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2011 Deep Creek Lake Boating Fact Sheet

1. Vessels must be 26 feet or less in length, except pontoon boats which may be no greater than 30 feet.
2. Personal Watercraft are restricted from use between 11 AM and 4 PM on the Saturday, Sunday, and holiday of Memorial Day Weekend and Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays from July 1st through Labor Day.
3. Personal Watercraft shall not be operated in excess of six knots within 100' of another vessel, the shore, a bridge, a dock, or person in the water.
4. Personal Watercraft operators must be 16 years of age and possess a boating safety certificate.
5. Personal Watercraft operators and passengers must wear an approved personal flotation device.
6. Vessels shall not be operated in excess of minimum wake speed within 100' of the shoreline, except to begin towing a skier from a pier or shore (vessel must immediately leave the 100' area).
7. No sewage may be discharged into the lake.
8. Proper navigation lights are required after sunset (rental boats also require navigation lights after sunset).
9. Vessels towing a skier must remain 100' from all other vessels, the shore, a bridge, a dock, or person in the water. Towlines must be no longer than 75'. Additionally, an observer above 12 years of age must be on board the vessel.
10. Individuals being towed on any device must wear a personal flotation device.
11. There shall be an approved personal flotation device on board and readily accessible for each person on board a vessel. All children under age thirteen (13) on a vessel under 21' in length must wear an approved Type I, II, III, or IV personal flotation device while underway.