

What Non-Farming Residents Can Do to Protect Canandaigua Lake

Recreational Boating

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Canandaigua Lake is not only valued for fishing, swimming and boating, it is the source of drinking water for over 50,000 people. Certain responsibilities go along with the various recreational activities provided by the lake in order to maintain our safety, and the lake's water quality and ecological integrity.

Discharge of human waste into the lake is prohibited. Human waste contain disease-carrying bacteria that are harmful to

humans, and nutrients that can contribute to algal blooms. Proper disposal of human waste from boaters is extremely important. Human waste pumpout stations are located at Jansen's Marina in Woodville, Sutter's Marina and at the Kershaw Park extension near the Canandaigua Lady. Public restrooms are located at the boat launch in Canandaigua, Onanda Park and on the City Pier. There are portable restrooms at the DEC launch site in Woodville.



Sailing is just one of the many recreational activities occurring on the lake.

LAWS SPECIFIC TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

PWCs must stay 500 feet away from designated swimming areas. Hours of operation are between sunrise and sunset. New York State requires mandatory education classes for PWC riders based on age. Check with the Ontario County Sheriff's Department for a current class schedule.

If Born on or after:	A boating safety certificate is required to operate a PWC as of:
Jan 1, 1981	Jan 1, 2000
Jan 1, 1978	Jan 1, 2001
Jan 1, 1975	Jan 1, 2002
Jan 1, 1972	Jan 1, 2003
All operators	Jan 1, 2004

SPEED LIMITS

- 45 mph daytime
- 25 mph at night
- 5 mph within 200 feet of a dock, pier, raft, float, anchored boat, divers flag or shore.
- Speed limits protect lives and property and reduce shoreline erosion. Erosion carries sediments into the water that spur weed growth and cover spawning grounds.

NOISE LIMITS:

75 decibels in a moving test, 90 decibels stationary with the engine idling (testing point 200 feet away).

Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) are required for each person in boat. PFDs must be worn by persons under 12 years of age.

The Ontario County Sheriff's Department is the lead enforcement agency on the lake. For emergencies call 911.