

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Rules, the terms below shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

- 5.1 Board:** The Water Resources Panel of the Vermont Natural Resources Board or the Water Resources Panel's delegate under 10 V.S.A. §1424(f).
- 5.2 Disturbing wake:** The wake caused by a vessel traveling at a speed (a) greater than the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steerage and headway, or (b) which is greater than 10 mph, whichever is less.
- 5.3 Internal combustion motor:** A motor, such as a gasoline or a diesel motor, in which fuel is burned within the motor proper rather than in an external furnace as in a steam engine.
- 5.4 Navigable water or navigable waters:** Lake Champlain, Lake Memphremagog, the Connecticut River, all natural inland lakes within Vermont and all streams, pond, flowages and other waters within the territorial limits of Vermont, including the Vermont portion of boundary waters, which are boatable under the laws of this state (see 10 V.S.A. §1422(4)).
- 5.5 Normal Use:** Any lawful use of any specific body of public water that occurred on a regular, frequent and consistent basis prior to January 1, 1993.
- 5.6 Personal Watercraft:** A Class A vessel which uses an inboard engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind, the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel (see 23 V.S.A. §3302 (8)).
- 5.7 Private pond:** (a) A natural pond of not more than twenty acres, or (b) an artificial pond of any size, when such natural or artificial pond is located entirely upon lands owned by one person or entity.
- 5.8 Private preserve:** A private pond created or used solely for the purpose of fish culture.
- 5.9 Public Waters:** Navigable waters excepting those waters in private ponds and private

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