



Safe Boating



Safe and enjoyable water activities require a balance between responsible boating, swimming and fishing. Boaters' actions may break apart the nests of waterfowl, erode the shoreline, negatively affect water quality, damage docks and moored boats and cause harm to fish, boaters, and swimmers.

Slow down in narrow channels (10 km/h within 30 m of shoreline), so your boat has no wake near other craft, or docks, or swimmers and in environmentally fragile areas. Frequent high wakes near the shore erode the soil, causing trees and other vegetation to fall.



Respect your neighbour's peace and quiet: have quiet waters after sunset and before sunrise.



Do not chase waterfowl or animals in your boat.



When towing, have a spotter, a seat and a lifejacket for each person.



Refuel on land. Gas is absorbed by plants and animals, including the fish you eat.

Ensure you have a boater's card and proper safety equipment – personal flotation devices, flashlight (not your cell phone), a rope with a float, a whistle and a bailer. Scan this QR code to view the Transport Canada website listing mandatory safety equipment.



Follow all provincial alcohol and substance laws: do not drive a boat under their effect.



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Contact the OPP provincial communication centre 1-888-310-1122 to report any unsafe boating infraction. In an emergency call 911. Do not approach or otherwise intervene with perceived offenders. If possible pictures should be taken and provided to an OPP marine operator.

Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee of McKellar Township