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 The District of Powers Lake in conjunction with
 The Town of Randall and the Water Patrol

Boating 101:

- Never operate your boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Be sure to stay at least 200 feet from shore and 100 feet of another boat if you make a wake.
- Make sure you have enough life jackets.
- Make sure your boat meets all safety requirements (fire extinguisher, lights etc.).
- Make sure your boat is in good repair and is safe to operate.
- Make sure you know and understand the rules of the lakes/rivers you boat on.

Be safe & smart! You are responsible for your occupants.

Be a Courteous / Conscientious Boater:

- Keep your stereo volume down.
- Avoid getting too close to other boats (especially fisherman & sailboats).
- Remember that sailors have the right of way.
- Avoid pulling skiers/tubers/wakeboarders near the sail boat races.
- Avoid anchoring or hanging out too close to peoples' shoreline or docks .
- If you are doing a leisurely cruise around the lake at no-wake speed, consider doing so along the lakeside of the SNW buoys to decrease the congestion in the traffic pattern. Thru traffic in the shore side SNW zone should be avoided.
- If you see debris floating in the water; stop, pick it up and dispose of it appropriately.

If you see someone doing any of the above, hand them a copy of this Campaign and nicely ask them to be more considerate of others

Be a Good Neighbor

- Please use common sense when on the water and anchoring.
- Be respectful of your neighbors and their rights.
- Do not anchor too close to other people's piers/shoreline and certainly refrain from loud music, foul language, excessive drinking and littering.

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you" is always a good motto to remind ourselves on what is acceptable behavior.



Respect the Traffic Lane:

- Remember that skiers and tubers need an unobstructed traffic lane for safety.
- Be cognizant of where you anchor to allow others to safely navigate the traffic lane.

If you see someone anchored in the traffic lane, hand them a copy of this Campaign and nicely ask them to relocate.

Avoid Churning Up the Lake Bottom

- Never take a wakeboard boat with full ballasts into Jefferson or Honey Bear Bay.
- Avoid using the bays when there are low water conditions.
- Check behind you on occasion to see if your boat is churning up the lake bottom.
- If it is, then trim up your motor (if applicable) or move to deeper water before getting the boat on plane.
- If you have an inboard, make sure the water depth is sufficient before hitting the throttle to get on plane so that you do not tear up the lake bottom.

We need the plants and lake bottom to remain in a natural state to preserve the health of the lake ecosystem. This is especially important during times of low water and we suggest avoiding Jefferson Bay during those times.

Pulling Skiers/Tubers/Wakeboarders

- Choose a quiet area of the lake to start out your beginners.
- Pick a quiet time to teach new skiers.
- Never follow too close to another boat pulling a skier/tuber/wake surfer.
- Remember, YOU are responsible for YOUR boat's wake and any damage or injury that comes from it.

Be safe & smart! You are responsible for your occupants and your boat's wake.

Guests:

- Make sure your guests:
 - Understand the importance of safety.
 - Understand the rules of the lake.
 - Understand your liability as well as their own before you hand over the keys.
 - Are competent and certified to drive boats or personal watercraft (PWC).
 - It is the law in WI that anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 is required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters.
 - Paddle Boarders MUST have a lifejacket.

There is no shame in making a rule that ALL of your guests must pass a boating certification course before you allow them to use your water toys. It makes us all safer and is very much appreciated. "It is better to be safe, than sorry"