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ATTN: Governor Bond Lake Permit Holders

REF: Motor Operated Watercraft including Boats, Jet Skis/Waverunners

I wish to take this opportunity to make you aware of certain rules, regulations and state laws that govern the operation of all watercraft on Governor Bond Lake. Please be aware that the Lake Patrol Officers are working towards making our lake a safe place for the operation of all watercraft.

- ◆ State law requires that persons at least 10 years of age and less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat only if: *they are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.* A Motorboat includes a Jet Ski/Waverunner (personal watercraft).
- ◆ "Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat if the operator is in possession of a Boat Safety Certificate issued by the Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement, authorizing the holder to operate motorboats". Call 1-800-832-2599 for Class Information.
- ◆ The designated traffic pattern on Governor Bond Lake is counter clockwise for all watercraft.
- ◆ The maximum speed limit for any watercraft on Governor Bond Lake is 45 miles per hour. This limit is strictly enforced by Lake Patrol Officers using radar.

**RECKLESS OPERATION** - "No person shall operate any watercraft in such a manner as to willfully or wantonly endanger the life, limb or property of any person, to weave through congested traffic, to jump the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed, to wait until the last possible moment to swerve to avoid collision, or operate any watercraft so as to approach or pass another watercraft in such a manner or at such a rate of speed as to create a hazardous wake or wash".

**NO WAKE AREAS** - are to be observed by all watercraft and speed shall not exceed 5 miles per hour.

We encourage you to have fun at the lake, but please be safe and legal.

Sincerely

Lou L. Lorton  
Chief of Police