

Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association 2017 Newsletter, Membership Form



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June 24: Lake-wide Hot Dog Picnic Lunch-Camp Joy with an open house of their grounds.

July 15: Whitewater-Rice Lakes & Parkside Marina Fireworks

Aug. 19: Annual Golf Outing at Whitewater Country Club

Aug. 26: Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Lake Management Annual Meeting

Sept. 16: Watson's Wild West Dinner and entertainment, Elkhorn

Pontoon Parties (3rd Thursday of each month May-Sept. at 6:00 pm except for Sept. at 5:00 pm): **June 15, July 20, August 17, and September 21**

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Mgt. Dist.- Monthly meeting, 2nd Thursday each month

Watch the Web site for updates: www.whitewaterlake.org



We are celebrating the **90th Anniversary** of our Lakes (1927-2017) with a wonderful schedule of events for 2017. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us!



As the summer season on the lakes becomes more active please do the following:

- Remind your family and friends that the speed is posted at 25 mph on most of the lake roads. Walkers, children, bickers, and animals deserve a safe access and without sidewalks are using our roads also – make sure everyone is safe!
- The boating ordinances are designed to promote safety – we are attaching them to this newsletter. If you haven't read them recently do so and encourage all of your boaters to read them again before going out on our lakes. Copies of the state ordinances are available on line <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/1e/1e0301.pdf> also regulate our lakes.
- For safety sake, if you are swimming, docking or floating on the lakes – try and stay inside the buoys – you will be safer and not in the boating traffic lanes.

Fireworks on the lake is July 15th. This is sponsored by JNT and funded by them and residents' contributions. If you have not yet made your contribution you can do so by sending a check to JNT's Parkside Marina N7660 State Park Rd, Whitewater, Wi 53190

2017 Membership: We are at 254 member households this year. This is a wonderful number and a little over 1/3 of the lake management residents. Thanks – your membership dues help us sponsor lake events and make contributions to fireworks, ski team, and lake buoys. If you are not sure if you are a member- email me yor-elkc@sbcglobal.net and I will check our records.

GWLPOA Summer Picnic Saturday June 24, 11:30-1:30

W7725 Kettle Moraine Dr.

Come join us at our annual summer hotdog picnic. This is our celebration of summer and our thank you for your membership. Bring your family and guests over for a lunch of hotdogs, chips, beverage and cookies and meet and greet your fellow lake residents. This year following our theme of lake history on our 90th anniversary year we are having the **picnic at Camp Joy**. They have graciously offered to provide us a location for the celebration and an opportunity for lake residents to tour their facilities.



Camp Joy is in their 55th year on the lake. The Independent Baptist churches in the Chicago area joined with Wisconsin churches (a total of 26) in forming an association, and together the first camp was held here on this property in the summer of 1962. From sleeping in tents, washing in the lake, and cooking over campfires, Camp Joy has expanded to the point where the facilities are now used year-round with school camps, summer camps, and many specialty retreats. Camp Joy gets volunteers from all over the country as far away as Alaska and the world including France, Canada, and Pacific Islands.

The camp currently has 650 feet of lake frontage and a total of about 70 acres. The fiberglass superslide at the lake is 275 feet long, and the Skyglide is 650 feet. At the "bog" is a high ropes adventure skill course and a low ropes course. The all-time summer high attendance record is over 1600 campers/sponsors.

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Minneiska Water Ski Show Team 2017 Schedule
7 PM Scenic Ridge Campground unless otherwise noted
June 3, 10, 17; July 1, 8, 15 (6:30 pm), 29; August 12 (6:30 pm), 19 (6:30 pm), 26 (6:00 pm); Sept. 2 (6:00 pm)

TOWN OF WHITEWATER ORDINANCES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PROPERTY OWNERS

BOATING:

In addition to adopting all state boating laws, 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. 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 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 statues 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.

SNOWMOBILES:

The frozen surfaces of town lakes provide an attractive snowmobiling area.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE BECAUSE THE AREA LAKES ARE SPRING FED THERE ARE WEAK SPOTS IN THE ICE THAT ARE NOT VISIBLE ON THE SURFACE, CAUTION IS ADVISED. State snowmobiling laws are enforced and can be obtained from the D.N.R. Town ordinance #2 reads in part, "No person shall operate a snowmobile on Whitewater Lake after 11:00pm, except for the purpose of crossing Whitewater Lake in a direct route to their destination on the other side.

SNOWMOBILE CLASSES:

Information on snowmobile classes to certify children ages 12-16 can be received from the Walworth County Sheriff's Department at 262-741-4400 or the Walworth County Alliance.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 042215
WHITEWATER.RICE LAKES BOAT LAUNCH ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Whitewater, Walworth County, Wisconsin, hereby approves amended Ordinance No. 04221-5, the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Boat Launch Ordinance, and Ordains, as follows:

STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Whitewater, Walworth County

SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Boat Launch Ordinance. The rules and regulations set forth in this ordinance shall apply in and are adopted for the management and control of the three public boat launch facilities in the Town of Whitewater.

SECTION II - DEFINITIONS a. Town means the Town of Whitewater. b. District means the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. c. Public launch facilities mean the three town launch sites: 1. Cruse Lane 2. RW Townline Road and Chapel Drive 3. RW Townline Road and Krahn Drive d. Watercraft means any device used and/or designed for navigation on the water.

SECTION III - FEES

a. The daily fee shall be \$4.00 for residents of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District and \$6.00 for non-residents. The annual fee shall be \$20.00 for residents of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District and \$30.00 for non-residents. (Pursuant with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board Policy NR 1.91 (1t) (g)). f., The user fees posted apply to the public launch sites under the jurisdiction of the Town of Whitewater. c. The daily fee, information on the annual pass, and reference to this ordinance shall be posted at all public launch sites. d. Fees collected shall be used for the purpose of operating and maintaining access sites. e. The town shall have an agreement with the district to address the collection of fees and the maintenance of the public launch sites.

SECTION IV - FORFEITURES a. The owner and i or operator of a watercraft involved in a violation of this ordinance shall be liable for the violation. It shall be of no defense to a violation of this ordinance that the owner was not operating the watercraft at the time of violation.

b. The forfeiture associated with a citation for violating this ordinance will be \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each offense thereafter.

SECTION V - LIABILITY

Users of the public launch facilities do so at their own risk and, by allowing use of these sites, the town and district do not assume responsibility for damage to persons or property caused or contributed by use of the public launch facilities.

SECTION VII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This amended ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s, 6q.80, Wis. stats. Adopted this 8 day of July, 2015

Please be advised, the above is only a portion of State and Local laws. To review a complete edition, please review your State Boating regulations and local ordinances.