

Resources & Reminders

Respect and courtesy are important to allow everyone to have an enjoyable time recreating in and on Lac La Belle. Please review the reminders below so everyone can remain safe and happy! Resources are provided if you would like additional information.

Piers

- A riparian owner owns the adjacent lakeshore and has riparian rights that allow placement of a pier from the shoreline to extend into the state waterway. One common mistake riparian owners make is to attempt to enclose a portion of the lake by roping off areas adjacent to piers for swimming or wading. This is not allowed because it impedes navigation and public recreation. Piers, boat lifts and related structures are private property; however, someone wading along the shoreline may cross over the pier to continue using the waterway. The DNR offers a Pier Planner tool for riparian owners. If you have questions about your pier, please visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/piers.html> for more information.



Boating Safety

- If you are a boat or watercraft owner, register your boat or watercraft, know who is able to operate it legally, and carry a sound producing device and a fire extinguisher in case you get into trouble. While personal flotation devices (PFD), also known as life jackets, might not have been a key fashion accessory in the past, styles and technology have changed. Find one that works for you, your kids, your pets and **wear it!** Stuff happens. It might save a life.

- “Slow No Wake” means the speed at which the vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control. It is considered unlawful to operate a motorboat, at a speed greater than “Slow No Wake” speed within 100 feet of the shoreline. It is also unlawful to operate a watercraft at a speed greater than “Slow No Wake” speed within 100 feet of a swimmer unless you and your vessel are assisting that swimmer. Wisconsin boater safety information is available online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/LE/LE0301.pdf>.

Mooring Buoys

- Mooring buoys and navigational buoys need to meet standards set forth in state regulations. They are to be a white ball with a blue reflective strip around the buoy. The buoy must be placed in a riparian’s zone and within 150 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), (i.e. the shoreline). If other materials are used as a buoy, they do not meet the requirements and pose a danger to navigation especially at night. Please make sure you are using standard mooring buoys.

Boating Courtesy

- Fireworks viewed from the lake can be a fun experience for the whole family or a group of friends. Please be aware that docking lights on a boat are only to be used when pulling into a pier. Some boaters like to use them when the lake is crowded to navigate into a location on the lake. This is dangerous because docking lights impede the visibility of other boaters in crowded situations. Please remember to use them only while navigating to piers.
- Loud music from speakers can be considered a nuisance. Please be courteous to others!

