Boating Usage Guidelines for the Third Burden Lake

Following are the established and agreed upon boating use guidelines for the Third Burden Lake. Any usage guidelines not explicitly discussed here are those published by the NYS BOATER'S GUIDE and NY: Legal Requirement of Boating. Both of these documents can be found on the BLIA website (www.burdenlakeny.org) Please share these guidelines with your guests.

1. Counterclockwise Navigation: All watercraft should be driven in a counterclockwise, circular path, around the lake (starboard/right side to shore). This is especially important on weekends and holidays when boat traffic is the heaviest.

2. Pass on the Left: When operating your watercraft, always pass other boats on the left as you do when driving a car.

3. Small Craft Safety: Please operate all motorized watercraft a safe distance off shore. When coming into shore or passing a small craft (kayak, canoe, sailboat, rowboat) your speed must be reduced to 5 mph (No Wake) per NYS regulations.

4. Swimmers, Divers & Obstacles: Please maintain a 50ft distance from all swimmers and other boats. Please always be constantly alert for swimmers, scuba divers and other possible hazards. Scuba Divers are requested to use Dive Marker flags for safety.

5. Emissions & Noise Control: All motors should be equipped with certified emissions and noise control equipment. Per NY boating regulations all boats must operate within a courteous and acceptable noise level (90 Decibels).

6. Motorized Craft Registration: Boat owners are responsible for registering their boat/PWCs with the State Dept of Motor Vehicles.

7. Night Time Operation: All craft should, when operated after dark, have NYS authorized running light configuration. Water skiing and PWC use is prohibited after sunset by NYS regulations.

8. PFD Regulations: It is required that all boaters utilize approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's), as outlined in the NYS BOATERS GUIDE.

9. Carry In / Carry Out: Please don't litter and help keep our Lake clean for all of us to all enjoy.

10. Personal Watercraft (PWCs): Over the last few years there have been numerous concerns expressed about the perceived improper use of PWCs (Jetskis). To ensure proper use please adhere to the following:

Personal Watercraft — Legal Requirements (New York State Jetski Laws)

YOU MUST...

Wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved jacket
Carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved visual distress signal
Carry a sound signaling device
Engine Cutoff - if so equipped must be functional and attached to the rider

YOU MAY NOT...

Operate a PWC under the age of 14

Operate in excess of 5 M.P.H. within 100 feet of shore, a dock, float or anchored boat

Operate within 500 feet of a marked swim area

Operate between sunset and sunrise. (As Burden Lake is a family oriented environment, PWC operation is prohibited between 8:00PM and 8:00AM.)

The installation of an after-market light kit will not allow you to legally operate a PWC at night

Carrying more passengers than is recommend by the manufacturer

<u>Operate in a reckless manner, includinq:</u>

* Jumping a wake too close to other vessels

* Last minute swerving to avoid collision

* Carrying more passengers than recommended by manufacturer

* Playing "Chicken"

* Weaving through congested traffic

* Any other maneuver which unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb, or property

MANDATORY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS

New York requires that anyone operating a personal watercraft complete an approved course in boating safety or otherwise be accompanied, on board, by someone 18 years of age or older who is the holder of an approved boating safety certificate

NYS BOATER'S GUIDE can be found on the BLIA website or online at:
https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/

New York: The Legal Requirements of Boating can be found on the BLIA website or online at:
http://www.boat-ed.com/abc/abc_specific_images/pdfs/ny_law.pdf

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