

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Before launching your boat on the lake, take a few minutes to review the Wisconsin Boating regulations. Understanding the rules helps ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable experience for everyone on the water.

Boats should not be operated:

- Within 100 ft of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier or restricted area of a lake at greater than “SLOW, no wake speed”
- At greater than “SLOW, no wake speed” within 100 ft of a swimmer unless you are assisting the swimmer
- With a person riding on the bow, deck or gunwale while underway
- To jump the wake of any vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inflatables, wakeboard or surfboard.

Personal watercraft – PWC’s

- Every person must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD
- PWC’s may not be operated at faster than “SLOW, no wake speed” within:
 - 100 ft of any other vessel on the water
 - 100 ft of any dock, pier, raft or restricted area
 - 200 ft of any shoreline
- PWC’s may not be used to tow a person unless:
 - PWC is designed to accommodate 3 people **AND**
 - A competent observer is on board or the PWC is equipped with a wide angled rear-view mirror

Paddleboards

- A PFD must be available for each person aboard

“SLOW – NO Wake Speed” means a speed at which the vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control



Wisconsin Boating Regulations

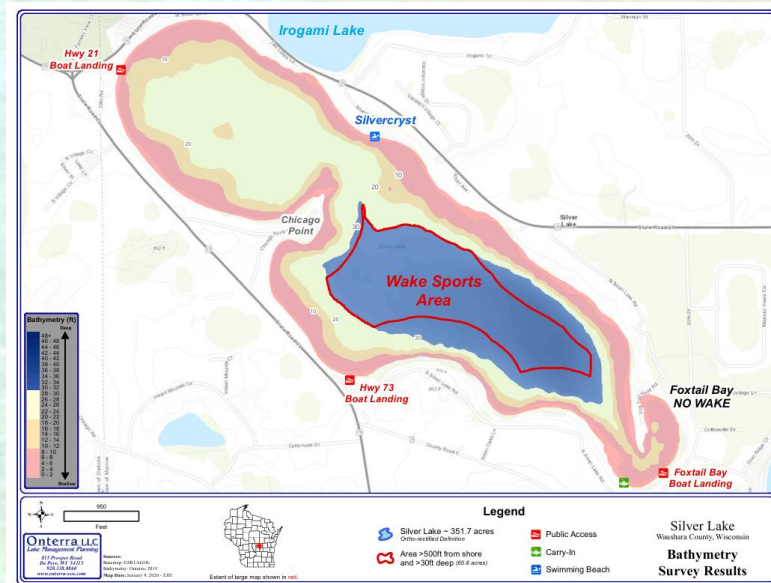
COURTESY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SILVER LAKE

General Considerations

- Please cruise at speeds that allow your boat to be “on plane” and plane out your boat as soon as possible. Even small boats going at slow speeds can create large wakes when not on plane.
- Please play your boat’s stereo at a reasonable level. Remember that sound travels better over water and not everyone may enjoy your taste in music!
- Foxtail Bay has been designated as a SLOW – No Wake area of the lake. The NO Wake area begins prior to entering the bay and continues through the entire bay.

Wake Surfing – Wake Boarding- utilizing enhanced waves created by ballast and/or wake plates

- Studies have shown that the use of enhanced waves for wake surfing should be performed in deeper water to minimize the impact on the lake bottom and at a distance much farther from the shoreline than when pulling a skier/tubing and not generating enhanced waves.
- The center portion of the eastern basin (red outlined area) designated as the Wake Sports Area should be utilized when generating enhanced waves/wake surfing. The water depth in this area is greater than 30ft and is a minimum of 500 ft from shorelines – water depth and distance considered to be acceptable for wake surfing.
- Avoid the western basin and the narrows between Chicago Point and Silvercryst – water depth is less than the recommended 30ft and depending on lake levels the distance between Chicago Point and Silvercryst is 925-950 ft – too narrow to boat 500 ft from all shorelines
- Whenever possible, make runs down the middle of the “Wake Sports Area” and/or travel in a direction with the higher side of the wave towards the center of the lake. Keep rider on the inside of turns to reduce wave action towards the shoreline.



Town of Marion Silver Lake Ordinance

Skiing, Tubing, Wake surfing,
Wake boarding

MONDAY to FRIDAY
6:00am to 8:30pm

Or sunset whichever comes first

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS
10:00 am to 6:00pm

SLOW – NO – WAKE HOURS

Everyday

8:30pm until 6:00am

But not after sunset when it occurs before 8:30pm

Foxtail Bay is SLOW-NO-WAKE at ALL times

Maximum Speed Limit 50mph

Power loading and unloading a
boat from a trailer is NOT
permitted at the boat landings

(Subject to fine \$100 – Ordinance 2024-1)



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
Wisconsin DNR requires all those who were born on or after January 1, 1989, to complete an approved boating safety course AND carry their boating education card when operating a motorized boat or supervising youth learning. All classes are online and setup in short segments – approximately 3 hours to complete

See www.Boat-Ed.com

Silver Lake Boating Guidelines

Silver Lake Management District (SLMD) was established to protect, preserve, and enhance the health of Silver Lake for current residents and future generations.

Our mission is to:

-  Promote safe and respectful recreational use of the lake
-  Protect water quality, shoreline stability, and local wildlife
-  Educate the community about responsible boating, conservation, and lake-friendly practices
-  Foster collaboration among property owners, visitors, and local agencies

Whether you're a long-term resident, a seasonal visitor, or a first-time boater, we invite you to join us in caring for Silver Lake. Together, we can ensure that this special place remains clean, safe, and vibrant for all to enjoy.



www.wautomasilverlake.com