

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

LAKE SAWYER

SPEED LIMITS

36 MPH (Maximum) 2 PM – 7 PM Monday – Friday

11 AM – 3 PM Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

5 MPH (Maximum) **ALL OTHER TIMES**

At speeds over 8 mph, all watercraft shall stay 200 feet from shore, travel in a counterclockwise direction and stay 100 feet from all other vessels and swimmers

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

You must comply with the City of Black Diamond boating rules and regulations on Lake Sawyer including:

1. Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. (PFD)
2. Have a valid Washington State Registration on board and WN numbers properly displayed.
3. You must be 16 years of age or older to operate a Personal Watercraft. (PWC)
4. (PWC'S) are considered boats and must comply with all regulations pertaining to any watercraft. (See **revised rules** section of Ordinance #664).

REVISED RULES

April 8th, 1999

Section E

4. Watercraft shall at all times be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner. No person shall operate a watercraft in an unsafe manner. Unsafe watercraft operation shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Becoming airborne or completely leaving the water while crossing the wake of another vessel at an unsafe distance from the vessel creating the wake, or becoming airborne in a unsafe manner while in the proximity of other vessels or persons;
- Weaving through congested traffic;
- Operating at such speed and proximity to another vessel so as to require the operator to take evasive action to avoid a collision;
- Steering toward an object or person in the water and turning sharply at close range;
- Executing tight 360 degree turns commonly referred to as "spinning donuts";
- Facing backwards while driving;
- Following inside the wake within 300 feet of another watercraft that is towing other individuals;
- Cutting between a boat and an individual being towed; or
- Chasing, harassing, or disrupting wildlife.

All infraction violations shall be subject to a fine of \$75.00.

Note: This is a condensed version of Black Diamond Ordinance #664. A complete copy is available at Black Diamond City Hall or at the Black Diamond Police Dept. All vessels are also required to follow all U.S. Coast Guard regulations and State of Washington Regulations.

MICELLANEOUS RULES:

- 1) All watercraft with persons in tow must have a competent observer.
- 2) All motorized vessels with 10 hsp. or more must have WN numbers properly displayed and carry a Washington State Certificate of Registration onboard.
- 3) When a person under tow falls, it is the responsibility of the observer to raise a bright red or orange signal flag at least 12 " square on a 24" or longer rod. (**MISDEMEANOR**)
- 4) All swimmers over 100 feet from shore must be accompanied by a watercraft.
- 5) Tying watercraft to buoys is prohibited.
- 6) Coast Guard approved type I, II, or III personal flotation devices (PFD's) are required on board all watercraft for each person.
- 7) All vessels are required to carry a sound producing device i/e whistle, horn or bell.
- 8) All vessels are required to have mufflers. No Above water exhaust. See (REVISED RULES)
- 9) WATCH YOUR WAKE: Vessel operators are responsible for any damage.
- 10) No watercraft shall have a person in tow after sunset or before sunrise.

REVISED RULES

1999-2004-2005

MINIMUM AGE FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

All persons operating a personal watercraft shall be 16 years of age or older.

NO WAKE ZONE

All vessels operating on shoreline side of buoys shall travel at a no wake speed at all times.

SPEED LIMIT

Maximum speed of 5 mph during designated non-fast time, (speeding hours).

NOISE RESTRICTION

No above water exhaust. All vessels shall have water cooled muffler, silencer or mechanism of sufficient size and capacity. The exhaust and the noise shall not exceed that of a factory outboard, inboard-outboard or inboard vessel.

LIFE JACKETS

Children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket.

- On boats shorter than 19 feet
- Whenever a vessel is underway
- When on an open deck or open cockpit
- On any waters of the state of Washington

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IF YOU WEAR THEM!**

