

WISCONSIN PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LAWS & REGULATIONS

With the rising number of jet skis on the lakes, here are a few regulations that owners should be aware of:

- ⦿ PWC operator may not tow a person on water skis or other device unless it's designed and recommended by the manufacturer to accommodate at least three people, **AND**, a competent observer is on board and in a position to observe the person being towed.
- ⦿ PWC may not operate as faster than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of any other vessel on any waterbody.
- ⦿ 200 feet of shore on any lake
- ⦿ 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake
- ⦿ May not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- ⦿ A person **under the age of 12** may not operate a PWC.
- ⦿ A person **12-15 years old** may operate a PWC *only if* he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR.
- ⦿ A person **at least 16 years old** may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR.



Hopefully some of these rules will help to keep our lakes safe during the boating season. Enjoy the lakes and please be careful.



"SLOW NO WAKE" means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steering control. No wake hours for Bass, Crooked, and Gilkey are 4 p.m. until 10 a.m. During wake hours boat traffic should be counter clockwise.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE STILL NEEDED

The district is still in need of e-mail addresses. Please e-mail the district at crooklake@gmail.com. Include your name, home, and cottage address. The use of the e-mail addresses will save the district money when we mail out the newsletter (postage, printing, and time putting it together) and when notifications are needed.

VOLUNTEERS and COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS

With our new five year lakes study, it is even more important that we meet our hours for Clean Boats, Clean Waters. We need 200 volunteer hours. This can be accomplished easily if we had more volunteers. You can have as many people that you want with you at the boat landing. Right now we do not have a coordinator for this program. Please consider taking this position or volunteering to be on a CBCW Committee.

2016 DASH SUMMARY

CROOKED AND BASS LAKES, OCONTO COUNTY, WI

Diver Assisted Suction Harvest (DASH) of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) took place July 15, 2016 on Crooked and Bass Lakes, Oconto County, Wisconsin. A survey performed in June by Onterra LLC, confirmed the locations of EWM and 0.06 acres were targeted in Crooked Lake and 0.40 were targeted in Bass Lake. There were 5 mph winds out of the north with an air temperature of 70 degrees.

There were three divers utilized with two divers using the hookah air supply and suction of the barge DASH system with another diver hand harvesting using SCUBA and collecting plants in a mesh dive bags. Further, one or two volunteers from Crooked Lake Area Lake and Protection and Rehab District was on board the DASH barge to remove full bags and tend to the equipment on the barge. A total of only 46 pounds of EWM was harvested during 13.5 man-hours from Crooked and Bass Lakes.

Minimal non-target removal was the result of very low densities of EWM: divers were able to remove each EWM plant individually and feed the plants into the suction hose. Diver time also included searching for other EWM plants and more were expected. This effort no doubt increased the man-hours, but since DASH was contracted for the day, extra effort was made to locate and remove additional EWM plants.

OCONTO COUNTY LAND AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Six of the seven Northern Oconto County Towns recently met with Chief Deputy Ed Janke to discuss a second full-time Recreation Officer for the northern section of our county. This officer will be responsible for the safety of our population and tourists addressing the problems with ATVs, snowmobiles, and boats/jet skis. Funding will be sought from the DNR, possibly covering 70% of operating costs. Thirty percent will be a local match.

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**AGENDA for May 27, 2017 Annual Meeting
9 a.m. at the Wally Remic Community Center**

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Secretary's Report (2016 annual meeting minutes)
- Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Aquatic Invasive Species Lake Study
- Weed Cutter
- Clean Boat Clean Water

OTHER BUSINESS

- Join Lake Law Enforcement
- OCLAWA Project Funding
- Outside Funding Opportunities
- Special Tax Assessment
- Election of three commissioners

BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2017

There are three positions opened for 2017 on the board:

- ⊙ President
- ⊙ Secretary
- ⊙ Board Member

Please contact any board member if you are interested in any of these positions before the annual meeting.

Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection
and Rehabilitation District
15694 North Black Bass Lane
Crivitz, WI 54114

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2017

All meetings are held at the Community Center at the Crooked Lake Fire House. The public is always welcomed to come to all meetings. The agenda for meetings are posted on the website, the community center board, and in the Crooked Lake Convenience Store.

February 25, 2017 9 a.m.

April 22, 2017, 9 a.m.

May 27, 2017, 9 a.m. (Annual)

July 22, 2017, 9 a.m.

October 21, 2017, 9 a.m.

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Start-up costs will be additional. This proposal was supported by the Snowmobile Alliance with a pledge of financial support; the local ATV Clubs, and various Lake Associations. The six Towns in attendance are interested in researching the option further and will appoint one Supervisor from each Town to sit on this committee. Two business owners expressed interest to participate on this committee along with one County Board Supervisor. If agreed upon, a proposal will be submitted to the County Board in the month of July. With the submittal of the proposal, letters of support from Town Boards, organizations, lake associations/districts, businesses, and non-profits will be attached.

April 19, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors voted 24-4 to approve \$231,019 for the use of land and water resources in Oconto County. The details for the exact usage of these dollars will be worked on by the Oconto County Land and Waterways Association, the group who will also be administering the program beginning in 2018. These monies will not come from taxpayers. but comes from a pot of money which will be designated for this purpose.