

**BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS AND  
SLOW-NO-WAKE RESTRICTION**

**25.01           APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the navigable waters of Rock County.

(b) The provisions of the Ordinance shall be enforced by the Rock County Sheriff's Department.

**25.02           INTENT.**

Due to high water, swift currents, floating debris, submerged objects and other hazards, this Ordinance is enacted in the interest of public health, safety and welfare and to provide safe conditions for the enjoyment of water recreation consistent with public and private rights and interests.

**25.03           STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED.**

All provisions of secs. 30.50 through 30.71, Wis. Stats. (1991-92), including all changes and amendments hereafter made thereto, are adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

**25.04           DEFINITIONS.**

(a) "Navigable waters" means any body of water which is navigable under the law of this State.

(b) "Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

**25.05           CONTROLLED AREA.**

No personal shall operate a boat faster than Slow-No-Wake in the affected area on the navigable waters in Rock County.

**25.06           POSTING REQUIREMENTS.**

The Sheriff, at the written request of the Town Chairman, City Manager, or Mayor, may declare a specific section of the navigable water in their Village, Town or City as hazardous and require a Slow-No-Wake speed limit. The Sheriff shall place and maintain regulatory notices of the Slow-No-Wake restriction at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the County of Rock.

Removal of the hazardous or Slow-No-Wake restriction shall also be accomplished by a Town Chairman, City Manager, or Mayor requesting, in writing, the restriction be lifted on their specific waterways.

**25.07 PENALTIES.**

The Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in sec. 30.80, Wis. Stats. (1991-92), including all changes and amendment hereafter made thereto, are adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

**25.08 SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the County Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**25.09 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective the date after the adopted Ordinance is published. Section 25.05 shall remain in effect until that time.

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