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Message:

On August 29th 2020 we decided to take a boat ride to Excelsior from our home on Casco Point. We set out for lunch in our 23' Kayot Deck Boat. We had a delightful ride over to Excelsior and found a place to dock at the city tie up. We enjoyed a lunch outside at Red Bench Bakery, wandered about town in our masks for awhile and went back to our boat. I noticed as we pulled out that the wind had gotten stronger and we were rocking more from the waves. We had just started our journey back home when I noted two wake boats, one on either side of us throwing up huge waves. As the waves got closer I could see that they were 4-5 feet high. I turned the boat to cross the first wave and that is when my wife, Michelle, literally flew up in the air and came down on her tailbone. She screamed and laid flat on the seat and continued screaming. I was standing and took the action from the wave with my knees bent and holding onto the steering wheel.

Michelle continued to scream and begged me to go as slow as possible. It was a very difficult time getting back to our dock. She was in such great pain and I felt helpless. After an hour and a half we were at our dock. I called 911 and requested an ambulance. The first responders were two Orono police officers, then the ambulance came, then the Sheriff's deputies pulled up to our dock. Michelle was placed on a backboard after she had an IV started for pain. Then the ordeal of getting her off the boat took all six of the responders. I am 76 years old and stayed out of the way. She was placed in the ambulance and taken to Park Nicollet Orthopedic Center in St Louis. I was not allowed to go. I did not see Michelle for 5 days. I picked her up at the hospital and she came out wearing a neck to hip wraparound back brace. We were then housebound for 10 weeks or rest with me taking over all of the household chores. We came home to Indiana on 8 November.

Name: Joan

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Message:

I'd prefer no wake surfing before Noon. I think the worst is the super loud music - and yes, some of the music has disgusting music. I'd like to enjoy my lake property and be outside, and not be disturbed by someone else's choice of music. I can't believe nothing is being done about this.

Name Jeff Mickelson

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Message:

Time slot for prohibiting surfing. Before Noon

Name: Susie Wittine

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Message:

I support restrictions for wake surfing

Name: Noel

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Message:

Ban before Noon All Upper Minnetonka bays.

Name: Kathy Pederson

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Message:

I am the sister of Thomas Lang, who was thrown from his fishing boat, along with a friend, on Gideon's Bay. My brother was not rescued in time to save his life. Wake surfing waves were a major contributing factor in his death, but not revealed in the investigation. Tom experienced the same wave circumstances the week before his death. And he told me about previous summers of trying to fish, and the real dangers he dealt with. I wholeheartedly support this direction of action.

Name: Mike Rau

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Message:

Limit Wake Surfing in Gideon and St Albans Bays where boaters like to enjoy the sand bars.

Name: Linda Boll

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Message:

Thank you for addressing this issue in a civil and fair manner. I'm also very frustrated with the annoyance and damage we endure while trying to enjoy quiet waters. I think it can very simply and succinctly be rectified with a more aggressive distance for shore regulation regardless of the hour of day. For instance by restricting large wake making to 500 ft or greater from shore, that activity will a) be far away from homes and swimmers, and b) be removed from smaller quite water bays (that are 1000ft across and less) and moved to larger already naturally rougher water bays where they belong. Thanks again!

Name: Kevin Knutson

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Message:

I fish Lake Minnetonka and I have to say the wakes from the wakeboard boats is out of hand!

Name: Andy Peters

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Message:

I completely agree with this petition.

Furthermore, I would add a minimum distance a wakesurf boat can operate in proximity to other boats.

Name: Barry Cohen

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Gregg, Vickie and Ben,

The wake boat issue really needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. The issue is not going away. It's getting worse. People are getting more and more frustrated with the dramatic increase in wake boat activity/issues on the lake. I live on Harrison Bay. On any given day, there are numerous wake boats on the bay at the same time. And they can be out there all day... from nine in the morning until sunset. Several days this past summer I counted six wake boats on the bay at the same time. The wakes and the blasting music are relentless. All we're asking is that the LMCD fulfill its mission and manage the situation now.

Thanks.

