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PRINCIPLES

## MOTORIZED VESSELS

- **MOTORIZED VESSELS YIELD TO NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS SUCH AS CANOES, SAILBOATS, ROWBOATS, AND PADDLEBOARDS.**
- **OPERATE MOTORIZED VESSELS ONLY WHERE PERMITTED AND AT A SAFE SPEED.**
- **BE AWARE OF YOUR WAKE. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WAKE AND ANY IMPACT IT MAY CAUSE.**
- **CROSS WAKES AT LOW SPEEDS FAR BEHIND THE VESSEL AND KEEP A CLOSE LOOKOUT FOR SKIERS AND OTHER TOWED WATERCRAFT.**
- **WHEN TWO MOTORIZED VESSELS CROSS PATHS, THE VESSEL ON THE RIGHT HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. WHEN APPROACHING ANOTHER VESSEL HEAD-ON, NEITHER HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND BOTH SHOULD SLOW DOWN AND STEER TO THE RIGHT. WHEN OVERTAKING AND PASSING, THE VESSEL YOU ARE PASSING HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. PASS ON EITHER SIDE, BUT ALERT THE VESSEL YOU ARE PASSING BY USING ONE SHORT HORN BURST IF PASSING ON THE RIGHT AND TWO BURSTS IF PASSING ON THE LEFT.**



- BE SURE TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF USED OR TANGLED FISHING LINE.

## ANGLERS

- GIVE OTHER ANGLERS SUFFICIENT DISTANCE.
- PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ENTRAILS WHEN CLEANING FISH.
- CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE AREA IS CLEAR BEFORE CASTING YOUR LINE.
- NEVER FISH IN DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREAS.
- EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN FISHING IN NARROWS AND WATCH OUT FOR OTHERS.



## NON-MOTORIZED CRAFT

- CONSIDER THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH OTHERS ON THE WATER SO YOUR PRESENCE AND ACTIONS DO NOT AFFECT THEIR EXPERIENCE.
- TRY TO HOLD YOUR POSITION UPSTREAM WHEN APPROACHING AN ANGLER WHO HAS HOOKED A FISH.
- ALWAYS STAY ALERT FOR OTHER BOAT TRAFFIC.
- BE AWARE OF AND OBEY ALL LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS INVOLVING SAFETY AND NAVIGATION.
- OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS AND MARKERS SPEED LIMITS, NO-WAKE ZONES, SWIMMING AREAS, AND NAVIGATIONAL MARKERS.
- ALWAYS WEAR A US COAST GUARD-APPROVED LIFE PRESERVER WHILE ON THE WATER.
- BE COURTEOUS OF OTHERS ON THE BOAT RAMP; LAUNCH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN MOVE OUT OF THE WAY FOR OTHERS.
- PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY. LITTER LEFT IN AND AROUND WATER CAN AFFECT WILDLIFE HABITATS AND WATER QUALITY, AS WELL AS RECREATION DOWNSTREAM.
- ALWAYS GET PERMISSION FROM LANDOWNERS WHEN RECREATING ON PRIVATE LAKES AND STREAMS OR PASSING THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY. KNOW THE LAWS FOR YOUR AREA CONCERNING NAVIGABLE WATERS.



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