

Webster Lake Rules and Regulations

1. All vessels operating on the great pond known as Webster Lake in the Town of Webster shall comply with the following Webster Lake Rules and Regulations, Massachusetts General Laws C. 90B, and the Division of Law Enforcement Regulations 323 CMR 1.00 - 5.00.
2. All General Laws and Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by officers of the Webster Police Department and the Massachusetts Environmental Police as those laws apply to M.G.L. C. 90B.
3. No person shall operate a motorboat after drinking intoxicating liquor, taking narcotic drugs, barbiturates, or marijuana. No alcoholic beverages shall be carried on board a motorboat at any time.
4. No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motorboat without a valid certificate of number (registration).
5. The certificate of number shall be carried on board or person. Certificate numbers shall be displayed in size "3" block of contrasting hull color.
6. All motor boat equipment on board shall comply with M.G.L. C. 90B and 323 CMR 2.06: Generally this will include: lights, paddle, anchor line, bailer, sounding device, fire extinguisher, USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) type I, II, III, or IV for each person on board, muffler or under water exhaust, and flame arrestor (inboards only).
7. All persons shall stop when directed to do so by a police officer in uniform or any authorized person showing a badge.
8. No person shall operate a motorboat negligently with a person in tow as to endanger the lives of the public. No person shall be towed after sunset or before sunrise.
9. All persons in tow shall wear a USCG approved PFD of type I, II, or III; except as outlined in 323 CMR 2.07:9.
10. No person shall operate any motorboat with a person in tow unless there is in such boat a person who has attained age twelve in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the person being towed and unless such motorboat is equipped with a ladder, steps, or similar means by which the person being towed can be taken from the water.

All motorboats must be operated in such a manner and at such a distance to prevent their wash from being thrown into or causing excessive rocking to other vessels, rafts, or floats.

Waterskiiers shall ski at a safe distance to prevent their wash from being thrown into or causing excessive rocking to other vessels, rafts, or floats.

Motorboats shall not be operated: within one hundred fifty (150) feet of the seaward boundary of shoreline which is being used as a swimming area whether public or private or: within seventy-five (75) feet of the seaward boundary of a public bathing beach if designated by markers, floats or otherwise. This regulation 323 CMR 2.07(1) shall apply to motorboats barges, waterskiiers, or other devices being towed by power and the operator of the towing vessel shall be responsible for compliance therewith.

No person shall operate any motorboat on Webster Lake while towing a person or person on water skis, a surfboard or other similar device, unless such motorboat is equipped with a ladder, steps, or similar means by which any person being towed can be taken from the water.

No boom skiing or towing a person from the side of any motorboat shall be permitted on Webster Lake between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day.

No sections of Regulation Number 11 shall apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition which has been previously approved by the licensing authorities.

No high speed uses, or persons in tow shall be allowed in the cove known as Nipmuck Cove located at the boat ramp in the Webster Memorial Beach area.

No person shall operate a motorboat or craft at a speed greater than 45 miles per hour with the exception of special permits as issued by 323 CMR 2.09.

No person shall operate a motorboat or craft to create a wake or in excess of 5 miles per hour when passing through a channel. Channel is defined as 150 feet on either side of the posted speed limit. Markers are set at the Narrows section, Point Breeze section, and the Long Island section.

No person shall be towed through a channel.

The speed limit of all boats operating after sunset and before sunrise shall be 10 miles per hour.

Any person on any vessel under age 12 shall wear a USCG approved PFD of type I, II, or III at all times.

Any person on a raft, tube, or similar inflatable device more than 50 feet from shore shall wear a USCG approved PFD of type I, II, or III.

19. Any swimmer more than 150 feet from shore shall be attended by a boat.
20. No person shall be allowed to sit on gunwales or decks unless there are adequate guardrails.
21. All scuba divers must display a diver's flag (float). Boats must remain 100 feet from diver's flag.
22. The operator of any boat involved in an accident, collision, or other casualty, shall report to the Webster Police Department within 48 hours and shall submit in writing a copy of said report to the Massachusetts Environmental Police in accordance with M.G.L. C. 90B.
23. Rowboats, canoes, and sailboats shall have the right of way at all times on any part of the lake.
24. No one shall operate a jet ski watercraft, surf jet, water bike or other so called personal watercraft under the age of 16.
25. Any person operating a jet ski or personal watercraft shall wear a USCG approved PFD type I, II, or III at all times.
26. No one shall operate a jet ski or personal watercraft after sunset or before sunrise.
27. No skier or any other type of tow with a person aboard shall be towed through any channel.
28. No person shall tow a person(s) attempting to para-sail or glider-sail from the rear of a boat without first obtaining the necessary permits from both State and local agencies.

ADOPTED BY THE WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 20, 1993

All Webster Lake Rules and Regulations are subject to a \$50.00 per day violation or arrest.

A true copy. Attest:

Regina P. Buzan
Town Clerk