

My Lakes, Your Lakes...

Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine states that "the navigable waters shall be common highways and forever free..." This doctrine declares all waters to be a public resource. As citizens of the State, it is our right to enjoy these beautiful waters, AND it is our **responsibility** to protect them for future generations.

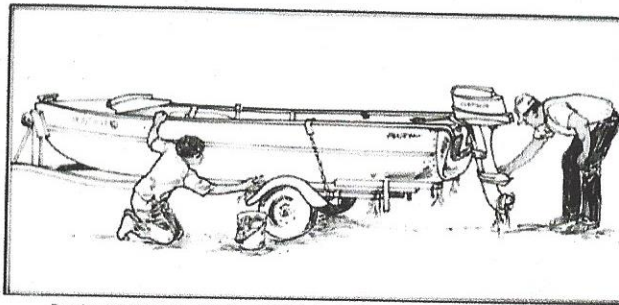
Take an active role in protecting the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes:

- ◆ Observe state and local boating ordinances for the safety of all.
- ◆ Clean your boat and equipment to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- ◆ Join a local "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" volunteer team to teach fellow boaters the steps for cleaning boats and equipment.

The Waupaca Chain O' Lakes is a unique resource. Aquatic invasive species are a specific threat to the lakes' overall health, and water health directly affects the local economy. Preserving lake health is a wise investment. Preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species is far more cost effective than eradication. With the cooperation of all lake users, the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes will continue to be a wonderful place to enjoy.



You can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and protect these beautiful lakes!



Drawing provided by the WDNR and UW-Extension "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" program.



Inspect your boat and trailer for "hitchhikers"!

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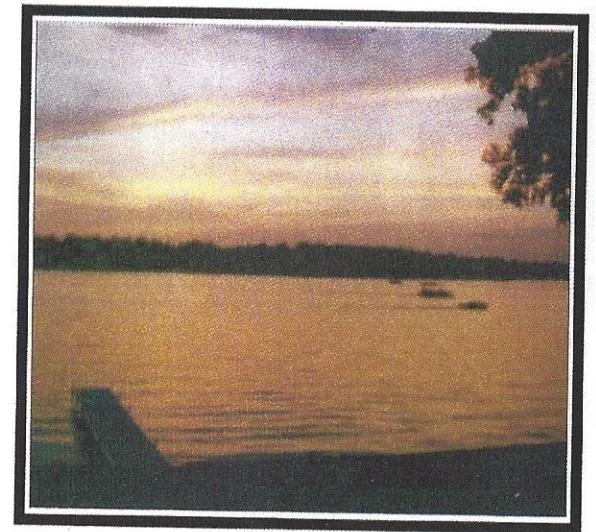
To report a sighting of an aquatic invasive species, contact your local DNR office.

To report a water violation, contact the Water Patrol / Sheriff's Dept.,
(715) 258-4466.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL '911'

Welcome To The Waupaca Chain O'Lakes

*Map of Lakes
Boating Regulations
Invasive Species Guide*



*"In All The World
No Lakes Like These"*

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Waupaca Chain O'Lakes

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- = Slow, "No Wake" Speed
 = Reasonable speed allowed (sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset)
 = Boat Landing = Kayak & Canoe only

Wisconsin Waterway Markers

- Controlled Area Buoy**
 Slow-no-wake, no anchor, no skiing, speed limit
- Danger Buoy**
 Warns of bridge work, rocks, cables, shallow areas and dams
- Safe Channel Buoy**
 Pass between buoys When traveling upstream, green marks the left side of channel and red marks right



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"No Wake" means the speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible with steering control maintained. All lakes are No Wake, non-skiing lakes except for Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long, shaded in light blue on map.

IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF BOATING LAWS MAKE IT UNLAWFUL:

- To operate any boat unless a personal flotation device (PFD) of the proper size for each person on board is available, plus one throwable PFD.
- To operate a motorboat while a passenger is sitting on the gunwales, tops, backs or sides of seats, or on the decking over the bow while under way, unless such person is inboard of guards or railings sufficient to prevent the person from falling overboard.
- To operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of **No Wake** from one-half hour after sunset to sunrise.
- To operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any swimmer, diver, pier, or raft at a speed in excess of **No Wake**.
- To operate a personal watercraft (PWC) within 200 feet of any shoreline at a speed in excess of **No Wake**.
- To operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise.
- To operate a motorboat/PWC while under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance.
- To unnecessarily use any sound-producing device on a boat.
- To move, tamper with, or destroy any official marker or to tie a boat to any waterway marker.
- To throw refuse into the water or upon public or private property.

WATER SKIING RULES:

- Ski only on Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long.
- Boat pulling a skier must have qualified observer in addition to the operator.
- Ski in counter clockwise direction.
- Do not ski within 100 feet of swimmers, rafts, piers and anchored boats.
- Towing any recreational device at any speed is considered skiing.

WATER SKIING HOURS:

Mon / Fri	10 am - 4:00 pm
Tues / Wed / Thur	10 am - 7:00 pm
Sat / Sun / Holidays	10 am - 2:30 pm

Boaters must stop immediately when signaled by a Patrol Officer and/or a blue flashing light.

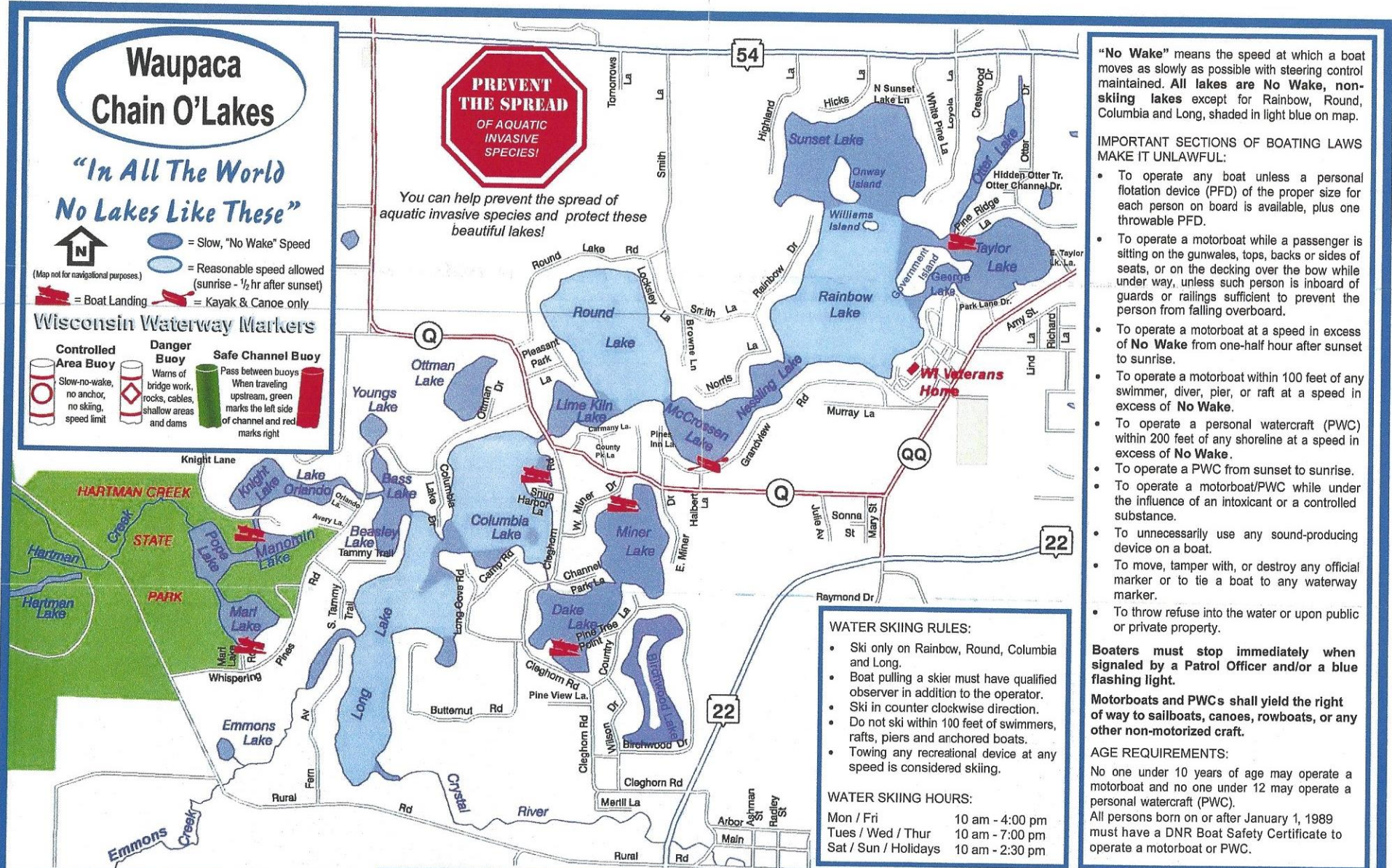
Motorboats and PWCs shall yield the right of way to sailboats, canoes, rowboats, or any other non-motorized craft.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

