

**BOATING ORDINANCE**  
**Towns of Madge, Long Lake, and Birchwood**  
**Washburn County, Wisconsin**

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The Town Boards of the Towns of Madge, Long Lake, and Birchwood do ordain as follows:

**Section I.     Applicability and Enforcement**

- (a)     The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Long Lake.
- (b)     This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the water safety patrol of the Town of Madge, Long Lake, and Birchwood and Washburn County.

**Section II     Intent**

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

**Section III    State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted**

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.

**Section IV     No Wake Areas**

No person shall operate a boat in the following area at a speed faster than "Slow - No Wake," as defined in 30.50(12), Wisconsin Statutes 1988, as "that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control." Said "No Wake" areas are:

- (1)     The area known as the Narrows in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, T38N-R10W at the vicinity of the boat landing.

This area will be indicated by buoys placed at each end of the restricted area.

**Section V      Markers and Navigational Aids**

*Posting Ordinance*

- (a)     Duty, the Town of Birchwood shall place and maintain suitable markers and signs in such waters as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township.

**Section VI     Penalties**

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80 are adopted by reference.

- Section VII Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section VIII Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 1 day of Sept., 1992.

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Frank E. Zermatis - Birchwood town Chairman  
Grant P. Engen - LONG LAKE TOWN CHAIRMAN  
Dan R. Noy                      Mary Jan Chan

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CONDITION REPORT

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*The local conditions necessitating this regulation is that an area exists on Long Lake, near a public boat landing, that is known as the narrows. Because of boats traveling at a high rate of speed and the lack of state regulation and a danger of a boating accident, this area should be "snow-no-wake". At the present time, boats travel through this narrows at a high rate of speed, creating an unsafe boating environment. This ordinance would prevent boats from traveling in the channel at a high rate of speed and would protect public rights, interests and the capability of the water resource.*

*If this ordinance is not adopted, the impact on public health, safety or welfare could be great, creating a condition where the prospect of a boating accident is great.*

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September 14, 1992

The Long Lake Town Board met at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. All members were present. The Clerk announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

It was decided that the town residents needed to be reminded that the compost site and the recycling truck are available for town use. The clerk will have a box ad inserted in the Early Bird giving hours and dates. Snow fence will be put around the work area at the Schnacky boat landing. A motion was made and passed to approve the "Slow-No Wake" ordinance for the narrows. The Long Lake Preservation Assn. will purchase the buoys which will be placed and maintained by Birchwood. The zoning request by David Tapp was approved. LOis will check on non-skid tape for the Town Hall ramp. Roy will install a new threshold board for handicapped accessibility. A budget workshop meeting was set for Wed., 10/21. Vouchers 4218-4235 were approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Bergh, Clerk*

October 12, 1992

The Long Lake Town Board met at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Lois Walton and Ruth Dinga were absent. The Clerk announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The clerk gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

Robert W. Weber asked to buy 20' of Town property on Morningside Road from the lake to the road. The Board will look into the matter which will be brought up at the meeting on 11/9/92. Harvey Olund spoke as a representative of the Carl Westerlund Estate which owns the property adjoining the LL Town Hall. The Estate wants to sell the property and seeks to gain title to land being used by the trailer park but held by the town. The land was donated to the town by the Andersons who stipulated that it should be returned to them in the event of a sale. Olund said the buyer would be satisfied with a long-term lease and also that the estate will pay all attorney's fees. Grant will check with an attorney and get back to Olund. This will be put on the Agenda for 11/9/92.

A discussion on striping M'Side road was held. Equipment is available from the county for this project. The clerk has issued an operator's license to Eric Hack. A motion was made and passed to have the town books audited by Wipfli, Ullrich Bertelson again. Grant read a letter from Rod Ripley asking that each town put \$200 into a fund for monuments. This will be brought up at the budget hearing. The following Budget Resolution was passed:

"Be it resolved by the Town Board of Long Lake that the sum of \$15,000 is hereby transferred from the Reserve Account to the Streets and Highways Account."

The budget hearing and Town Meeting will be held 11/9/92 at 7 p.m. just prior to the monthly board meeting. The resubmitted Tapp zoning request was approved. Vouchers 4236-4253 were approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Bergh, Clerk*