

LILLY LAKE NEWS

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Boating Facts

Top States for boats registered:

1. Michigan: 1,003,947
2. California: 957,463
3. Florida: 902,964
4. Minnesota: 826,048
5. Texas: 621,244
6. Wisconsin: 575,920

Free Fishing Weekend—
June 2-3.

No fishing license needed.
All other fishing regulations apply. Good luck!



BOAT SAFETY

Boating and Wisconsin lakes just go together. Drive by Lilly Lake on any given weekend in the summer and you will agree. However, with all that traffic comes a higher chance of an accident happening. Boating popularity is at an all time high, but we always have to keep safety in mind. The Wisconsin DNR has established boating safety regulations to help reduce accidents and conflicts.

What are the rules? For a full description of the rule you can pick up a DNR booklet at certain businesses or go to the website: http://www.boat-ed.com/wi/handbook/pdf_index.htm. See page 2 for information about classes.

Who may operate a boat?

- No one under the age of 10.
- A person 10 or 11 years old only if accompanied by a parent, guardian or a person at least 18 who is designated by the parent or guardian
- A person 12-15 years old under either of the following conditions:
 - Is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a person at least 18 who is designated by the parent or guardian
 - Has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the WI DNR
- A person born on or after 1/1/89 and over 16 years old may operate a motorboat only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the WI DNR.



← Young adults...this applies to you too!

Who may operate a personal watercraft?

- No one under the age of 12 may operate, lease or rent a personal watercraft.
- No one under the age of 16 may rent or lease a personal watercraft.
- Children at least 12 years of age may operate a personal watercraft if they have successfully completed DNR prescribed boating safety course and possess a boating safety certificate issued by the Wisconsin DNR or another state. Adult supervision is not a substitute for a certificate.



Measuring the water:

- The water level gauge was reinstalled in March (thanks to the warm weather)
- Water clarity readings will begin this spring.

Questions? Contact Mike Adam at 537-2413

FACT:

In 2011 there were 23 boating fatalities in WI. Alcohol was a factor in over 1/2 of them.



- Do you have a topic that you would like to see in the newsletter?

Please contact Mike Adam at:
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BOATING AND BOOZE

Wisconsin law prohibits **anyone** from operating a motorboat or manipulating water skis or similar devices while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and drugs cause impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment, and slower reaction times.

- Anyone who operates or attempts to operate a vessel is deemed to have given consent to an alcohol and/or drug test.
- It is illegal for a person to operate a motorboat or use water skis, a surfboard, or other device if he or she:
- Is under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance **or ...**
- Has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or greater.

BOAT SAFETY CLASSES

There are two ways to complete the required safety class: the traditional classroom course or through the internet.

Traditional classroom:

These courses are held throughout the state, generally in the spring. The cost is approximately \$10. Locally there have been classes at Gander Mountain in Kenosha and in Silver Lake.

Internet course:

Boat operators now have two convenient online methods to receive boat safety certification through Internet web courses.

1. <http://www.boat-ed.com/Wisconsin/> This costs \$29.50. The three-hour course is split into short segments that are designed for easy comprehension and quick learning. Log out and the course "remembers" where you left off, so you can jump right back in after a few hours or days. This course has the identical text that students study in DNR's classroom courses, colorfully illustrated with more than 200 realistic drawings, more than an hour of streaming videos and interactive animations .
2. <http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/wisconsin/> This new course is suitable for boaters of any age and reading skills because students can choose to hear the material as well as see it. The course features many eye-catching animations and the ability for students to "bookmark" where they are, making it easier to return to complete the course at a later time. This course costs \$29.99 and takes a minimum of three hours to complete.

Non-Motorized Craft:

There are no age or certification requirements for operating a boat that is not equipped with a motor.

