

# SAFE BOATING PRACTICES

**ALL BOATERS:** Must stay at least 100 feet from all docks, swimmers, moored boats and swimming beaches except when operating at a slow no-wake speed and when picking up and dropping off water-skiers.

**WATERSKIING:** Skiers should be towed in a counterclockwise direction. In addition to the boat operator, one other person must be in the boat who is capable of communicating with the operator.

**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:** No wake jumping within 150 feet of the boat making the wake. No weaving in heavy boat traffic or coming unreasonably close to other boats. They also must comply with the rules for all watercraft.

**LIFE JACKETS:** All boats must have a personal flotation device for each person on board or being towed. Kids less than six years old must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding on the open deck area of a boat underway. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available and the proper size for the intended wearer. Boats, 16 feet or longer, also must carry a throwable device (Type IV PFD), such as a flotation seat cushion. Note: There are different requirements for PFDs when boating on the Great Lakes.

**NO TRESPASSING:** Do not trespass on privately owned property, including docks and rafts.

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** It is unlawful to operate a vessel if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**BOATING COURSES:** Boating safety courses are offered by the County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Natural Resources.

**BOATING RULE ENFORCEMENT:** The County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Natural Resources are the primary boating rule enforcement agencies.



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## SPECIAL WATERCRAFT



# Watercraft

## SPECIAL LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROLS - MONTMORENCY COUNTY

### ESS (S) LAKE - R281.760.2 - Hours for high-speed boating and water skiing.

2. On the waters of Ess (S) lake, sections 31 and 32, T32N, R4E, and sections 5 and 6, T31N, R4E, Montmorency and Hillman townships, Montmorency county, it is unlawful between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. of the following day, to:

- (a) Operate such motorboat at high speed.
- (b) Have in tow, or otherwise assist in the propulsion of, a person on water skis, water sled, kite, surfboard, or other similar contrivance.

HISTORY: EFF. JULY 17, 1975



# SPECIAL WATERCRAFT CONTROL

## IN EFFECT:

- ☐ Slow - No Wake Speed
- ☐ Slow - No Wake Zones in Effect on Portions of this Body of Water
- ☐ Motor Boats Prohibited
- ☒ Waterskiing and High-Speed Boating Prohibited **6:30p.m - 10:00AM**
- ☐ Waterskiing and High-Speed Boating Prohibited on Portions of this Body of Water
- ☐ Waterskiing Permitted 11 AM to 7:30 PM Only
- ☐ Waterskiing and High Speed Boating Permitted 11 AM to 7:30 PM Only
- ☒ Other Rules Apply Than Those Above

**CONTACT THE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(You are at)

NAME OF FACILITY

**ESS LAKE SFCG**

LOCATION

Lat. 45.108567, Long: -83.981367 Town/Range/Section: 31N / 04E / 05

EMERGENCY/AMBULANCE  
ASSISTANCE

**911**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

**911**

NEAREST HOSPITAL

NAME: **ALPENA REGIONAL CENTER**

PHONE: **(989) 356-7000**

ADDRESS: **1501 W. CHISOLM ST., ALPENA**

STATE POLICE

PHONE: **(989) 356-6957 / Non-Emergency** **EMG. 911**

ADDRESS: **3283 W. WASHINGTON (M-32), ALPENA**

COUNTY SHERIFF

PHONE: **(989) 785-4238 / Non-Emergency** **EMG. 911**

ADDRESS: **11045 M-32, ATLANTA**

FIELD/PARK OFFICE  
DNR OPERATIONS  
SERVICE CENTER

PHONE: **Clear Lake State Park (989) 785-4388**

PHONE: **(989)-732-3541**

ADDRESS: **1732 W. M-32 Gaylord MI 49735**

CONSERVATION OFFICER

**(800) 292-7800**

**RAP 24 HOUR LINE**