

# **CEDAR LAKE OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CLOA) BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All powerboats and non-powered and manually-powered watercraft operated on Cedar Lake must: a) be registered with CLOA and display a current CLOA identification sticker; b) be owned by the CLOA member; c) have the required liability insurance coverage; and d) display a current state registration (powerboats).

Powerboats and non-powered watercraft not meeting these conditions are not permitted on Cedar Lake unless pre-approved by the Board of Directors. (This would apply to environmental contractors' boats, public safety rescue craft, fireworks watercraft or other unique situations.)

2. CLOA identification stickers must be placed on the right-hand rear side of boats. All watercraft (powerboats, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, sailboards, pontoon boats and paddleboats) are required to visibly display CLOA stickers.
3. All boat traffic shall operate in a counter clockwise direction.
4. Strict enforcement of "no wake" and marked speed limit areas shall be maintained.
5. All boats operating after dark shall maintain a 6-mile per hour or less speed limit.
6. Fire extinguishers are required on all boats with gas motors.
7. The operation of jet-skis on the waters of Cedar Lake is prohibited.
8. All swimmers must be within 75 ft. of shore unless accompanied by a boat. This also applies to swimmers using any type of floatation device (tubes, rubber rafts, paddleboards, etc.).
9. All powerboats and other watercraft must be operated in a safe manner and in accordance with all CLOA Rules and Regulations and State of Connecticut Boating Regulations (some listed below).
10. There must be a wearable life jacket on board for each person aboard every vessel (both powered and non-powered and including paddleboards). All vessels 16' and over (except kayaks and canoes) must also have a "throwable" personal flotation device readily available, in addition to the required number of wearable life jackets (state law).
11. Each child under 13 years of age must wear a life jacket while the boat is underway. All persons in a manually propelled vessel must wear a life jacket between October 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> (state law).
12. Life jackets/appropriate personal flotation devices must be worn by anyone being towed behind a boat under power, such as water skiers, tubers, wakeboarders, etc. (special rules apply to barefoot or trick skiers) (state law).
13. Boat operators must have a responsible observer in the boat when towing water skiers, tubers, wakeboarders, etc.; observers must be at least 12 years of age and facing the person(s) being towed at all times (state law).
14. No water skiing, tubing or wakeboarding is allowed from 1/2 hour after sunset to sunrise (state law).
15. All watercraft (powered, non-powered and manually-powered) must display their required navigation lights at all times between sunset and sunrise (state law). High speed operation of powerboats (over 6 mph) at night is strictly prohibited
16. Any person operating a boat with a motor must have their Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation on board at all times (state law).
17. Wake or Wakeboard Boats that are specifically designed for wakeboarding, which employ mechanical systems (often called surf systems) that redirect water flow in order for the boat to create a large, shaped wave for wakeboarding or wake-surfing or other related activities are prohibited from use on Cedar Lake. This includes boats with surf systems, mechanical surf tabs or plates or any other mechanical system, plates or hydraulics used for wake shaping
18. The following activities/actions are specifically prohibited on Cedar Lake: 1) wake surfing, 2) the use of and/or discharge of ballast tanks, 3) the use of ballast tanks, weight-loading, hydrofoils, wake shapers or any other device and/or operating a boat in such a manner as to intentionally and/or artificially enhance or increase the size of the boat's wake.
19. All waterskiing, wakeboarding, knee boarding, tubing and any other use of items meant to be towed behind watercraft for recreational purposes must not occur within 200 feet of shore. Additionally, these activities are limited to the main body of the lake, preferably in the middle of the lake, staying at least 100 feet away from other boaters and non-powered watercraft.

20. All rope-towed water activities must adhere to the following restrictions: 1) the person being towed must be towed by a rope at all times; 2) towing speeds must be 15mph or more; 3) wake boards must not exceed 60' in length; 4) except when instructing beginners, the tow rope must be a length that places the person being towed a minimum of 45' behind the towboat.
21. Once a boat is launched on Cedar Lake for the season, it must remain. If the boat is removed for a repair or non-repair purpose and/or use on another body of water, proof of full compliance with the State of Connecticut DEEP "Clean, Drain & Dry" protocols must be satisfactorily provided to the Board of Directors in its sole discretion before said boat can be relaunched onto Cedar Lake