

CHAPTER 12
Hamilton Reservoir/Lake Slog Regulations

Section 12.1 The following equipment is required for

- 12.1.1 All boats
 - Approved Coast Guard flotation device for each person on board and being towed
- 12.1.2 Power propelled boats
 - 12.1.2.1 Front and rear running lights which must be displayed from sunset to sunrise
 - 12.1.2.2 Effective sounding device/horn (not required under 16 feet)
 - 12.1.2.3 Approved fire extinguisher (for all boats over 16 feet)
 - 12.1.2.4 Ladder (required when towing persons)

Section 12.2 Registration

- 12.2.1 No person shall operate or permit the operation of any power propelled craft without a registration number as required by Chapter 90B of the Massachusetts General Laws which number shall be visibly displayed
- 12.2.2 The Certificate of Number shall be available for examination at all times on the power propelled craft while in operation

Section 12.3 Safety Rules

- 12.3.1 Power propelled craft shall operate in a safe and reasonable way at a safe speed Right of way must be given to swimmers, unpowered boats (sailboats, canoes, rowboats, windsurfers et al) and all other powered boats of lesser horsepower or operating at a lower speed Power propelled craft operator is responsible for any damage caused by his wake
- 12.3.2 No child under the age of 12 may operate a power propelled boat.
No child under the age of 16 may operate a personal watercraft (jetski)
- 12.3.3 No child under the age of 16 may operate a power propelled craft of greater than 10 horsepower unless in the possession of a safety certificate issued pursuant to Chapter 323 section 2.08(1) of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations or accompanied and supervised by a person 18 years of age or older
- 12.3.4 Traffic flow on the lake shall be in a counter clockwise direction
- 12.3.5 No person under the influence of liquor or drugs may operate a watercraft
- 12.3.6 Power propelled boats towing skiers or persons riding other floating or planning devices shall be occupied by two persons minimum (driver and observer 12 years or older)
- 12.3.7 Power propelled boats may tow a maximum of two skiers or persons riding other floating, or planning devices (unless authorized by the town selectmen)

12.3.8 Maximum length of tow rope is 75 feet

12.3.9 All power propelled boats with skiers or others in tow will be so operated that neither the boat nor the persons in tow will come within 150 feet of any shoreline being used as a swimming area or any wharf, dock or float, except when approaching or leaving a landing area

Section 12.4 Speed Regulations

12.4.1 Power propelled speed is limited to 10 mph until 11-00 a m on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

12.4.2 No power propelled boat may operate at greater than 5 mph or headway speed, whichever is greater, within 150 feet of any shoreline being used as a swimming area or any wharf dock or float

12.4.3 Power propelled boat speed is limited to headway speed or 5 mph, whichever is greater, during darkness (1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise)

12.4.4 Power propelled craft speed is limited to 5 mph or headway speed, whichever is greater, in the narrows and all coves

12.4.5 Jet skis, surf jets, wetbikes or similar personal watercraft shall not be operated at speeds greater than 12 mph, or after sunset, or before sunrise

12.4.6 Headway speed is the slowest speed at which a motorboat may be operated and maintain steerage way, but not to exceed 6 mph except in the case of jet ski watercraft, surf jet watercraft, wetbike watercraft and so called personal watercraft, which may need to operate at a speed in excess of 6 mph to maintain steerage way

12.4.7 No power propelled craft shall be operated at more than headway speed-

- (1) when the operator's vision is obscured by the shoreline, weather conditions or in any other manner
- (2) when the craft is operated within 150 feet of a marina, boat launching facility, raft, float or dock.
- 3) when the craft is operated within 150 feet of a swimmer or of any unpowered craft

Section 12.5 General

12.5.1 No craft are allowed on Hamilton Reservoir at any time which are equipped with toilets, cooking or laundry facilities Chlorinators of any kind shall not be used

12.5.2 Marina operators and all persons permitting the launching of power propelled craft from their property shall provide refuse barrels and sanitary toilet facilities for their patrons

- 12.5.3 No person shall dispose of any material into any waters in the Town of Holland Human waste shall not be discharged into the lake in any circumstances
- 12.5.4 The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs or the carrying of opened alcoholic beverage containers in any boat is forbidden
- 12.5.5 Power propelled craft operators must act responsibly when involved in an accident in terms of reporting to State and Local authorities and rendering assistance as required
- 12.5.6 Power propelled craft must be equipped with an effective muffler
- 12.5.7 No person operating any craft shall fail to stop when requested to do so by a police officer identifying, himself as such, or fail, upon request, to provide such person with full identification
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- 12.5.8 No craft shall be operated on Holland Pond (Lake Siog) at a speed greater than ten miles an hour
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- 12.5.9 No person is allowed public access to Siog Park 1/2 hour before sunset to a 1/2 hour after sunrise except by permission of the Park Commission
- 12.5.10 Horses and dogs are not allowed on the Siog Park beach area at any time
- 12.5.11 Alcoholic beverages are permitted within the picnic area of Siog Park
Sections 12.5.8-12.5.10 approved January 3, 1995

Section 12.6 Enforcement

- 12.6.1 Any violation of the provisions of this chapter may be disposed of by the Police Department as a civil violation pursuant to the terms of Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws with a civil assessment of twenty-five dollars
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