



*CLOA Board of Directors, P.O. Box 2152, Bristol, CT. 06010*

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As is the normal course, over the years, Cedar Lake Owners Association (CLOA) membership continues to change, due to the sale of homes and the turnover of folks who are part of the CLOA and have access to Cedar Lake. Realizing this, the CLOA Board of Directors makes every effort to communicate regarding the safe use of the lake (and lake rules) to both new and existing members, for the benefit of all.

**DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, THERE ARE REGULAR REPORTS OF UNSAFE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE THE BOARD CONCERNED.**

As Cedar Lake is a private lake, we do not currently have DEEP personnel enforcing our regulations. CLOA, being self-governed, has Safety Committee and CLOA member volunteers, who man the safety boat and, to the best of their ability, explain and enforce the rules in an effort to compel individuals to make safe and thoughtful decisions. If YOU are approached and asked questions (or formally contacted) about your potentially unsafe activities, it is incumbent upon you to accept the Safety Boat volunteers' recommendations and to observe all safety rules in place, regardless of your personal opinion about the rules. The CLOA Board willingly accepts and considers all comments and recommendations submitted regarding proposed changes to the rules and the CLOA By-Laws.

Following is a list of unsafe lake activities recently reported to the CLOA Board:

- Individuals riding on V-hull and pontoon boats in an unsafe fashion:
  - Not sitting within the proper confines of a V-hull or pontoon boat, i.e., standing or sitting on the far front or rear decks or hanging legs off the boat
  - Purposefully being dragged behind the boat while hanging on to the boat ladder or other part of the boat
- Individuals either swimming in the boat lanes, attempting to cross boat lanes, paddle boarding in the boat lanes, or lying prone on a paddle board or other flotation device in or close to the boat lanes during periods of high traffic
- Individuals in the water in or near the boat lanes at dusk or in the dark
- Boats travelling in a clockwise direction or motoring too close to shore
- Boats making large enough wakes to cause damage to docks or moored boats
- Boats not displaying proper documentation (CT and CLOA stickers, etc.) or displaying them in the wrong place (CLOA – right rear side)
- Boats operating at greater than trolling speed later than 30 minutes after dusk

**OUR SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL WHO USE THE LAKE.  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE OUT THERE. YOU ARE NOT IMMUNE TO MISHAPS.  
PLEASE MAKE SAFE AND THOUGHTFUL DECISIONS.**

The CLOA Board would like to remind all new (and even longtime) members of a few of the current policies that are in place for everyone's safety – all of which are available on the CLOA website or upon request to the Board. Please observe these rules at all times.



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**BOATING / WATERCRAFT USAGE (Restricted to CLOA Members):**

- Each member is allowed (1) power boat of 25hp or less provided, the owner has at least \$100,000 worth of liability coverage, meets all state requirements (registration) and displays a current CLOA sticker on the starboard (right) rear side of the vessel.
- Each member is allowed (1) power boat greater than 25hp, provided the owner has at least \$300,000 worth of liability coverage, meets all state requirements (registration) and displays a current CLOA sticker on the starboard (right) rear side of the vessel. Boaters are responsible for any damage caused by their wake.
- Canoes, Row Boats, Sailboats and Kayaks, etc. are allowed, provided the owner carries at least \$100,000 of liability coverage and each vessel displays a current CLOA sticker. Non-Powered watercraft always have the right of way.
- Water-skiing and tubing must be done at least 75' from the shore. No Jet Ski's are allowed on Cedar Lake.
- Swimmers must stay within 75 feet of shore (unless accompanied by a boat).

**ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV's):**

- Must be properly registered with the State, fully insured, and display a valid CLOA sticker. ATV's are only to be used for bringing Ice Fishing equipment onto and off the ice during the winter months.

**DOCKS & WALLS:**

- Any changes to existing docks and walls, as well as the installation of new docks and walls, must first be approved by the CLOA Board, before beginning work or seeking any local or state approvals.

**LAKE QUALITY / HEALTH:**

- Please remember that anything that you put on your lawn (pesticides / fertilizer) and any open drainage from your property ends up in Cedar Lake. Keeping all chemical treatments at least 35 feet from the water's edge and well-maintained septic systems are the best defenses against polluting our lake and causing harm to residents.
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