

Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association GWLPOA 2021 June Newsletter



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Our Theme: A Summer Of Enjoyment And Safety On Our Lakes

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Dates for 2021 Events

- June 26th: **GWLPOA Hot Dog Picnic** 11:30 am-1:30 pm – Lion's Club
- June 26th **Music On The Lake** front of Lion's Club 7:00 pm
- July 17 (rain date July 18) **Whitewater Lake Fire Works**
- July 24th: **Music On The Lake** front of Lions Club: 7:00 pm
- Aug. 21st **Golf Outing and Dinner** Evergreen Country Club 2:00 pm
Shot gun start with dinner
- Aug. 28th: **Music On the Lake** front of Lion's Club 7:00 pm
- Sept. 11th: **Trivia Night** at the Lions Club

Pontoon Parties 6:00 pm on the lake June 17th, July 15th, Aug. 19th, Sept. 16th (5:00 pm)

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Mgt. Dist.- Monthly mtg, 2nd Thurs./ month
Watch the Web site for updates: www.whitewaterlake.org

You are all invited to GWLPOA's Annual Lakeside Hot Dog Picnic including chips, pop, etc.

What could be better than to munch on (free!) hot dogs on the shores of beautiful Whitewater Lake with your friends, family and neighbors. Please come to this fun event.

What: GWLPOA Annual Hot Dog Extravaganza

When: Saturday, June 26 11:30-1:30

Where: Lion's Club N7462 Kettle Moraine Drive

So grab your boat, kayak, paddleboard, car or just your flip flops and join us for a chance to connect with some old friends and make some new ones.

GWLPOA has planned some great entertainment for everyone with **Music on the Lake** again this summer. Thank you Whitewater Lion's Club for letting us use the patio to showcase our **Music on the Lake**.

June 26 7PM - SQUAD 51, Classic Rock, Blues, & Country
July 24 7PM - CO-SPONSERED BY NEXT HOMES THE DAVID MARSHALL BAND returns to Music on the Lake with Country Rock!
August 28 7PM - Whitewater Lake Resident Mark Barrett brings 45 RPM Chicago for your favorite music from the 60s and beyond.
Load your boat up with your family and friends...Bring your favorite beverage and rock to the music! If you don't have a boat come sit on the lawn or dance the night away in the parking lot at the Whitewater Lions Club.



Lake fireworks is scheduled for July 17. While JNT manages the event, our \$ contributions make it even better. You can make your contribution online by dropping your donation at JNT's Parkside or Marine Pro. Checks made out to: JNT Event.

Enjoying our lakes with safety:

- Attached find a copy of the boating ordinances-please review with your household and any individuals using your equipment!
- Remind your household and visitors that the lake roads have lower speed limits to protect our children, family animals, bicyclist, walkers, etc.
- Boaters, if you are anchoring to swim, sunbathe. etc please do so within the no-wake areas – leave the non-wake areas open for non-moored boats.

"Welcome Back Boaters – Both Old & New"

Last year saw increased numbers of boaters and new boats to our lakes. While we assume every boat driver is trained on boat safety laws that apply to the lakes, here is some additional advice to make it safe and fun for everyone.

Saturday and Sunday, Memorial Day to September, are very busy. Those are not the best days to teach your new skier out in the middle of the big lake, or to take little ones tubing - find a calm area. It is hard to see heads bobbing in the waves on a sunny afternoon. Also, if you see boats with skiers, tubers, etc., don't follow right behind them. You can't stop as quickly as you think if they fall. Give everyone a wide berth.

Be considerate of our shoreline. Look behind when you are taking a cruise and see if you are making large rolling waves that goes over the nearby shoreline. If so, adjust your speed or move farther out away from shore. Some deck boats make as large a wake as the big wakeboard boats. If you choose to anchor your boat; please do so in a manner that does not compromise other boats or homes. Others may not want to listen to your party boat and may need access to their lift.

If you are fishing, please be courteous of where you cast your lures. Every year there are many birds, turtles, and humans, that get injured by a mis-cast lure that is cut and left to hang off a pier or ladder. or in the seat of a boat or canopy.

If you do see skiers taking advantage of calm water for a quick ski please be thoughtful and wait a moment until they are done. The busy lake activity restricts their opportunity to enjoy their sport.

Penned by a Lake Resident

**TOWN OF WHITEWATER and TOWN OF RICHMOND LAKE ORDINANCES
OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

BOATING:

In addition to adopting all state boating laws <https://widnr.widen.net/s/Ovw8hwrae3> , The Town of Whitewater ordinances provide for:

“SLOW NO WAKE” AND “TRAFFIC LANES”:

The rules and regulations for operating any boat are the same as they are for water skiing. See below

SHORELINE INTO LAKE:

No pier shall extend further into the lake than 50 feet from the shore line, no raft shall be anchored or moored where it extends into a traffic lane. No buoys shall be located in a traffic lane and no boat shall be moored where it can drift into a traffic lane.

