

I am 82, live in Warren Village on the Mad River and was badly flooded in 1998. I am now 25 years Flood resilient and I attribute this resilience to my kayak.

I have loved my kayaks and over the years I have paddled 13 of the 30 lakes listed as permitted for wake boats, many of them many times.

Lake Iroquois  
Peacham Pond  
Molly's Falls Pond  
Joes Pond  
Great Avril Pond  
Island Pond  
Caspian Lake  
Waterbury Reservoir  
Lake Dunmore  
Lake Carmi  
Lake Willoughby  
Seymour Lake  
Lake Fairlee

I would like to thank all the Lake and Watershed volunteers that devote countless hours to preserving these precious lakes. I would also like to thank ANR for the maintenance of all the boat launch sites. Going forward I would be glad to contribute to this effort by paying a kayak licensing fee.

I am a pretty good kayaker, can still roll my boat, and pay attention to conditions before I head out. I am not sure how well my roll would hold up if caught unexpectedly in cross currents set in motion by two or more wake boats.

I find both the noise and water disturbances created by wake boats totally antithetical to the whole reason I got into kayaking in the first place. My vote—ban them completely.

Also as an open water swimmer, I find myself unable to tolerate swimming in water where a regular motorboat has just passed. I gag on the gasoline residue, and feel for all the creatures that live in the midst of such toxins. The wake boat is the fuel sellers dream come true.

Thank you.  
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