

## **Little Traverse Lake Rules and Guidelines**

### **Boating**

- Michigan state-wide speed limit on the water is 55 mph.
- Powered watercraft must operate at a slow, no wake speed limit within 100 feet of a dock, raft, anchored boat, swimmer or within 100 feet of the shoreline or water depth of 3 feet or less.
- High speed boating must be done in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake whenever possible.
- Powered watercraft must yield right-of-way to unpowered watercraft
- All watercraft must carry a PFD for each person aboard.
- No more than two powered watercraft of more than 10 horse power per parcel of land.

### **Personal Watercraft (PWC) -Jet Ski additional rules:**

- Operating hours are 8:00 AM until one hour before sunset
- Slow, no wake speed: Where water depth is less than 2 feet, within 100 feet of dock, raft or swimmer, within 150 feet of another vessel.
- PWC are requested to confine high speed activities to the central, deep part of the lake.

### **Fireworks**

- Fireworks use is only allowed on the day preceding, day of, and day after a National holiday. (Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day)
- Be considerate and do not use fireworks after 11:00 PM.

### **Protecting the Lake**

- Avoid using soaps and shampoos in the lake.
- Be careful refueling watercraft. Avoid spilling fuel in the water.
- Clean the bottom of your boat prior to launching if you have been in other waters. This reduces invasive species.
- Never pour hazardous liquids such as fuel, oil, or solvents into the soil or down household drains.
- Avoid lawn fertilizer near the lake and maintain proper septic tank operations

### **Swimmers Itch**

- Swimmers itch is caused by a microscopic parasite that lives in waterfowl such as ducks or geese. The parasite can burrow into human skin and die which may result in an itchy rash. Best practices to avoid swimmers itch are:
  - towel off briskly after being in the water
  - minimize time spent in shallow water
  - apply sunscreen or sunscreen with insect repellent to feet and legs
  - don't feed the waterfowl near your shoreline
  - apply anti-itch medication such as Benadryl at the first sign of itching

### **Trash and Recycling**

- Trash pickup is Wednesday morning by American Waste. Use approved trash containers. Try to avoid plastic bags. The animals will tear them apart. Black bears have been seen in the area!
- Return empty trash containers from the road as soon as possible.
- Recycling is available for drop off in Cedar.

### **Be Considerate**

- Drive slowly and safely; look out for pedestrians, children, bicycles, and pets.
- Keep noise to a minimum. Avoid loud music after 10:00 PM
- Park boats and trailers away from the road

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