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.
**Anglers**

- Be sure to properly dispose of used or tangled fishing line.
- 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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