

(b) All power vessels (including vessel, towline and skier) conducting waterskiing operations shall, while underway, keep at least 200 feet distant from any wharf, marina, dock, pier, bridge structure, abutment, or persons in the water, and 100 feet from other vessels, any shore, approved aid to navigation or mooring except specifically provided otherwise in these regulations.

(c) All power vessels conducting waterskiing operations shall have a crew of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a competent observer, and shall have adequate space on the vessel for the waterskiing participant.

(d) Tow lines shall be not less than 35 feet nor more than 75 feet in length, except as specifically provided otherwise in these regulations.

(e) Waterskiing is permitted only between sunrise and sunset, except as specifically provided otherwise in these regulations.

(f) Waterskiers shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or Type V Hybrid personal flotation device, except that a barefoot wetsuit may be worn during sanctioned competitions or shows and while training for such events, as long as there is a United States Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device on board the vessel for each skier.

(g) All ski boats shall display a signal pennant, which shall be orange in color and triangular in shape and not less than 12 inches on any dimension.

1. Said pennant shall be displayed at least four feet above the highest structure on the boat during each of the following activities:

- i. While pulling or retrieving a skier;
- ii. While a skier is in the water; or
- iii. While a tow line is in the water.

2. A person shall not display the pennant at any time other than while conducting any of the activities described in this subsection.

(h) The Commission shall, upon application, waive any one or more of the above requirements for events of public entertainment on any wholly-owned private lake, provided that it finds the event to be consistent with the interests of boating safety.

Amended by R.1998 d.198, effective April 20, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 26(a), 30 N.J.R. 1422(b).

In (h), substituted "shall" for "may" following "Commission".
Amended by R.1999 d.127, effective April 19, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 113(a), 31 N.J.R. 1069(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.318, effective August 16, 2004 (operative October 1, 2004).

See: 36 N.J.R. 1174(a), 36 N.J.R. 3886(a).

In (b), inserted "(including vessel, towline and skier)" following "All power vessels".

Amended by R.2010 d.031, effective March 1, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 3033(a), 42 N.J.R. 636(a).

In (a), inserted "or 'skiing'", substituted "a person" for "anything with a rider", deleted a comma following "line", and deleted ", except another vessel being towed" following "boom".

13:82-3.2 Beaver Dam Creek, Point Pleasant and Brick Town, Ocean County

No skiing shall be permitted in the north and south branches of Beaver Dam Creek west of Beaver Dam Road bridge.

13:82-3.3 Deal Lake, Monmouth County

(a) Water-skiing is permitted east of the Main Street bridge only.

(b) Skiing under Norwood Avenue bridge is prohibited.

(c) Tow lines shall not exceed 65 feet in length.

(d) Barefoot skiing, kite flying, parasailing and ski jumping are prohibited, except for specific exhibitions requiring a permit from the State of New Jersey.

Amended by R.2010 d.031, effective March 1, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 3033(a), 42 N.J.R. 636(a).

In (d), substituted "parasailing" for "para-sailing" and deleted ", as required by law" following "New Jersey".

13:82-3.4 Lake Grinnell, Sussex County

(a) A maximum of two power vessels each towing a single skier shall be allowed on the ski course simultaneously.

(b) The skiing course is established as follows:

1. Commencing at a point approximately 100 feet south of Risse's point running in a counterclockwise direction.

2. Commencing at a point approximately 100 feet north of the northern shore of the island and continuing in a circle in a counterclockwise direction.

3. The course shall be identified by white styrofoam markers placed at approximately 200 foot intervals.

4. An orange flag will designate the starting point which will also be the finishing point.

(c) The tow line shall not exceed 65 feet in length.

(d) Vessels towing skiers shall proceed in counterclockwise pattern around the lake and the island, and in the narrow area behind the island the skier shall remain directly behind the vessel.

(e) Under no circumstances will skiing be permitted between the "island" and the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad embankment.

(f) Skiing hours are as follows:

1. Weekdays—11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.;

2. Saturday, Sunday, and holidays—10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.; 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

(g) Barefoot skiing, kite flying, para-sailing and ski-jumping are prohibited, except for specific exhibitions requiring a permit from the State of New Jersey as required by law.

