

OWN YOUR WAKE

The Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District and the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association have begun a campaign to make boaters aware of the problems caused by large wakes and to urge boaters to take steps to reduce damaging wakes.

Your Rights

Wake surfing and other wake producing activities should be enjoyed without wakes impacting others' safety, creating damaging wakes, or interfering with others' enjoyment of the lake.



Your Responsibilities

- 1) Be responsible for your wake by observing and monitoring your boat wake
 - it travels farther and longer than you think
- 2) Stay in deep water in center of lake
- 3) Try to maintain a 300-foot operational distance from shore
- 4) Avoid making turns close to shore to reduce wake height
- 5) Trim and dump ballast when done surfing or wakeboarding
- 6) Avoid transition speeds - get boat on plane
- 7) Be considerate of boaters and property owners
 - Keep sessions to reasonable length
 - Switch parts of lake between riders
 - Avoid repetitive passes in the same area
 - Give wide berth to swimmers and small boats; consider stopping surf session to allow them to pass without interference from your wakes
 - Avoid surfing near sensitive shore areas that may be impacted by wakes
 - Use reasonable volume of music

WISCONSIN LAW STATES THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY, THE SAFETY OF YOUR PASSENGERS AND CREW, AND ALL OTHER USERS ON THE LAKE THAT YOUR WAKES IMPACT