

## Peach Lake Environmental Coalition

### Information to Peach Lake Boards and Associations

The following is a consolidation of the New York State Boaters Guide (NYSBG); North Salem Town Code : Chapter 145 "Motorboats", and Town of Southeast Code : Chapter 50, "Boats".

Peach Lake is listed as being under the jurisdiction of the State and one or the other towns. PLEC anticipates that Peach Lake Boards and Associations will agree to promulgate and abide by the following rules and/or regulations from these sources:

#### **Operators:**

NYSBG- Children aged 10 – 18 may only operate a mechanically propelled vessel with direct supervision of a person over 18 or after successfully completing an approved boating safety course. For Personal Watercraft (PWC's). The operator must be at least 14 and hold an approved boating safety certificate. Courses are listed at [nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education](http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education).

#### **Operations/Towing:**

NYSGB-limited to 5 mph within 100 feet of shore, docks, pier, raft, float, or anchored boat. Operator is always responsible for damage caused by wake. Proper Navigation lights are required between sunset and sunrise. Paddled boats are encouraged to carry a white light to demonstrate their presence on the water when in hearing of a nearby vessel.

North Salem- No motor boat/PWC shall be operated within 100 feet of shore, beach or bathing dock, or float in excess of 5 mph. Speed between sundown and sunrise shall not exceed 10 mph. No refuse, litter, bottles and cans may be thrown into Peach Lake by operators of boats, swimmers, or any other person in or about the lake.

Town of Southeast- No motor boat/PWC shall be operated within 125 feet of beach, bathing area or dock. Speed between sundown and sunrise shall not exceed 15 mph. If towing a skier or aquaplane, 2 or more persons are required in the towing boat; the operator watching his course and not the skier.

NYSBG- Operation of PWC's between sundown and sunrise is **prohibited**. Operation of boats while intoxicated is **prohibited**. Penalties are severe.

#### **Personal Equipment:**

NYSBG- Every vessel operated in NY must have on board 1 USCG approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. And for boats greater than 16 feet in length have a throw able USCG approved type IV flotation aid. Those who must wear the life jacket are children under 12, all persons being towed and all persons on a PWC. All vessels approved for nighttime operation shall carry night time distress signals. It is recommended that paddled boats should also carry these. All mechanically propelled vessels less than 26 feet in length must carry 1 B-1

USCG approved fire extinguisher. If greater than 26 feet 2 must be carried. Mechanically propelled boats, except PWC's must have an anchor with sufficient weight and strength to provide a safe anchoring. Anchor line should be 7 times the depth of water in order to hold in severe wind and weather. A horn or loud whistle is required except for canoes, rowboats or kayaks.

**Penalties:**

**The State and both Towns all have penalties of fines and imprisonment for violations of their boating rules. Be aware!**

**Additional Recommendations from PLEC**

- By tradition, boat traffic around the lake is in a counter-clockwise direction. This is a small lake and vessels traveling in one direction is safest for all.
- Inspect your boat for both flora and fauna before launching. **We want to avoid the increase in invasive weeds and zebra mussels that will destroy our lake.**
- If towing tubing and/or making sharp turns on a PWC, use the center and least crowded part of the lake.
- On crowded days please do not exceed 30 mph limit.
- The island has large rocks in areas marked with red buoys.
- If guests are operating your boat(s) advise them of the boat safety issues pertaining to the lake. Consider keeping a copy of this document on your boat.
- Especially after sunset, be considerate of your neighbors around the lake with regard to noise made by your passengers on vessels.
- Sailboats have right of way over motorized craft. Paddled craft have right of way over sailboats and motorized craft. Boats at anchor or on a drift have right of way over all other craft.
- Guests should not be authorized to use launching facilities without special permission from the appropriate Board or Association, **nor** without proper cleansing of the boat for flora and fauna.