(h) Vessels on the lake shall not exceed 15 feet in length and shall not exceed 40 total horsepower.

Amended by R.2006 d.365, effective October 16, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 2635(a), 38 N.J.R. 4490(a).

Section was "Grinnel Lake, Sussex County". Added (h).

13:82-3.5 Indian Lake, Morris County

(a) Water-skiing is prohibited before 8:00 A.M. and after sunset.

(b) All water-ski riders shall start all operations and terminate all operations at a single designated point.

1. The designated point is to be within wading distance of shore in the area known as "Monkey Island."

2. This requirement is not to be interpreted as to prohibit normal pickup of a spilled water-skier.

(c) Seven red marker buoys are to be placed and maintained in a central location on the waters of Indian Lake, around which all vessels will proceed counterclockwise, keeping said buoys on the left.

(d) Barefoot skiing, kite flying, parasail and ski jumping are prohibited, except for specific exhibitions requiring a permit from the State of New Jersey, as required by law.

13:82-3.6 Paulinskill Lake, Sussex County

(a) Water-skiing shall be permitted on Paulinskill Lake only within the designated ski course as described below.

1. The skiing course shall commence at a point approximately 2,000 feet northeast of Beach No. 2 and run in a northerly direction on a line established in the center of the lake, to a point at the northeastern end of the Paulinskill Lake Association tract (said point is also known and designated as the southwestern end of the Lennington or campground tract); thence turn 180 degrees and run in a southwesterly direction along the center of a lake to the finish point which shall be at approximately the same point as the starting area designated as 2,000 feet northeast of Beach No. 2.

2. The ski course described in (a)1 above, including the start, stop and turning areas, will be identified by marker buoys.

(b) Skiing hours are designated as follows:

1. Weekdays—10:00 A.M. to sunset;

2. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays—12:00 Noon to sunset.

(c) A skier shall begin the course at the designated start area and continue on the right hand side of the center line in a counterclockwise direction.

(d) Turning shall be permitted only in the designated areas except when retrieving a fallen skier.

(e) A boat with a skier just starting the course shall yield the right of way to a boat and skier turning to repeat the course.

(f) A boat with a skier may continue around the ski course as many times as desired, turning in the designated areas.

(g) When more than one boat is on the ski course at the same time, each boat shall maintain a distance of at least 1,000 feet between itself and the boat in front of it.

(h) No boat shall pass a boat with a fallen skier unless signaled to do so by an occupant of that boat.

(i) A slalom course is established and located directly in front of the parallel to Beach No. 2. The starting area shall be a point 250 feet northeast of Beach No. 1. Turning areas shall be located approximately 250 feet northeast of Beach No. 1 and 1,000 feet northeast of Beach No. 2.

1. Slalom hours shall be as follows:

i. Weekdays—6:00 P.M. to sunset;

ii. Weekends and holidays—8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

(j) A maximum of six power vessels shall be allowed on the ski course simultaneously.

1. When proceeding in the same direction, these vessels shall remain a minimum of 1,000 feet apart.

2. In the event the lead skier falls, the vessel following shall stop and remain in place until the fallen skier has regained skiing position or boarded a vessel.

3. When one vessel is towing two or more skiers, no other vessels towing skiers shall be permitted on the ski course.

(k) The luminous painted barrel designating the starting and/or finishing point at the eastern or western boundary of the course and the luminous painted barrel designating the turning point at the western boundary of the course will be removed from the lake during the hours between sunset and sunrise. This requirement may be eliminated if a blinking amber light is mounted on the barrels.

(l) Barefoot skiing, kite flying, parasail and ski jumping are prohibited, except for specific exhibitions requiring a permit from the State of New Jersey as provided by law.

(m) The use of the most easterly beach will be allowed as a take-off point and return point between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. for a ski school or training class, as a practice area.

Amended by R.1999 d.127, effective April 19, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 113(a), 31 N.J.R. 1069(a).

In (i)1i, substituted a reference to 6:00 P.M. for a reference to 6:00 A.M.

13:82-3.7 Grover's Mill Pond, Mercer County

(a) No power vessel powered by a motor in excess of 7½ horsepower, shall be operated on Grover's Mill Pond, Mercer County.

