



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all."

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Enhanced wake size resolution

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The Manitowoc County Lakes Association propose that the following resolution be adopted to communicate our concern regarding the adverse side effects to Manitowoc County's lakes created by the use of boats creating enhanced wake sizes.

Be it resolved that the Manitowoc County Lakes Association (MCLA) supports at a minimum a wake enhancing boat restriction preventing the intentional generation of enhanced wakes within 500 feet from shoreline or island or from any boat, swimmer, or other water user on a lake and in waters less than 20 feet in depth. Be it also resolved that although this resolution is intended for Manitowoc County lakes, MCLA recommends that enhanced wake sizes only be allowed on State of Wisconsin lakes that are 500 acres in size or larger.

For the purpose of this resolution a wake enhancing boat means a motorboat that has one or more ballast tanks, ballast bags or other devices or design features used to increase the size of the motorboat's wake. These enhanced wakes are generally created at speeds of 15 miles per hour or less.

Note that the intent of this resolution does not prohibit the use of wake enhancing boats on Manitowoc County lakes; it only prohibits the creation of the enhanced wake sizes by said boats via the methods stated above.

Respectfully,
Jerry Corfman
President – Manitowoc County Lakes Association