No one under 10 years of age may operate a motorboat and no one under 12 may operate a personal watercraft (PWC). All persons born on or after January 1, 1989 must have a DNR Boat Safety Certificate to operate a motorboat or PWC.

NO POWER LOADING OF BOATS ON TRAILERS ALLOWED

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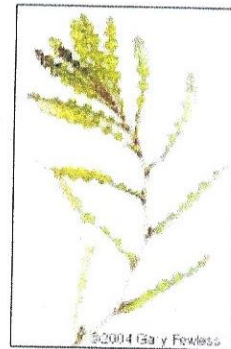
Aquatic Invasive Species Information

Aquatic invasive species spread aggressively and crowd out native plants, fish and wildlife, potentially devastating the health of lakes. The Waupaca Chain O' Lake District and Association are working hard to control three species identified in the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes: Purple Loosestrife, Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Invasive plants and animals are spread from lake to lake by "hitch hiking" a ride on boats, trailers and equipment. **Boaters can play a critical role** in preventing the introduction of additional aquatic invasive species. Take time to inspect your boat for aquatic invasive species before entering and after leaving any water body.



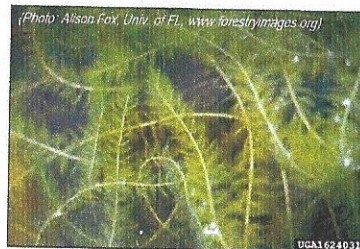
Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is distinguished by its squared stem, whorled leaves and bright magenta flowers.



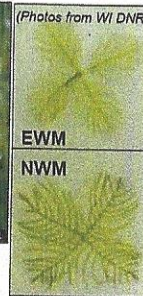
Curly Leaf Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*) is distinguished by its crisp, wavy leaves.



Zebra mussels, (*Dreissena polymorpha*) are tiny bivalve mollusks, that range from approximately 1/64th of an inch to 2 inches. Zebra mussels inhabit fresh to brackish or even estuarine waters.



Eurasian Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is distinguished by its whorls of leaves with 12-21 pairs of leaflets. Compare the feather-like appearance of the Eurasian leaves (top right), to the Northern Water Milfoil leaves (bottom right), which have fewer pairs of leaflets.



BOAT-CHECK TIPS

- ◆ **Never transfer** water, plants, animals, or mud from one body of water to another.
- ◆ **Inspect** your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove plants, animals and mud before launching or transporting your boat.
- ◆ **Drain** water from your boat, motor, bilge, live well and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- ◆ **Dispose** of unwanted bait and aquatic plants in the trash.
- ◆ **Spray/rinse** boats and equipment to remove microscopic invasives, **OR dry** boats and equipment for at least five days.

Wisconsin laws prohibit placing a boat or trailer with plants or zebra mussels attached into navigable waters.