

Things to Know

Water Skiing

- Water skiing must be performed in a counter clockwise direction. Water skiing is prohibited from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.
- The towing vessel must have a wide angle rear view mirror or an observer.
- The water skier must wear a U.S.C.G. approved Type I, II, or III personal floatation device.
- **The towing vessel and water skier must stay at least 100 feet from shore, docks, or any other vessel.** Except when picking up or dropping off the water skier.

Courtesy & Patience

- Be courteous to lakefront property owners and those who share the lake with you.
- Avoid littering. Trash is unsightly and can cause environmental hazards.
- **Avoid making large wakes. Excessive wakes can cause erosion of the shoreline and degrade water quality.**
- Do not ride too closely behind another vessel. If it turns sharply or stalls, you could collide with it.
- Personal Watercraft may not be operated from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

Gunwale/Bow riding are prohibited

- No persons are permitted to ride on the bow, sides, or transom of any vessel.

Rules of the "Road"

Speed Limits

Normal Speed

- Speed limits on the Conway chain of lakes are:
36 mph (Daytime)
20 mph (Between dusk & dawn)

No Wake Zones

- The slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain control and direction. The vessel should produce no wake at this speed.
- **A vessel may not exceed idle speed within 100' (one hundred feet) of shore, docks, and other vessels.**

Right of Way

- When two vessels are approaching at right angles to each other, the vessel on the right has the right of way.
- When two vessels are approaching each other head to head, neither vessel has the right of way. Both vessels must yield by changing course to the right.
- When two vessels are traveling in the same direction, the vessel that is overtaking from the rear must stay clear and yield to the vessel it is overtaking. The vessel that is being overtaken must maintain course and speed.
- At no time should a vessel make a sudden change of course unless it is to avoid a collision.
- If it is unsafe to pass, the vessel that is being overtaken shall give the danger signal (five or more short blasts on the horn).

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Lake Conway Water & Navigation Control District

Boating Safety Regulations



To report a unsafe boating operation,
please contact the Orange County
Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit
at:

(407) 836-HELP

Boating Safety



The **Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board** members are appointed from your district 4 County Commissioner. The Advisory Board is helping to make your waterways safer by initiating a Lake Conway Navigational Patrol. The patrol is comprised of Orange County Sheriff's Deputies that will be patrolling the Conway chain of lakes on weekends and periodic weekdays and nights. The Deputies will be enforcing the navigational rules and regulations associated with all watercraft activities. A few safety tips that you should be aware of each time you head out on the water are included in this brochure.

Boater Education

- **Persons 21 years of age or younger are required to complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boater education course prior to operating a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or more.**

For more information regarding safe boating in the state of Florida you can visit www.Myfwc.com or the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. www.nasbla.org

Boating Laws

Age Restrictions

- **No one under the age of 14 may operate a Personal Watercraft on Florida waters at any time.**

Registration

- All powered vessels, including electrical, operated in the state of Florida must be registered. The registration must be on board at all times while the vessel is being operated.
- The vessel registration numbers must be displayed on both sides of the forward hull in bold block letters at least three inches tall.

Boating/Skiing Under the Influence

- It is prohibited to operate a vessel or ski with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or higher or while under the influence of drugs.
- The penalties could be a fine of up to \$2,500.00 and/or up to one year in jail.

This brochure is just a sample of safety equipment and operation regulations. You should contact your local authorities for complete requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

For class I motor boats (16' to less than 26')

Personal Floatation Devices (PDF's)

- One Type I, II, or III for every person on board. Also one Type IV must be on board and readily accessible.
- Must be properly sized for the passengers of the vessel.
- Must be in operational condition.
- Must be readily accessible (not in packaging).
- Children under 6 years of age must wear a US Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) approved Type I, II or III PFD at all times while underway on a vessel less than 26 feet in length.

Sound Producing Devices

- Must have a horn, bell, or whistle.

Fire Extinguisher

- Must have a B-I fire extinguisher if the vessel has an enclosed fuel tank.
- Must be U.S.C.G. approved for marine use.
- Must be in operational condition.

Back-Fire/Flame Arrestor

- Required on all inboard engine vessels.
- Must be U.S.C.G. approved.

Ventilation

- Must have power operated exhaust blowers in all closed engine compartments.
- Must be controlled from the instrument panel.

Anchor and Line

- You must have one (1) anchor line of appropriate size and length.

Lighting Requirements

- Between sunset and sunrise the following lights shall be required, one (1) white aft light that is visible in all directions and not obstructed by any part of the vessel.
- One (1) combination red and green light on the forward part of the boat showing green to the starboard (right) and red to the port (left), so fixed as to show the light from dead ahead and 10 points off the beam to their respective sides.