

BOATING: SPEED, SAFETY and FUN

A province-wide-shoreline speed restriction of

10 km\h within 30 metres of shore is in effect whether posted or not.



30 metres is about half the length of a hockey rink!

*Lake Panache has several narrow sections, including the entrance to the
Marina Bay.*

Please boat respectfully and responsibly.

SPEED - "Operating boats at high rates of speed in narrow waterways and rivers unnecessarily puts people and property at risk," [says Inspector Tyler Sturgeon, Ontario Provincial Police](#). "It is not only a matter of respect for others using our waterways - it is a matter of public safety and potential legal consequences."

LAW - Operators must have a valid [Pleasure Craft Operator Card](#) as well as all necessary safety equipment required by law for the style and size of their vessel.

Dangerous Manner - Operating a pleasure craft or any water skis, surfboard, water sled, or other towed device in a manner that causes danger to the public, given the nature and condition of the waters and the activities that may reasonably be expected to occur at that time, is against the law.

WAKE - An operator must also be aware of their surroundings. Know the consequences of your boat's wake such as:

- Adverse effect on the operation of other vessels (smaller or restricted in their ability to manoeuvre);
- Those enjoying other water activities, swimming, fishing etc.;
- Erosion of shorelines and destruction to wildlife habitat;

- Damage to moored boats and docks.

IMPAIRED - "Impaired boating is Impaired driving," says the [release](#). "Operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada."