

MLAA 2022 Moose Lake Survey - Summary Results

10/2/2022 /glo

Slow-No-Wake Hours on Lake

- 1a) Mondays thru Fridays I am for
- 1b) Saturdays I am for
- 1c) Sundays I am for
- 1d) Holidays I am for

Totals: (% of respondents)

	<u>More</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Less</u>
1a) Mondays thru Fridays I am for	19%	65%	16%
1b) Saturdays I am for	31%	47%	20%
1c) Sundays I am for	28%	43%	27%
1d) Holidays I am for	29%	40%	28%

Towing and Fast Boating

- 2) I am for aligning fast boating hours and towing hours to be made the same
- 2a) Eliminating fast boating hours (meaning slow-no-wake in effect) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays
- 2b) Allowing towing (and fast boating) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays
- 3) I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays.

	<u>More</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Less</u>
2) I am for aligning fast boating hours and towing hours to be made the same	75%	18%	
2a) Eliminating fast boating hours (meaning slow-no-wake in effect) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays	31%	42%	
2b) Allowing towing (and fast boating) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays	45%	33%	
3) I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays.	66%	18%	

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- 1b) Saturdays I am for
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- 1d) Holidays I am for

Totals (Count):

	<u>More</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Less</u>
1a) Mondays thru Fridays I am for	17	58	14
1b) Saturdays I am for	28	42	18
1c) Sundays I am for	25	38	24
1d) Holidays I am for	26	36	25

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
2) I am for aligning fast boating hours and towing hours to be made the same	67	16
2a) Eliminating fast boating hours (meaning slow-no-wake in effect) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays	28	37
2b) Allowing towing (and fast boating) after 6 pm on Sat, Sun and legal holidays	40	29
3) I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays.	59	16

Notes:

89 of 120 property owners responded = 74%

Some questions were left blank by respondents and therefore responses will not add up to 100%

Respondent comments are on a different sheet.

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1. [2] Align SNW and towing all the time. Eliminate SNW hours in the afternoons.
2. [3] Although we have enjoyed “No Wake” during the years the water level was too high, a wake is why many residents have paid big bucks investing in Moose Lake property. They want to take their children tubing, etc. and must be allowed that.
3. [5] {Arrows on page...} But this is our preference if this differs from “same” above.
4. [8] I am for towing all day on Sundays and holidays. 9:00 am to sunset. {Arrow on page...} trick question?} Get rid of slow no wake of Sundays & holidays. Let people enjoy the lake. We can all take turns. Skiing, etc. The rules are confusing and counter productive.
5. [10] I’d/we’d like to see slow-no-wake to start at sunset until 9 am. We’d like to see no swimming outside of the No Wake Buoys.
6. [12] Fast towing covers PWCs, right? I, too, am in favor of ending all fast boating at sunset.
7. [14] Any additional slow-no-wake hours (even weekdays) would be great! If fast boating & towing hours are aligned, I am for eliminating fast boating hours rather than allowing more towing hours.
8. [20] {Sundays I am for} 12-4 pm {Same}; {Holidays I am for} 12-4 pm {Same}
9. [21] Go back to what it was before Merton changed it. This form is confusing. I am completely against the underhanded way the silent sports group went about changing the hours. It is very rude and unneighborly.
10. [23] We have been residents homeowners on Moose Lake since June 1973. The Sunday and Holiday slow-no-wake hours were introduced in the 1980’s. These slow-no-wake hours for Sunday and Holidays were always only from 12 noon to 4 pm. Water skiing and towing resumed at 4 pm as did fast boating. These hours have worked well and accommodated all those who enjoy Moose Lake for over 40 years.
11. [24] {Slow-No-Wake Hours on Lake: Less - Mondays thru Fridays I am for} – at Sunset
 {Slow-No-Wake Hours on Lake: More – Sundays I am for} – b/t 4-6 pm – no wake after 6
 {Slow-No-Wake Hours on Lake: Less – Holidays I am for} – no wake, no towing after 6
 We observe many new boaters not obeying the counter-clockwise rule – especially wake-boats & jet ski. We are too far away to read hull #. Wake/fast boating should end at sunset.
12. [27] Slow no wake every day before 7 am. Allow towing after 4 pm Sunday until sunset & all day Saturday until sunset.
13. [30] Safety of everyone on the lake is paramount. Boaters frequently wake inside of no wake zones and during no wake periods. We have been involved in a “near miss” event and have heard of others this season. A lack of personal accountability and regular enforcement of lake laws leads us to favor fewer wake periods and even consider the possibility of transitioning to a no wake lake if safety issue continue.
14. [32] I disappointed there is a silent Moose Lake association working behind our backs to change the current fast boating/towing regulations.
15. [34] Boaters who “fast boat” are typically doing so to tow. The exceptions are fisherman who want to get quickly to their spot or back so eliminate a lot of confusion and plain forgetting hours are for what, simplify to “wake” or “no wake” periods period.