Barry Cohen
2029 Arbor Lane
Mound

Name

Barbara Chase

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Wake surfing boats on the lake and especially in bays are creating serious and potentially hazardous issues for the rest of us who just want to find quiet waters. I keep my boat in St. Albans bay. Wake surfing boats come very close to the docks and at times make it hard to even get in your boat safely. I would love to see all bays quiet waters. Grays Bay is the place to go on weekends. Every year more and more people discover the quiet waters here and it is getting very crowded. We need more bays like this on the lower and upper lakes.

Susan Hammel, Deephaven

Hi everyone. As a sailor, we agree completely about wake boats. The large waves can come out of nowhere and mess with our course completely. They are not the only irksome power

boaters but among the worse offenders. I think some education about lake etiquette would help as I think many power boaters don't know the rules. We sailboats always have right of way over motorized vehicles and we engage in races so driving through the middle of a race course really messes us up. Thank you for starting this group!

Name

Jim Kight

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Message:

As a long time owner and user of Deep Creek Lake Maryland properties, I find wakeboarding boats are causing shore line erosion (cost of repair not covered by the wakeboat owner), loud obnoxious music, loss of floating dock enjoyment due to the 3 to 4 foot wave they produce which make it uncomfortable while standing or seated, not to mention unsafe. Maritime law states that a operator of all boats are responsible for their wake. It's time for all persons affected by these boats to have a say in the loss of what is there rights of enjoyment of a body of water.

Name

Peter Larsen

Email

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Message:

I grew up on Lake Minnetonka and have enjoyed the lake my entire life. Wake boats have come in the past few years and have completely disrupted everything. Boaters drive too close to shore and blast their music too loud. My family can sit on our deck and hear a boat across the bay on a clear night. The boaters driving too close to shore, we just had our riprap replaced a few years ago and we fear we might have to repair it soon. My plea is to simply slow down near shore and please turn your music dow

Name

Atherton Rick

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Message:

I live on the north side of Gideons Bay. The sheer amount of wake board traffic is alarming, dangerous, environmentally very damaging (I do not need to see the results of the u of m study

to see the damage as the heavy wakes are pulling my rip wrap into the lake and eroding the shoreline). There is so much wake traffic the boats start to push close to the docks in shallower water. We have had near misses here when people have been swimming off boats 150 ft off our dock and wake boats have gone between swimmers and our dock. Calling the sheriff is a lost cause, they show up 30-45 min later when the boaters are gone. The music noise has subsided somewhat but still the music systems pound the music and water carries sound too well. I am all for heavy restrictions on time limits, the number of boats per Bay wake surfing, limiting to the middle of the bay, time limits the same or more as jet skis. The lake is overrun with motors, we have lost any balance between motorized and non motorized vehicles. We talk about lake preservation, environmental damage etc but then we let these wake boats that do serious environmental damage run free all hours of the day and night. I am so glad this group is formed and happy to assist in any way.

Name

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Message:

Wake boarding should be limited to after 10am and no later than 6pm and we should have some no wake days. We need regulation, self regulation does not work. Technology in boats has significantly upped the damage. Clearly shoreline damage is apparent, the wakes have cracked my jet ski platform and broken my table in my skiff.skiff. Wake surfers do not pay any attention to the 150 no wake rule from docks, churn up the bottom substantially and the music often luid and with each boat containing up to 10 speakers the noise especially after dinner is overwhelming loud. Gideons Bay is overrun with wakeboard boats with several running the same paths hours on end. We need to push these boats to less hours, deeper water, spread the activity to larger parts of the lake, and limits the loud pounding music. Environmentally by not enforcing some balance we are doing great damage balance.

Name

Tom :Meskan - tommeskan@msn.com

Hi, we live on Lafayette Bay. While I can appreciate your focus on smaller bays, another dimension of this issue is some wakeboarders do not stay out far enough from shore. We need to find a way to get them in the deeper water. I am sometimes getting what seem like 1.5-2' rollers coming onto our shore. Lots of hammering on dock lines and docks. I wonder if it would be possible to somehow use lake bottom and lake shore topography maps to model where wake impact would be expected to be significantly detrimental? Anyway, no need to reply, but

appreciate any efforts which try to reduce the dramatic noise and wave impact of inconsiderate wakeboarders. Thanks, Tom

Name

Phil Bowman

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Message:

