



## Local Regulation of Hazardous Wakes Workshop

Wed March 8, 2023

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Boulder Junction Community Center

5392 Park St, Boulder Junction

**\*\*[To attend please RSVP at this link.](#)\*\***

Space is limited to the first 100 participants.

The purpose of this workshop is to offer guidance to town supervisors, town lakes committees, lake district commissioners, and lake association board members who feel there may be a need to regulate hazardous wakes within their township or municipality through local ordinances.

Contact Cathy Higley with Vilas County Land & Water Conservation with any questions at 715-479-3738 or [cahigl@vilascountywi.gov](mailto:cahigl@vilascountywi.gov).

### Presenters

Cathy Higley, Vilas County Land & Water Conservation, Lake Conservation Specialist

Darren Kuhn, WI DNR Boating Law Administrator

Mike Engleson, Wisconsin Lakes Executive Director

Jeff Meessmann, The Last Wilderness Alliance Director, retired Professional Engineer

Carol Phillips, The Last Wilderness Alliance, retired former Professional Engineer

Richard Phillips, The Last Wilderness Alliance, Retired Attorney

Robin Miller, WI DNR Recreation Officer

Carl Watras, Presque Isle Town Ordinance Committee, Honorary Fellow, Center for Limnology, UW-Madison

John Hanson/Bob Becker – Town of Manitowish Waters Supervisor and Town Water Safety patrol program

- 8:30 Doors open, coffee, tea, and light snacks available
- 9:00 Welcome & ground rules
- 9:05 *“Boats, Equipment, & Activities Causing Hazardous Wakes”* – Jeff Meessmann
- 9:20 *“Review of Current Science Behind Hazardous Wakes”* - Cathy Higley
- 9:35 *“Environmental and Safety Concerns with Hazardous Wakes and Education & Outreach Materials for Boaters”* – Carol Phillips
- 9:50 *“Existing Wisconsin Statutes, the Ability to Create Local Boating Ordinances, and Statewide Perspectives on Hazardous Wake Regulation”* – Darren Kuhn

- 10:15 *“Current Wisconsin Statutes Give Hazardous Wakes a Pass”* – Richard Phillips
- 10:30 *“Wisconsin Lakes Association Update on Hazardous Wakes”* – Mike Engleson
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 *“Ideas for Parameters on Existing Laws and Local Ordinances”* - Jeff Meessmann
- 11:15 *“Hazardous Wakes Should Not Be Regulated Solely at the State Level”* – Richard Phillips
- 11:30 *“Establishing a Local Boating Ordinance: What Elements Are Needed, Condition Reports, and Examples”* - Robin Miller
- [Guidelines for Creating Local Boating Ordinance and Placing Waterway Markers in Wisconsin Waters](#)
- 12:15 Networking lunch break on-site, light lunch provided
- 1:15 *“A Review of the Presque Isle Hazardous Wake Ordinance & Process”* – Carl Watras
- 1:45 *“Enforcement of Local Boating Ordinances Through Grant Funded Water Safety Patrol Programming”* - Robin Miller
- [Municipal Water Safety Patrol Manual](#)
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 *“Town of Manitowish Waters Water Safety Patrol Program”* - John Hanson & Bob Becker
- 2:50 Additional Q&A, evaluations