

BOATING ORDINANCE
Town of Trego
Washburn County, Wisconsin

The Town Board of the Town of Trego do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) *The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Whalen Lake.*
- (b) *This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the water safety patrol of the Town of Trego and Washburn County.*

Section II Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

Section III State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.

Section IV No Wake Areas

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed faster than "Slow - No Wake," as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as "that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control." Said "No Wake" areas are:

- (1) *Whalen Lake.*

This area will be indicated by buoys placed at each end of the restricted area.

Section V Markers and Navigational Aids

Posting Ordinance

- (a) *Duty, the Town shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township.*

Section VI Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80 are adopted by reference.

Section VII Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section VIII Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 1997.

Township Official

CONDITION REPORT

The local conditions necessitating this regulation is that Whalen Lake is only 84 acres in size and because of the lack of state regulation for speed, the danger of a boating accident involving boats travelling at a high rate of speed is evident; therefore, this lake should be slow-no-wake. At the present time, boats can legally operate at a high rate of speed, creating an unsafe boating environment. This Ordinance would prevent boats from traveling on this lake at a high rate of speed and would protect public rights, interests and the capability of the water resource.

If this ordinance is not adopted, the impact on public health, safety or welfare could be great, creating a condition where the prospect of a boating accident is great.