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CHAPTER 1**

1.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(1) **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the waters of Little Cedar Lake, located in the Town of West Bend and the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin.

(2) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

(3) **AUTHORITY.** This chapter is adopted by the Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LCLPRD), exercising the powers granted to it by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of West Bend pursuant to **SS30.77 (3) (am)1**, Wis. Stats.

1.02 **INTERPRETATION.** The sections of this chapter pertaining to the use, operation or equipment of boats, and other vehicles as well as the activities which are regulated by **SS30.50** to **30.71**, Wis. Stats., are the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources established pursuant thereto and shall be construed and interpreted, if possible, to be consistent with and not contrary to said statute sections, rules and regulations nothing to the contrary herein notwithstanding.

1.03 ENFORCEMENT.

(1) The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Little Cedar Lake Water Safety Patrol (LCLWSP).

(2) The chief and other members of the LCLWSP shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the LCLPRD.

1.04 **DEFINITIONS.** Section 30.50, Wis. Stats., is incorporated herein by reference.

(1) **PERSON.** Includes firm, partnership, corporation or any other association of individuals organized together for any purpose whatsoever.

(2) **SHOREZONE.** The surface of the lake that is within 100 feet from and parallel to the shore. Provided, however, that on any part of said lake where the distance between the opposite shores is such that the foregoing formula is impossible or impracticable in application, then shorezone shall be as indicated by buoys placed for that specific purpose.

(3) **SLOW NO-WAKE SPEED.** When used herein, slow-no-wake speed shall mean the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage.

(4) **WATER SKIING AND WATER SKIER.** Being towed or the one being towed, respectively, on water skis, aquaplane or some similar device by a motor boat.

(5) **WATER TRAFFIC.** All moving objects controlled by man or his agencies on the surface of the lake.

1.05 WATER TRAFFIC LANES. The surface of the lake that is beyond 150 feet distant from and parallel to the shore or 100 feet distant from the projecting extremities of any pier, wharf or other structure built in or over the water, or the greater thereof, provided, however, that on any part of said lake where the distance between the opposite shores is such that the foregoing formula is impossible or impracticable in application, then the traffic lane shall be as indicated by buoys placed for that specific purpose.

1.06 LIGHTING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.

(1) MOORING LIGHTS REQUIRED. No person shall moor, drift or anchor any boat, raft, buoy or other floating object in the traffic lane from sunset to sunrise unless there is prominently displayed thereon a white light visible all around the horizon.

1.07 SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

(1) SPEED LIMITS IN TRAFFIC LANES.

(a) Monday through Friday
10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. – 35 m.p.h. maximum
7:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. – Slow-no-wake

(b) Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays
10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. – 35 m.p.h. maximum
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. – Slow-no-wake

(2) SPEED OUTSIDE OF TRAFFIC LANES. When moving in waters that have not been designated as the traffic lane, the operating speed shall be slow-no-wake speed.

(3) REDUCED SPEED IN TRAFFIC LANES. When moving in waters that have heretofore been classified as the traffic lane and it is necessary to approach closer than the prescribed distances set forth in this chapter to a moored boat, a slow moving boat, a flag or marker warning of subsurface activity, or a swimmer, the operating speed shall be slow-no-wake speed.

(4) SPEED IN THE SHOREZONE. When moving in waters that have been designated as the shorezone, the operating speed shall be slow-no-wake speed.

(5) DIRECTION OF TRAVEL. All motor boats, as defined in §30.50 (6), Stats. or personal watercraft as defined in §30.50 (9d), Stats., traveling over slow-no-wake in the traffic lane must travel in a counter-clockwise rotation.

(6) DECLARATION OF HIGH WATER EMERGENCY. The LCLPRD Commissioners can declare a high water emergency. During this emergency, the speed limit on the entire lake is slow-no-wake at all times. The LCLPRD commissioners will decide when the emergency order is rescinded.

1.08 PROHIBITED BOAT OPERATION.

(1) DISTANCES. No person shall operate a motorboat within 100 feet of a moored boat, swimmer or skin diver's marker unless existing circumstances require it. Then, in such event, such passing must be made at a speed and in a manner so as to not interfere with or endanger the occupants of such moored boat, such swimmer or skin diver.

(2) PASSENGER CAPACITY AND SAFETY.

(a) CAPACITY. All boats for rent or hire shall have stenciled or painted on the rear seat thereof the maximum safe carrying capacity of such boat.

(b) SEAWORTHINESS. Every owner of a boat for hire or rent shall be personally responsible for the seaworthiness of his boat.

