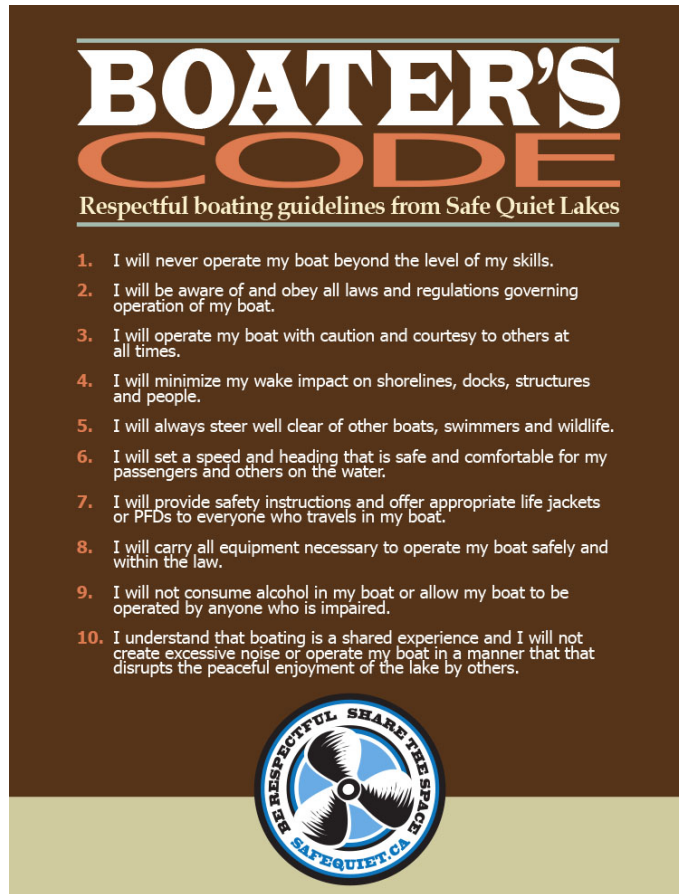


# Safe Quiet Lakes



**Lake Joseph North Association**  
**August 4 ,2018**

# Safe Quiet Lakes Mission:

A poster with a brown background and a light green bottom section. At the top, the words "BOATER'S" and "CODE" are written in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below this, the text "Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes" is written in a smaller white font. A list of ten numbered guidelines is presented in white text. At the bottom center, there is a circular logo with a blue border, a white background, and a blue propeller in the center. The text "BE RESPECTFUL SHARE THE SPACE" is written around the top inner edge of the circle, and "SAFEQUIET.CA" is written around the bottom inner edge.

**BOATER'S  
CODE**  
Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.

**Make the Muskoka lakes safer and quieter to ensure the sustainable enjoyment of a treasured shared resource.**





## 2017 Survey

- Over 3200 responses (up from 2200 in 2013)
  - Large, diverse pool of respondents
- Clear statement of what is important to the people who use and care about the lakes.
- Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate



# Key Findings: Safety Concerns

The 3 most frequently mentioned safety concerns are:

## Power boats

- not following “the rules of the road”
- operating at high speeds
- creating large wakes



# Key Findings: Opportunities

- A majority (61% to 71%) favour top four measures
  - **Establishing “no wake” zones,**
  - **Enforcing laws on illegal mufflers,**
  - **Enforcing laws on boating under the influence and**
  - **Establishing clear decibel limits on noise**

And, 72% of all respondents support increased education and communication



# New Education Programs

- We are acting on these results and input from our Stakeholder meeting:
  - **Speed regulations**
  - **Reducing wake**
  - **Muffler Noise**
  - **Reporting to the OPP**
  - **Advocacy Initiatives**



# What is the speed limit?

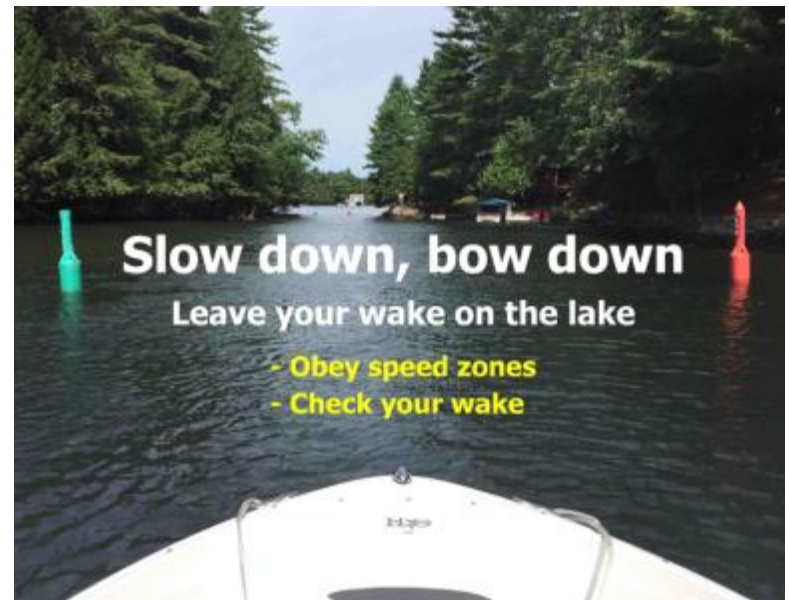
- The speed limit within 30 m of shore is 9 km/hr on the Muskoka Lakes and rivers
- Includes docks and other boats underway
- How far is 30 m?



# Reducing Your Wake

When slowing down for no-wake zones:

- Throttle back to idle for approximately 10 s.
- Wait for the bow to drop before proceeding
- Keep an eye on your wake until clear of the no-wake zone





# What are the rules about engine noise?

- Driving an unmuffled boat or bypassing the muffler, is illegal within 5 km of shore
- If you feel a boat is violating the law you can report it to the OPP



# Reporting Incidents to OPP

**1-888-310-1122**

## Report

**reckless boating , speed to close to shore and other objects , boats without mufflers**

## Gather as much information as you can

**Registration number, Make, Model, , Colour**

**Time or frequency, Location**

**Description of the operator**



# Question re Buoys and Inflatables

- Opinion is divided - majority do not object to the presence of large inflatable toys.
- According to a source at Transport Canada:
  - “Authorization is required under the *NPA* for any works that are in, on, over, through or across a Navigable Scheduled waterway, this includes all swim rafts and water toys.”



# Advocacy

- Advocacy Committee and Board studying the practicality and desirability of advocating for:
  - **Decibel limits**
  - **No wake zones**
  - **Use of lake load tools (Recreational Carrying Capacity, Boating Impact Studies) for development assessments**



# How can you get involved?

- Talk about safe boating behaviour.
- Learn more at <http://safequiet.ca>
- Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or by signing up for our newsletter
- Make a donation: Paypal or cheque.
- Volunteer: [outreach@gmail.com](mailto:outreach@gmail.com)





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