

# The Recommendations of the Barnes Ad Hoc Lakes Committee to the Town of Barnes Board

February 19, 2019

The Lakes Committee Recommends that the Town of Barnes Board:

- Formally request a commitment of increased law enforcement presence and education this coming summer by the WDNR & Sheriff's Department
- Support the DNR program, Operation Dry Water.
- Utilize public media – print and social media, to educate users about WI State Boating Laws and encourage all users to take the WI Boater Safety Class. The program is available online at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>
- Coordinate with CBCW monitors at boat landings to place a buoy at 100' and 200' distance for educational purposes, minimally for Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends, and distribute or have available educational media.
- Educate and Encourage wake boat users to utilize the center of the lake while creating large wakes as a courtesy to other users.
- Post links on the TOB website: to the WDNR website to support self-education and the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers. Also provide this information to individuals at boat landings in the form of a card.
- Consider utilizing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for educational purposes to reach a large audience. The float display should include all boat types and what their primary offense is; 100' and 200' examples would be very helpful. Cards with the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and the WDNR web address should be handed out.
- Update Town of Barnes signs with "Please know your boating laws & be respectful."
- Contact and encourage clubs to include the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and WDNR web address in their newsletters.
- Include the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and WDNR web address with tax statements.
- Review safety & procedure notices at the Lock and Dam to confirm they are compliant with the State laws, and strong current notices.
- Reconvene this Lakes Committee in the Fall after violation reports are received from the Sheriff's Department and WDNR.
- Mail Post cards with the Mission Statement and the following bullet items to all land owners this Spring (2019) before the fishing opener.
  - **Mission Statement**– *The Eau Claire Lakes are a beautiful natural resource which provide diverse opportunities for recreational enjoyment. Please know your boating laws and please be respectful.*
  - Report violations: 911 and 1-800-847-9367 (1-800- TIP-WDNR)
  - The WDNR Water Safety Page: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>

- Remember your PFDs (lifejackets).
- Please respect the 100' and 200' laws. Buoys will periodically be placed at the boat landings for visual representations and education.
- **Everyone** is encouraged to take the Wisconsin Boating Safety Course (available on the DNR link listed above).
- Everyone, please have a respectful and enjoyable summer on our lakes!

Respectfully Submitted By,

The Barnes Ad Hoc Lakes Committee:

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