

Hello LCAR Committee Members-

I live & boat on Lake Iroquois & I am an owner of a surf/ wake boat.

My main point that I would like for you to consider is that by removing the wake zone from my lake I will be forced to use my boat without the surf-system or Ballast (water tanks) & instead of doing our activities 500ft from shore in the current approved Wake Zone, we will operate like a "normal" boat would (200ft from shore) without our surf-system /tanks filled.

Attached are two boat spec sheets - my 2014 Nautique & my neighbors 22ft Sea Ray bowrider.

These boats are within a few hundred pounds of weight of each other & the other key item is capacity 15ppl vs 12 ppl. - both rated for 10+ people.

I would like for you to consider this real world scenario:

Currently when we wakesurf we are more than 500 ft from shore operating in the current wake zone & typically only have 3-4 ppl at most on board. What also happens is neighbors (2015 Sea Ray 2200) take lots of friends out on their boat (8-10ppl) on a scenic tour around the lake just off the 200ft shoreline boundary (which is minimum distance by law). The outcome here is their boat with no skier/tube/watersport activity behind the boat but full of people is probably making a larger wave at 200ft than our boat is at 500+.

My point is HOW a boat is driven/operated, has more of an impact on waves created than the watersport that is being done behind it. We (wake-surf boats) are the smallest group of boaters in the state (less than 3%) and these rules that are being created to remove us from our lakes in reality are not going to translate to real world results.

I am also concerned with the 500ft safety distance rule - that I am supposed to keep 500ft from other boaters yet they only need to be 200ft from me - how does this work if they are the overtaking vessel (passing me)? this will cause confusion - ultimately there are no lines on the lake like the highway, rules have to be consistent to all boats.

There have been no reported violations according to State Police under the current rules - just more confusion created by further rule change.

I ask that you keep current rules as they are.

Thank you for your time.

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