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Safe Boaters on Rogers Lake

No person shall operate a vessel powered by a motor of any type in this cove

SLOW-NO-WAKE (6MPH) BY MOTOR POWERED CRAFT

- Year-round, sunset to 10 am.
- In the cove between Hains Park and the adjacent island
- From the mouth of the channel entrance leading northward to the boat launch facility.
- No person shall operate a motorboat, excluding a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of shore, a dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water skier.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of shore, a dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water skier.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- May be operated 10 am to 6 pm only. Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 7 pm.

TRAFFIC PATTERN

- Motor-powered craft traffic operating in excess of steerage way, no wake speed, shall proceed in a counterclockwise, left-hand-turn flow pattern throughout Rogers Lake
- Boat traffic on the west side of Picnic Island shall proceed in a southerly direction only
- Boat traffic between Picnic Island and Whale Island, operating in excess of steerage way, no wake speed, shall proceed in a southwesterly direction only

VESSEL/OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- No boat propelled by an airplane propeller, fan, ducted fan, or other similar device shall be operated on Rogers Lake.
- No person shall operate any boat on Rogers Lake which is propelled by an engine having a horsepower exceeding 135.
- No person shall tow or fly a para-sail or similar device on Rogers Lake.
- Operation of powered aircraft classified by the FAA as an airplane, ultra-light airplane or powered hand glider is prohibited.
- Not more than two water-skiers, aquaplanes, or other legal recreational devices shall be towed by one boat at the same time.
- Waterskiing or towing of any type of recreation devices is allowed from 10 am to sunset only.



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY YOUR WAKE

Rogers Lake Authority Newsletter

What's Happening In and Around Our Lake

A lot has happened since last year's newsletter. The Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) is pleased to share that the boat launch is getting a new sign to replace the one that was removed last year. Also, based on public comment and collaboration with the three lake associations' presidents the decision has been made not to move forward with the proposed "slow no wake zone" between Picnic and Big Dick Islands. Instead, the RLA will utilize one way signage on Picnic Island and information sharing to help promote safety on the lake at all times. Continue reading to learn more. Here is what is happening in and around our lake.

Water Safety

Whether you are boating, rowing or jet skiing, safety is the RLA's primary priority. Whether you have been on the lake a hundred times or it's your first, we want to ensure that all rules are followed. We will be handing out flyers of the lake that include the proper navigation as well as some of the rules that apply when boating on Rogers Lake. The RLA feels that this will help reduce the number of safety violations the RLA sees year after year.

Jet Ski Operation

You may not realize it, but six of the islands and landmasses on Rogers Lake are separated by less than 400 feet. The CT DEEP boating regulations mandate ***No one shall operate a personal watercraft/jet ski at a speed in excess of SLOW NO WAKE within 200 feet of land or a stationary object.*** The RLA will continue to closely monitor the operation of jet skis in the affected areas.

Patrol Boat

The patrol boat is getting a new name – RLA Safety Patrol. The primary role for the patrol boat is safety so the RLA wanted to reflect that. The RLA wants to make sure that visitors on the lake are aware of the rules and that should a distressed boater need assistance, a tow is just a call away. The patrol boat will be in the water for the season by Memorial Day. Should you need to contact the patrol boat while it is on duty, in a nonemergency situation, you can reach it by calling 860.227.4285. In the case of an emergency, always dial 911.

The RLA is asking for your assistance in reporting unsafe activity occurring on Rogers Lake anytime of the year. To report such activity or to file a complaint, visit RLA's website at <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority> or contact the patrol boat.

Weed Treatment Update

The weed treatment plan continues to be a success. The treatments are not "one and done", but rather a systematic process that needs to be conducted on a regular basis to continue its success. At this time, there are no plans to treat the lake this year for weeds. The current weed treatment permit is good through 2024 and the next assessment will occur in the Spring of 2024.



Asian Clams: An Update

Last year we shared that Asian clams were found in our lake. Originally the thought was they were isolated to the area around Hains Park and Whale Island. The RLA secured divers to remove them, however it was discovered that the clams are much more prevalent than originally indicated. The RLA sought out the opinion of experts and based on their review, it has been determined that the clams are too numerous to remove and the public should not remove them themselves since they are difficult to distinguish between other beneficial fresh water clams in our lake. The RLA will continue to monitor and research options to address this invasive.

Get Updates on What is Happening on Rogers Lake

Ever wonder when a rowing regatta is? When the next fishing derby is happening? When weed treatments are happening? When the lake draw-down is scheduled? Sign up to get updates and be “in the know”. To do so, go to <https://oldlyme-ct.gov>. Once on the town’s home page, click on the Notify Me “circle”. You will be directed to a log in page. Click Sign in to log into your account as well as if you don’t have an account yet. If you don’t have an account, follow the instructions to create one. It is easy and takes less than 2 minutes. Once you are logged in, under the “Notify Me” section, you will see a list name called RLA Updates. To the left of the list name, you will see two icons – an envelope to receive notification by email and a phone to receive notification by text. Click on the one that indicates your preference to receive notifications. Once you choose your preference, you will begin receiving notifications as they are posted. While you are on the page, if there are other notifications you’d like to receive, feel free to sign up for those as well.

Water Quality

One of the RLA’s responsibilities is to monitor the water quality of the lake. Water sampling occurs twice a month, eight months of the year. Recent test results indicate that the lake’s pH+ conductivity is unchanged compared to the same point last year. The temperature has increased and the lake is slightly clearer. The results do not indicate any concern and monitoring will continue.

Who Is the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA)?

The RLA meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. The Rogers Lake Authority is made up of appointed volunteers – three from Old Lyme and three from Lyme. Those currently serving are:

Mark Hastings
Dick Smith

Toni Phillips
Jenell Janes

Joel Hawkins
Maneesha Joshi

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Learn more about Rogers Lake by visiting the website found at:

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On the website you can see:

- When the next meeting is
- Meeting minutes
- And up to date information about RLA activities