

(c) Speed limits.

1. No person shall operate any boat powered by an engine, or any other boat, in or upon the waters of Geneva Lake at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour between sunrise and sunset; nor at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour between sunset and sunrise, except as noted in section II (d) 2 below.
2. On weekends (from 12:01 p.m. every Friday to midnight Sunday) and on Memorial Days, July 3-5th, and Labor Days of each year, no person shall operate any boat powered by an engine, or any other boat, in or upon the waters of Geneva Lake at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour between sunrise and sunset.
3. The speed limit set forth in section II (d)1 shall not apply to Police Patrol boats in situations involving emergencies, or while engaged in law enforcement, nor to boats participating in a duly authorized race, regatta or water ski meet duly authorized by a permit while operating in the designated area authorized by said permit. The speed limit set forth in section II (d)1 shall not apply to Water Safety Patrol boats in situations involving emergencies.

(d) Careless, negligent, or reckless operators.

1. No person shall operate or use any boat powered by an engine or any other boat, or manipulate any water skis, aquaplane or similar device in or upon the waters of Geneva Lake in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger another person's life, safety or property of another.

Section III. Zones, Areas and Restrictions.

(a) Zones and areas defined.

1. All areas marked by buoys and/or regulatory markers and properly permitted by the DNR and local municipalities are so designated as swimming zones.
2. The traffic area shall be beyond 200 feet distant and parallel to the shoreline, and 100 feet from any dock, raft, pier, structure, mooring area or buoyed restricted area.

(b) Restrictions.

1. Traffic lights. Any municipality may install and operate boat traffic lights and when so installed and operating they must be obeyed by all boat or other watercraft operators using such traffic area.
2. No water traffic outside the traffic area shall exceed the "slow-no-wake" speed limit.

Section IV. Additional Safety Regulations and Rules.

(a) Swimming Regulations.

1. Swimming From Boats. No person shall swim from any boat unless such boat is anchored or the boat is manned by a competent person.
2. Swimming in Traffic Area. No person shall swim in the traffic area unless accompanied by a boat manned by a competent person. Such boat shall stay within 50 feet of and guard such swimmer. This paragraph is subject to the provisions set forth in paragraph 3 below.
3. Hours Limited. No person shall swim in the traffic area from sunset to sunrise.

(b) Water Skiing.

1. All water skiing is limited to the traffic area.
2. No watercraft which shall have in tow a person or persons on water skis, surf-boards, or similar devices shall be operated upon Geneva Lake unless such watercraft shall be occupied by at least 2 competent persons. One person shall operate the boat and observe boat traffic at all times and the second shall observe the towed person.
3. The drivers or operators of all watercraft by means of which aquaplanes, water skis, or similar devices are being towed, and the riders of such devices, must conform to the same rules and clearance as provided in this ordinance for motor boats.
4. Any person using water skis, an aquaplane or a similar device, or any person who is towed in any manner by a watercraft or other means shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device.

(c) Spearfishing.

Under or in water spear fishing is prohibited within 100' of municipal piers, harbors, (Lake Geneva/Riviera, Williams Bay, Fontana, Linn Pier/Trinke Estates, Abbey Harbor) and marinas.

(d) Buoys to be out by the first day of winter.

1. All buoys shall be removed from the water by the first day of winter of each year.
2. Every municipality or the Water Safety Patrol may remove all buoys, regulatory markers or aids to navigation being privately owned or placed which are not removed before the first day of winter of each year.

Section V. Littering or Polluting.

(a) No person shall deposit, place or throw any cans, bottles, debris, refuse, garbage, solid or liquid waste, sewage or effluent into the waters of the lake or upon the ice when formed or cause or permit the same to be done by any agent or employee.

Section VI. Markers and Navigation Aids.

(a) Standard Markers. All regulatory markers, navigation aids and other waterway markers placed upon the waters of the lake shall comply with the regulations of the Department of Natural Resources and approval of the designee of the local government.

Section VII. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

Any ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance or any part thereof is hereby repealed.

Section VIII. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion thereof. The Board or Council hereby adopting this ordinance declares that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions thereof may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.