BOATING ORDINANCES FOR WHITEWATER AND RICE LAKES:

WATER SKIING:

No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a water skier, aquaplane or similar device unless there is a competent person in the boat with the boat driver. The person in the boat must observe the skier being towed and relay any signals to the boat operator. **(*State Ordinance Exception: *(a) Except as provided in par. (b), no person may operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device unless one of the following applies:**

- 1. There is in the motorboat a competent person in addition to the operator in a position to observe the progress of the person being towed.**
- 2. Subject to s. 30.77 (3) (ab), the motorboat is equipped with a mirror that provides the operator with a wide field of vision to the rear.)**

Persons operating a boat with skiers or any other water sport must operate in a counterclockwise pattern on lakes, inlets and outlets in the “Traffic Lane”. A person shall not operate a boat for the purpose of towing water skiers or engage in water skiing except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or sunset which ever is earlier, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, holidays and the day preceding a holiday. Water skiing and boat wakes are permitted Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to sunset except if one of these days would be a legal holiday or the day preceding a legal holiday. Two tow lines on a boat and only two persons using the lines as a means of water skiing or similar sport are allowed. Persons skiing must be equipped with a U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. The two lines shall be no longer than 75 feet. No person engaged in water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity on any lake shall engage in such activity within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat or marked swimming area or public boat landing except where pickup and drop are established.

LIFTING INTO THE AIR FROM THE WATER BY BOAT:

No water skier behind any boat will be permitted to be lifted into the air by any means including parasailing, hang gliding or other means, whether the tow remains in place or not, after the skier is aloft.

SWIMMING:

Swimming from boats is prohibited unless the boat is anchored and the swimmers stay within 25 feet of the boat. Anchored boats with swimmers must have U.S. Coast approved flotation devices. If swimming more than 150 feet from the shore line a swimmer must be accompanied by a person driving a boat and the boat must be equipped with flotation devices that are U.S. Coast Guard approved and the person in the boat must also be trained in life saving techniques. Each person swimming must be accompanied by a person trained in life saving techniques and boat with U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices. No person shall swim in a traffic lane between sunset and sunrise.

ACCESSES:

The general public may use the boat accesses for launching fishing boats, boating and recreational equipment to the lake. No parking on the boat accesses or the road by the accesses. No use of the lake access that is in violation of state, federal or county statutes shall be permitted.

SPECIAL USE OF BOAT ACCESSES:

Permission from the Town of Whitewater Board is necessary for use of the boat accesses by research groups, weed harvesting and chemical treatment operators, sea wall construction operators and heavy equipment operators. The discussion will be on the second Wednesday of the month at the monthly Town Board meeting.

BOAT OPERATORS:

No one may operate a motorized boat under the age of 10. A person under 12 years of age may operate a motorized boat with a parent, guardian or a person no younger than 18 years of age designated by the parent or guardian. A person under 16 years of age may operate a motorized boat only if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or a person designated by the parent. A person 16 years of age that has completed a Department of Natural Resources prescribed Boating Safety Course and possess a safety certificate issued by the Department or by the state of their residency, is able to operate a boat.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC):

No one under the age of 12 may operate a PWC. A person born on or after January 1, 1989, and at least 12 years old may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. (Parental supervision is not a substitute for a boating safety course certificate as with other motorboats.) A person born on or after January 1, 1989, and at least 16 years old may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. A person under 16 years old may not rent or lease a PWC.

AIR CRAFT:

It is hereby prohibited for any aircraft to land upon the surface of the Lakes. The surface shall include ice as well as water. No person shall dock or moor any boat on the water or along the shores of the lakes for the purpose of living, sleeping or camping over night.

PERMITS:

Permits are necessary to have any event or display upon the surface of the lakes. It is not legal to anchor any boat within the designated event or display area during the event or display such that it would interfere with the event or display.

TRAFFIC LANE:

Mooring lights are required to moor or anchor any boat, raft, buoy or other floating object or permit it to drift into a "Traffic Lane." This applies between sunset and sunrise. A large white light of sufficient size and brightness is to be visible from any direction (360 degrees) for a distance of 2 miles.

FISHING;

State fishing laws and administrative codes are enforced by the Department of Natural Resources. Fishing licenses, both resident and non-resident and copies of the fishing regulations are available at nearby marinas, bait shops and sporting goods stores.