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Dead River Campers Association  
213 Pearl Street  
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Re: Boating Safety on Dead River Basin

Dear Members:

It has come to our attention that there have been several instances where boats and jet-ski's (personal water craft) on the basin have been violating basic rules of safety. It is the goal of the Marquette County Sheriff's Office to keep everyone safe as they enjoy the beauty and opportunity that the basin offers for recreation. The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of some basic rules of safety and courtesy when boating or jet skiing.

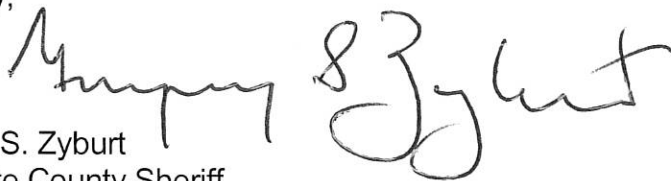
- Boats or personal watercraft (jet-ski) must be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times. Maintain a safe speed. A person may not operate a boat or personal watercraft at a rate of speed or in a manner that endangers a person or property.
- It is illegal to operate a boat or personal watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or both.
- Always allow plenty of room for stopping.
- Jumping the wake of a passing vessel or riding too close to another vessel creates special risks. A person operating a personal water craft shall not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, other than another personal watercraft, unless the personal watercraft is operating at a slow-no wake speed.
- A person shall not weave through congested vessel traffic while operating a boat or personal watercraft.

- Any operator of a personal watercraft must wear a personal flotation device. Life jackets must be available for every passenger in a boat and a rescue ring must be available for boats over 16 feet in length.
- Don't operate a boat or personal water craft within 100 feet of a dock or raft, a buoyed or occupied bathing or swimming area, a person in the water or on a personal flotation device, an anchored vessel, or a vessel that is drifting or sitting dead in the water, unless you are traveling at slow-no wake speed.
- There are certain age and safety class requirements for operating a boat or watercraft.
- If you witness a violation, you are encouraged to call 911. Please attempt to get the registration and/or a description of the vessel and video/documentation of the violation.
- More information on boating safety can be found on line at Michigan.gov.

The Marquette County Sheriff's Office will investigate any complaints of unsafe operation of boats or jet skis and will take enforcement action when necessary.

It is our goal to keep everyone safe on the water and avoid unnecessary injuries or loss of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory S. Zybert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory S. Zybert  
Marquette County Sheriff

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