(b) No power vessel shall be operated upon Grover's Mill Pond between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

(c) No waterskiing shall be permitted on Grover's Mill Pond at any time.

13:82-3.8 Lake Mohawk, Sussex County

(a) No waterskiing shall be permitted in Tamarack Cove, Turtle Cove, Three Finger Cove or the South End Cove of the lake.

(b) No waterskiing shall be permitted to the west of Manitou Island north and south of Manitou Bridge.

(c) Power vessels shall not exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour from sunset to 8:00 A.M. anywhere on the lake.

(d) Power vessels shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour—no wake—in Tamarack Cove, Turtle Cove, Three Finger Cove or the South End Cove of the lake.

(e) Power vessels shall not exceed five miles per hour—no wake—within 200 feet of any shore, wharf, pier, bridge structure, or abutment, dock, floating float of any kind, or floating swimming or diving platform except for waterski practices, shows and exhibitions with a waiver granted by the Boat Regulation Commission.

(f) Power boats shall not exceed a speed of 35 miles per hour between 8:00 A.M. and sunset except for waterski practices, shows and exhibitions with a waiver granted by the Boat Regulation Commission.

(g) All power vessels towing ski or aquaplane riders shall keep at least 200 feet distance from any other craft except for waterski practices, shows and exhibitions with a waiver granted by the Boat Regulation Commission.

(h) Waterskiing or aquaplane or towing of skiers or aquaplanes shall be permitted only during the hours between 9:00 A.M. and sunset.

(i) Barefoot skiing, balloon skiing, kite flying skiing, hydrofoil skiing, motor operated ski skiing, parasail skiing and ski jumping are prohibited except for waterski practices,

shows and exhibitions with a waiver granted by the Boat Regulation Commission.

Amended by R.2001 d.467, effective December 17, 2001.
See: 33 N.J.R. 2803(a), 33 N.J.R. 3280(a), 33 N.J.R. 4384(a).

In (e) and (g), added "except for waterski practices, shows and exhibitions with a waiver granted by the Boat Regulation Commission".

13:82-3.9 South Branch of Kettle Creek, Ocean County

(a) No waterskiing shall be permitted in the south branch of Kettle Creek.

(b) Waterskiing is prohibited west of a line, if extended, from the easterly end of Queen Ann Road (Bay Harbor Estates), Brick Township, to 224 Kettle Creek Road (Lot 30, Block 254) in Dover Township.

13:82-3.10 Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers and adjacent areas; tidal waters

(a) No waterskiing shall be permitted in the following waterway areas of Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers and adjacent areas:

1. Between northern limit Buoys No. 10 and No. 11 at Highlands to Buoys No. 28 at Rumson; thence to Buoys No. 5 off Barley Point;
2. From Buoys No. 10 southerly through Monmouth Beach Channel and Cove;
3. From Buoys No. 28 through area between Gunning Island and Rumson including entire area of Oyster Bay of Pollys Pond.

Amended by R.1999 d.127, effective April 19, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 113(a), 31 N.J.R. 1069(a).

Amended by R.2010 d.031, effective March 1, 2010.
See: 41 N.J.R. 3033(a), 42 N.J.R. 636(a).

Deleted (b) through (f).

13:82-3.11 Lake Hopatcong, Sussex and Morris County

(a) From May 15 through September 15 of each calendar year, no person shall waterski on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the following areas:

1. Byram Cove;
2. Between Raccoon Island and Prospect Point;
3. Between Prospect Point and Halsey Island;
4. Woodport Cove;
5. Between Halsey Island and Raccoon Island; and
6. Henderson Cove.

(b) No vessel shall pull more than two skiers at any one time on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays from May 15 through September 15 of any year except when participating in an exhibition or race sanctioned by the State Police or the Division of Parks and Forestry.

(c) The towing vessel shall not be loaded beyond the manufacturer's recommended capacity. For purposes of this subsection, the skier, or skiers, shall be included when determining the number of passengers in the vessel.

(d) While towing a skier, the operator of the vessel shall maintain a distance from any shore, structure, buoy, person in the water, vessel or other object, of not less than the length of the tow line plus 100 feet.

