

BOONE LAKE WATER SAFETY RULES

Town of Exeter Ordinances

Horsepower	50 horsepower maximum.
Direction of travel	Counter-clockwise for all motorized boats.
Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 mph maximum speed limit. • 5 mph maximum speed limit in Main Beach Cove and South Cove.
Water skiing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water skiing is not allowed in Main Beach Cove or South Cove area except for picking-up and dropping-off water skiers and skiing directly away from or toward the shore. • No more than two water skiers allowed per boat. • Erection of structures or devices in connection with water skiing is not allowed.
Night-time operation (9 PM to 8:30 AM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 mph maximum speed limit. • All boats over 16 feet must have proper running lights. • Smaller boats must have a hand-held lantern.
Weather	No boat shall be operated under power when visibility is restricted by fog or other conditions to less than 50 feet.
Swimming	All swimming must take place within 50 feet of shoreline unless accompanied by and within 15 feet of a boat.
Scuba diving	Scuba diving is permitted in the Main Beach Cove area only, except in the case of emergencies.

State of Rhode Island DEM Regulations

Registration for boats	All motorized boats must display current and valid registration and numbers. This includes electric motorized boats.
Life preservers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One wearable Coast Guard approved life jacket per person in every boat (powerboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, etc.). • Children 10 years of age and under must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times.
Spotters	Any boat pulling one or two water skiers, watertubes, surfboards, wakeboards, etc. must have a spotter 12 years of age or older who is qualified to observe.
Safety equipment	Fire extinguishers and flares are required where applicable.
Right of way	Motorized boats must give right of way to all unmotorized boats.
Jet skis	Jet skis cannot be operated on Boone Lake due to requirements of state statutes governing clearance from boats, the shoreline, and swimmers.

How to Report Violations

Town of Exeter Ordinance Violations	State Police Exeter Patrol	401-267-0145
	State Police Hope Valley	401-539-2323
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Violations	Business Hours	401-222-6800
	After Hours	401-222-3070