Sorry my last message got cut off. Thanks for your work organizing so far on this important issue concerning our lake. We have lived on Harrisons Bay for 22 years and have seen improvements in water quality and boating quality until the recent addition of the Wake Boarding boats. They seem to really churn up the sediment on the lake bottom on weekends and this sediment hangs in the water and increases algae blooms. The large wakes put out also "ruin" the bay for any type of water skiing which we still enjoy, mainly when the bay is clear from the large waves. You adapt to large waves when a big boat passes through the bay but when their is constant wave from several wake boats in the bay it makes skiing, paddle boarding, kayaking and fishing much less enjoyable. Mt family and I support your efforts and would like to help you where we can. Thanks. Phil & Julie Bowman and family

DANIEL O ADAMS <DANOADAMS7@msn.com>

Date: March 19, 2021

Hi, I am Dan Adams and I have lived on North Arm Bay since 1991. I have had many years of enjoyment on the bay but the last few years have seen many changes, most notably the rise in the number of people and boats using the bay for wake board surfing. I have seen up to 5 boats attempting to wave surf at the same time. I have a rip-rap shore line and the waves from these boats have caused a couple of large boulders to fall from the shore line. I had to hire a barge to place them back along the shore. At times the house shakes from the loud music (rap) playing from these boats when their speakers are pointed at the house. I have been known to be so irritated that I would shout out to the boats to turn the music down. The boat in the slip tosses around with every wave and I can see the irritation from people trying to fish or navigate small boats, canoes, paddle boards, and kayaks. Docks with wooded decks in high water can have their decking raised to the point that sections can float away from the large waves from Wake Surfing Boats. The waves seem to get bigger each year. If I wanted to sell wake boats I would design them to offer the highest waves in the industry to sell more boats. Unfortunately this is what is happening due to competition. I haven't seen as many Loons on our bay that a saw a few years ago. Perhaps they are also irritated by the noise and waves. I don't blame them if they have moved on to quieter water. I can say that I do not enjoy the lake as much as I used to. Last year, someone started water skiing on our bay in the morning and I noticed how small the waves were in comparison to wake board surfacing, and without music blasting and I was hoping maybe that would catch on but I can't confirm that it has yet. In any case I think it is time to find a solution that will lessen damage from the boats to the shoreline and lake bottom and habitat for nesting Loons and other aquatic birds and restore peaceful use of the water by others in smaller water craft that can't do so now. Thanks for your help. There has to be a solution.

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Online Comments On Reddit / Minnesota

Regarding *St Anthony Falls Lab Study of Waves Report*
March, 2022

Mowrey Sally

I lost control of our Mastcraft and thought we were headed to the bottom of the lake when a wave making boat went in front of us. Horrible. Kayaking and sailing? Not with those boats on the lake. Like 5

Ladonna Smith

It's kinda said. Sooo many wake surf boats make it difficult to even take an enjoyable boat ride. Like 7

Barry Childers

I'm all for their fun factor while folks are actually using the wake, but when they have the ballast full and just cruising around it's definitely annoying. Especially in a 2 tube pontoon. Like 5

Jon-jon Knepp

I'll be wearing my GoPro when fishing and post videos of idiots. Will also have evidence if I get knocked down by a wake and get hurt. I assume everyone knows there are liable for damages and injuries caused by their wake?

Mike Driver

Totally!!! They rock your boat on a dock. Like 4

Wayne Yoder

State could limit use similar to small lake regulation. One sport shouldn't ruin all sports on lake. Like 2

Hoops Herman

Unfortunately many only care about the "thrill" and could care less bout how it affects others

Jeffreythepine

Let's hope this makes it into boating regulations soon. More energetic wave could destroy favorite shorelines. Like 26

Kato Koch

No doubt they tear up shorelines and that damage has rippling effects. Some fish, including muskies, breed in shallow weeds susceptible to damage from wakes. I avoid putting certain critters on pedestals but, we've got to preserve them. That's just one example. LIKE 3

Bizot

If they go after this as a law, the penalty needs to be obscenely high from a dollar amount perspective. \$150 won't stop it, but an escalating fine structure will. This boats are stupid expensive and the people operating them don't give a damn about anyone else on the lake.