



Lake Etiquette: Suggestions

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The lake is everyone's to enjoy and we have put together some *suggestions* to promote lake harmony. These are only suggestions.

General

As a general rule, avoid driving your boat close to other people's property and docks, along with the water ski course. Try to avoid repetitive passes and driving too close to other boats. Be mindful of damages caused by your boat wake. Some provinces have adopted speed limits of 10 km/h within 30 m (98'5") of shore on all waters within their boundaries. This speed limit applies in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the inland waters of British Columbia and Nova Scotia. This limit is in effect whether it is posted or not. Exceptions include: recreational towing while traveling perpendicular from the shore; rivers less than 100 m (328') wide, as well as canals and buoyed channels; and waters where another speed limit is set in a schedule to the regulations.

Dock and Course Issues

If you see an issue with the docks or waterski courses, please email maintenance@slsbc.ca

Tubing

Every kid's favourite pastime and a popular activity on the lake, but you'll make more friends if you go tubing after 10 am. Try and stay away from people's docks and the waterski course. Do not pull multiple tubes.

Water Skiing

Waterskiing usually happens early in the morning when the water is calmest - typically before 10 am. To minimize stirring up the water, drive in straight lines and when you need to turn, do so tightly ('keyhole') and drive back into your old wake. Make sure there is always a spotter in the boat for safety. If a skier falls, the spotter informs the driver who decelerates to idle speed and then turns back to retrieve the skier, keeping the fallen skier on the driver's side. Do not turn until the boat has decelerated. Maneuver the boat in a 'keyhole' pattern around the skier, keeping at a safe distance.

Wake Surfing

This is a very popular and fun sport, but also generates a massive wake. If possible, surf at times when the water isn't calm so as not to compete with water skiers, and stay well away from docks, and the water ski course.