(3) WEED BED AREA. No person shall water ski, aquaplane or use personal water craft in a marked weed bed area at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake.

(4) EXHAUST/MUFFLER EQUIPMENT. No person shall operate a motor boat, including personal watercraft, unless such motor boat is equipped and maintained with a muffler and exhaust system in compliance with S30.062 (2), Stats.

1.09 WATER SKIING.

(1) REGULATIONS. Section 30.69, Wis. Stats., is adopted by reference.

(2) HOURS OF OPERATION. No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a water skier, aquaplane or similar device, or engage in water skiing or aquaplaning between the following hours on the following days.

DAYS	HOURS
Monday through Friday	7:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays	6:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M.

(3) NUMBER OF SKIERS TOWED. On Saturdays and Sundays no motor boat operator shall tow more than one water skier nor shall any water skier allow himself to be towed by any motor boat already towing one water skier. The towing of two (2) skiers shall be allowed Mondays through Fridays only, between 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

1.10 SWIMMING REGULATIONS.

(1) TRAFFIC LANE. No person shall swim in the traffic lane unless accompanied by and within fifty (50) feet of a manned boat.

(2) HOURS. No person shall swim in the traffic lane from sunset to sunrise unless the accompanying boat mentioned in sub. (1) is properly lighted.

(3) FISH SPAWNING AREA. No person shall skin dive in any marked fish spawning area.

1.11 SWIMMING BEACHES MARKED.

(1) GENERAL. All beaches used by the public shall be identified by markers placed on the outer perimeter thereof by the riparian owner; said markers are to be of a size normally visible for a distance of 300 feet and securely fastened so as to keep the markers in place and painted as required by regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

(2) BOATS PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING. All boats are prohibited from entering such swimming beach, except a boat used by a lifeguard or safety patrol unit.

1.12 BUOYS AND MARKERS.

(1) COLORS. All buoys and markers of any kind anchored in the water, except docks and piers, shall be painted in conformity with the color scheme established by the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources. Any such marker which does not comply with such color scheme is deemed an unlawful obstruction of navigable waters and can be removed in accordance with law.

(2) POSITION. All rafts, platforms, buoys and markers shall be anchored so that they shall have at least 12 inches of free board above the water line and so that they will not float or drift in excess of 10 feet in any direction from the position that is directly above their anchor.

(3) SHOALS. If any shoals are marked, the same shall be indicated with markers normally visible for a distance of 300 feet and which are securely fastened to prevent moving and painted in conformity with the color scheme in sub. (1) above.

1.13 UNDERWATER CRAFT. No person shall engage in any activity employing a craft capable of operating below the surface of the water unless such craft submerges and surfaces in that area of the surface of the lake that has not been designated herein as the traffic lane, or submerges or surfaces in the traffic lane within a radius of 50 feet from a flag similar to that required by S30.70, Wis. Stats., except in the case of emergency.

1.14 MARKERS AND NAVIGATION AIDS, POSTING ORDINANCE.

(1) DUTY OF CHIEF. The chief of LCLWSP is authorized and directed to supervise placement and maintain suitable markers, navigation aids and signs in such water areas as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the LCLPRD.

(2) STANDARD MARKERS. All markers placed upon the waters of the lake shall comply with the regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.

(3) INTERFERENCE WITH MARKERS PROHIBITED. No person shall, without authority, remove, damage or destroy or moor or attach any water craft to any buoy, beacon or marker placed in the waters of the lake by the authority of the United States, this State or the Towns of West Bend, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

- 1.15 **STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.** The statutory provisions describing and defining regulation with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities in **SS30.50** through **30.71** of the Wisconsin Statutes and in the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources established subsequent to the enactment of this chapter, for which the penalty is a forfeiture only, including penalties to be imposed and procedure for prosecution, that have not been specifically incorporated by reference in the foregoing sections hereof, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any said statute, rule or regulation incorporated by reference herein is required or prohibited by this chapter. For purposes of these regulations, such adjusted statutes may be prefixed by “93-1”.
- 1.16 **LITTERING WATERS PROHIBITED.** No person shall deposit, place or throw from any boat, vehicle, raft, pier, platform structure, shore or iced surface any cans, paper, bottles, debris, refuse, garbage, or solid or liquid waste on or into the water or ice of the lake.
- 1.17 **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of these regulations shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the LCLPRD would have passed the other provisions of these regulations irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of these regulations or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of these regulations and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.