

Flowing Lake Boating and Waterskiing Regulations

Pamphlet with this information is available at the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation office, 9629 32nd St SE, Everett, WA Call 452-388-6600 for details

WATERSKIING SEASON AND HOURS

- Waterskiing is permitted on Flowing Lake May 25th - September 25
- Hours for waterskiing are from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm

THE WATERSKI COURSE

- Waterskiing is permitted only within the waterski course as defined by the round orange and vertical white regulatory marker buoys (see map)
- Waterskiers must ski inside of marker buoys in a counterclockwise direction (see map)
- All vessels exceeding 8mph must remain within the ski course and travel in a counterclockwise direction.
- All vessels must turn right after dropping off a skier.

VESSEL SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION

Vessel speed limits on Flowing Lake are as follows:

- 8 mph before 10:30 and after 8:00 pm
- 35 mph inside waterski course from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm
- 8 mph at all times while outside of the waterski course.
- All persons in vessels must remain seated while vessel is underway.
- Every motorized boat must yield right of way to sailboats, rowboats, waterskiers, swimmers, divers, fishing lines, and fishermen.
- Vessels towing any type of waterskier must have an observer 10 years of age or older
- All vessels exceeding 8 mph must remain 200 feet from shore and 100 feet from all other vessels, skiers, swimmers, bathers, all buoys (other than waterski course marked buoys), diver's flags, floating objects, swimming areas and other designated areas.
- Swimming is prohibited within the water-ski course during waterskiing hours.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Waterskiers and persons on personal watercraft are required to wear Type I, II, or III personal flotation devices (Coast Guard approved)
- All vessels are required to have readily available personal floatation device Type I, II, or III (Coast Guard approved) for all persons all board

- Vessels 16 feet or longer must also carry at least one Type IV throwable personal flotation device (Coast Guard approved)
- Fire extinguishers (Coast Guard approved) are required on all vessels with internal combustion motors
- All internal combustion motors must be equipped with a muffler
- A red 12 inch square SKIER DOWN flag, mounted on a 2 foot pole must be displayed when skier is down.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Any motorized vessel operated in Washington State having an engine larger than 10 horsepower, must be registered. For further information on vessel registration, contact the Washington Department of Licensing or the Snohomish County Auditor's Office.

RECKLESS OPERATION

- It is unlawful to operate a watercraft in a manner so as to endanger life or limbs or damage property.

NEGLIGENT OPERATION

- It is unlawful to operate a watercraft in a manner as to endanger any person or property.

ALCOHOL

- It is unlawful to operate or be in physical control of any watercraft when under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics.

ACCIDENTS

- The operator of any watercraft involved in an accident resulting injury or death to any person or in damage to property, shall immediately stop and give name, address, name and number of vessel and name and address of the owner of the vessel, and shall render reasonable assistance. Report of an accident must be filed with the Snohomish County Sheriffs Office within 48 hours, if the accident involved a death or personal injury requiring medical treatment, or property damage in excess of \$200.00.

OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Must be at least 14 YEARS OLD to operate a personal watercraft.
- Always remain a SAFE DISTANCE (MINIMUM OF 100 FEET) form other boats, buoys, skiers and swimming areas.
- Please observe the NO WAKE zones near boat launches and docks.
- To help reduce NOISE, please refrain from operating your personal watercraft close to shorelines with residences or during early morning hours.
- All persons on board a personal water-craft must wear an approved PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE

LEGEND

- Orange round ski course marker buoy
- White vertical regulatory ski course marker buoy
- ➔ Travel direction of all vessels exceeding 8 mph
- s Boating regulation signs
- △ Ski area

