

## **FAIRVIEW LAKE INFORMATION**

As members of our community, we believe we share common goals of safely enjoying and protecting the enduring natural resources of Fairview Lake. In addition, we recognize that we are a diverse community with varying interests. To best support our community and also protect this shared fragile resource, we remind all of the following Pennsylvania State laws and regulations that govern the lake and ask for courtesy toward all in our community.

### PA State Fish and Boat Commission Regulations and Information

(Excerpted from 2003 Boating Handbook—www.fish.stat.pa.us)

- Boating safety courses are available online from the Commission’s web site, through video home study programs, or by calling 1-888-PAFISH-1. All persons born after January 1, 1982 operating a motor boat (>25Hhp) as well as all operators of personal watercraft need to have completed a boating safety education course and obtained a boating safety education certificate.
- Boats must be operated at slow, NO WAKE SPEED under any of the following conditions:

Within 100 feet of the Shoreline	Within 100 feet of Persons wading in the water
Within 100 feet of Docks	Within 100 feet of Anchored, moored or drifting boats and floats
Within 100 feet of Launch Ramps	Within 100 feet of areas marked with “Slow No Wake” Buoys
Within 100 feet of Swimmers	Within 100 feet to the rear, or 50 feet to the side of a boat underway
Within 100 feet of Downed Skiers	Within 100 feet of anyone towed behind another boat
At all times when navigating in the Fairview Lake Cove	

- Waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing, etc. is **permitted only between sunrise and sunset** In addition to the operator, a competent observer must be in the boat in a position to observe the progress of the person being towed. Skiers and any others being towed count toward the total capacity of the boat/PWC
- All vessels must show required running lights between the hours of sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility, such as fog and heavy rain
- Access Ramp: The access ramp is available to all boats registered in Pennsylvania. Overnight camping, open fires, swimming etc. is not permitted at the access ramp.

While the Pennsylvania Law has changed we still encourage following the local rule that

***ALL powerboats should navigate the lake in a Counter Clockwise fashion.***

As there are a limited number of Fish and Boat personnel available to police Fairview and neighboring waterways, it is important that we all help to support safe boating on the lake. If you observe behavior inconsistent with these regulations, it is appropriate to let the individual know of the relevant regulation. If you are uncomfortable with dealing with the individual directly, you may also call the **Bureau of Law Enforcement** at **570-477-5717**

### FLA Requested Courtesies

- The early evening hours are special for us all-for kayakers and canoeists, the wildlife is abundant and waters are calm; for fisherman the evening bite is on; for skiers the conditions are often perfect; and for family and friends the time is perfect for sitting on the dock and relaxing by the water. In an effort to acknowledge everyone’s right to enjoy this time, we ask that **powerboats keep an extended distance** away from docks, kayakers, canoeists and other boats during this time. Please be alert for slow moving boats, etc. during this time and give them a wide berth.
- Each Saturday beginning in June and continuing through Labor Day, FLA hosts sailboat races usually (depending on wind) beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding by noon. We ask that all powerboats keep clear of the racecourse and limit wake to the greatest extent possible.

In general, we ask you to consider others’ interests as you enjoy yours. We encourage you to post this information in a visible location for all family members, guests and renters to view. Thank you.

Members of the Board of the Fairview Lake Association