16. [35] I prefer no-wake 100% of the time but support families who want to tube or ski so am okay with current rules. Also helps property values to allow some time where wakes are okay.
17. [37] Wordage was a bit confusing. We hope this helps resolve this issue!
18. [42] {No towing after NOON on Sundays or legal holidays (*recent clarification by Town of Merton*)}
Typo in the Ordinance. Never changed at any meeting!
{I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays} Longer Please!
As a year-round resident, we see that there is sufficient ample slow-no-wake time in the natural ways residents use the lake. We would like to see Moose Lake revert to the standard DNR boating/towing hours for all lakes in the state.
19. [45] All our grandkids come in afternoon on Sundays and holidays so eliminating the 4-6 towing means Saturday is the only day they could tube – crazy –
20. [46] Will there be discussion of exploring options – for a Lake Management District?
21. [48] The slow no wake buoy is too far out at the mouth of the bay. Ridiculous. Property owners need to be protected, using the lake for recreation is very important. The lake is never busy or crowded.
22. [52] {I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays} Yes, only under conditions below. The current rules greatly favor fast boating. Ours is a small lake; the area where wakes are allowed is only slightly greater than 50 acres. All lakes in Wisconsin less than 50 acres are no wake lakes because of the noise and waves associated with fast boating. We favor a simplified system with the same rules every day: Fast boating and towing from noon to six each day. This is fair and provides silent sports enthusiasts with guaranteed quiet conditions in the morning and evening. It provides fast boaters with the six prime hours of every day.
23. [54] Would be happy with any additional slow-no-wake hours on any day of the week. If fast boating and towing hours are aligned, I am for reducing fast boating hours rather than allowing additional towing hours.
24. [56] Make towing hours & wake hours the same without adding more No Wake hours.
25. [58] We are concerned about the impact wakeboard boats have on the shoreline.
26. [59] {***} and I are new to the lake. We feel like the boaters are safe and respectful. No need to rock the boat. Summer is so short; let boaters have some fun.
27. [60] {Slow-No-Wake Hours: Saturdays I am for} More on Sat after 6:00. More hours on Saturday.
28. [61] {Slow-No-Wake Hours: Saturdays I am for} slow 12-4.
29. [63] There must be additional Slow-no-Wake.
30. [67] {I am for aligning fast boating hours and towing hours to be made the same} Don't have opinion.
31. [70] Adding time to the allowable wake hours on Sunday would make for a safer lake.
32. [72]] {I am for towing hours 4-6 pm on Sundays and legal holidays} We are open to towing hours longer than 4-6 pm. Our family is for allowing maximum amount of time on Saturdays, Sundays & holidays for towing and wake. This is to allow our children & grandchildren to enjoy boating and tubing. Weekends should be for the enjoyment of those who work during the week. Being able to enjoy fast boating and tubing is a big part of why we own a home on the lake. Thank you.
33. [73] Prior town ordinances were observed/enforced since before 1988 without any issues.
34. [74] We love the lake and we want young families to enjoy the lake. Young families want to tube and ski. Let's keep the lake the way it is and don't change for a few people that want to live on no-wake lake. There are plenty of those lakes already. Thank you.

35. [76] {Slow-No-Wake Hours on Lake: More – Sundays I am for} 4-6 pm only. Respect for quiet sports AND fast/towing.
36. [78] {I am for aligning fast boating hours and towing hours to be made the same} No opinion.
37. [79] I would support maintaining the current wake hours, or an expansion of time when towing and wake is allowed on all days, including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. I bought property on a “lake,” and do not want it to be turned into a “pond.”
38. [81] Additional quiet hours on any day of the week (not necessarily all) would be appreciated. If fast boating hours are to be aligned with towing hours, I am for reducing fast boating hours, not allowing additional towing hours.
39. [83] I am for simplicity & consistency & less confusion. Tow hours should be same as no wake hours. Would prefer no wake/tow only one day of weekend for defined period (noon-4).
40. [84] We need better adherence and enforcement for lake rules. There are violations daily: unregistered boats, fast in no wake areas, towing outside of designated hours, to name a few.
41. [87] Houses in the middle end north end of the lake bear the brunt of the noise produced by fast & towing boats. At a minimum, there should be no-wake after 6 pm, 7 days a week. Jet skis on this small lake are dangerous and extremely noisy – They should not be allowed. In the past 2 years, towing and fast boating have crowded out all other water activities.

[End]

[no.] = Number assigned to anonymous returned survey

xyz = Written comment by survey submitter

{xyz} = Clarifying/contextual text added by survey transcriber