(e) The ski boat operator shall, when a skier has fallen, or has otherwise become disconnected from the tow line, reduce speed and return to the skier in a safe and reasonable manner.

(f) The dropping of skis for the purpose of barefoot or slalom skiing is prohibited, unless the ski is immediately retrieved by a following vessel.

(g) No vessel shall be operated upon Lake Hopatcong between the hours of sunset and sunrise at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

(h) No vessel shall be operated upon Lake Hopatcong on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays between May 15 and September 15 at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour.

(i) No vessel shall be operated at a speed in excess of five miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, any wharf, pier, bridge, dock structure, buoy or person in the water or designated bathing area which is marked by buoys.

(j) No vessel shall be operated at such a speed that shall cause 100 percent of the hull to come out of the water. Operation of the vessel in such a manner shall constitute, without further proof, careless operation. An exception to this requirement shall be allowed for operation during authorized marine events for which a permit has been issued by the State Police pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:82-1.20 or the Division of Parks and Forestry, or with a valid race test permit issued by the State Police pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:82-4.6.

(k) When the water level reaches the Extreme High Water Level (Elevation 924.20 feet) or when the gauge at the dam in Hopatcong State Park reads 9.5, a "Slow Speed—No Wake" condition shall exist.

Amended by R.1999 d.127, effective April 19, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 113(a), 31 N.J.R. 1069(a).

In (b), substituted a reference to vessels for a reference to boats, and substituted "State Police or the Division of Parks and Forestry" for "United States Coast Guard or Bureau" at the end; in (c), substituted references to towing vessels for references to ski boats; and in (j), substituted "the State Police or the Division of Parks and Forestry, or with a race test permit issued by the State Police" for "the United States Coast Guard, the Bureau, or with a race test permit issued by the Bureau" at the end.

Amended by R.2001 d.62, effective February 20, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 2976(b), 33 N.J.R. 683(a).

Added (a)6.

Amended by R.2010 d.031, effective March 1, 2010.
See: 41 N.J.R. 3033(a), 42 N.J.R. 636(a).

In (j), substituted "shall" for "will" and "marine events for which a permit has been issued" for "races sanctioned", and inserted "pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:82-1.20", "valid" and "pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:82-4.6".

13:82-3.12 Budd Lake, Morris County

(a) The ski boat operator shall, when a skier has fallen or has otherwise become disconnected from the tow line, reduce speed and return to the skier in a safe and reasonable manner.

(b) The dropping of skis for the purpose of barefoot or slalom skiing is prohibited, unless the ski is immediately retrieved by a following vessel.

(c) No vessel shall be operated on Budd Lake on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays between May 15 and September 15, at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour, from sunrise to sunset.

(d) No vessel shall be operated on Budd Lake between the hours of sunset and sunrise at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

(e) Any applicant for a permit from the State Police for a race or regatta shall submit an application to the Township Clerk, who shall then submit such application to the State Police with any comments or recommendations from the Township.

(f) No vessel shall be operated at such a speed that shall cause 100 percent of the hull to come out of the water, except in the case of a race or regatta, where permitted by the rules of such race or regatta.

(g) No vessel shall be operated at a speed in excess of five miles per hour within 50 feet of any shore, wharf, pier, bridge, dock structure, buoy, or person in the water or designated bathing areas which are marked by buoys.

(h) A distance of at least 30 feet shall be maintained between all vessels operating at speeds in excess of five miles per hour.

(i) No person shall operate a personal watercraft on Budd Lake on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays between May 15 and September 15.

Amended by R.1999 d.127, effective April 19, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 113(a), 31 N.J.R. 1069(a).

In (e), substituted "State Police" for "Bureau" throughout.

13:82-3.13 Operation on Greenwood Lake

(a) A person shall not operate a vessel on Greenwood Lake, Passaic County, in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with or endanger any other vessel or person. Every vessel operated on Greenwood Lake shall be operated in a careful and prudent manner.

(b) A vessel shall not be operated upon Greenwood Lake at a speed exceeding 45 miles per hour.

(c) A vessel shall not be operated upon Greenwood Lake at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.