

# Lake-Specific Rules Regulating the Use of Particular Public Waters

## 10 V.S.A. §1424

### **Adams Reservoir, Town of Woodford**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Arrowhead Mountain Lake, Towns of Milton and Georgia**

*Adopted Effective January 2, 1996*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour within the northeastern arm of the lake.
- ◆ Personal watercraft are prohibited from operating within the northeastern arm of the lake, except for a corridor within 200 feet of the shoreline between the public fishing access and the main body of the lake.

### **Batten Kill, Town of Arlington**

*Adopted Effective February 22, 1999*

- ◆ The following rule pertains to that section of the Batten Kill in the Town of Arlington between the Water Street Bridge on Vermont Route 313 and continuing downstream to the Vermont/New York border. For purposes of these rules, this section of the river shall be known as the “regulated section.”
- ◆ The use of all motors, including electric motors to power vessels, in the regulated section is prohibited.

### **Beebe Pond, Town of Hubbardton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1985*

- ◆ Water-skiing is prohibited.
- ◆ Vessels powered by motors exceeding 10 horsepower are prohibited.
- ◆ A person operating a vessel powered by motor shall not exceed a speed limit of five miles per hour.

### **Black Pond, Town of Hubbardton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1986*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

## **Burr Pond, Town of Sudbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 28, 1972*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ No vessel powered by motor shall be operated anywhere on Burr Pond in excess of five miles per hour between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. local time.
- ◆ Any motorboat launched at the public Fish and Game access is to be utilized solely for the purpose of fishing on Burr Pond and shall be limited to a speed of five miles per hour regardless of when or where operated on Burr Pond.

## **Caspian Lake, Town of Greensboro**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective November 30, 2002*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of 40 miles per hour between one half hour before sunrise and one half hour after sunset.
- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise.
- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.
- ◆ Ski slalom courses must comply with the following.
  - Construction
    - Length of the course measured on the surface of the water shall be no more than 600 feet.
    - There shall be no more than 16 buoys providing for no more than four slalom turns.
    - The buoys may be attached to an underlying framework located at least five feet below the surface of the lake.
  - Location
    - There may be no more than one course on the lake at any one time.
    - The location each year must be at least 1,000 feet from the prior year's location measured from the closest buoy of each such location.
    - The course must run as nearly parallel as possible to the nearest shore.
    - All buoys must be at least 800 feet from shore.
  - Use
    - Sanctioned or public competition or exhibitions are prohibited.
    - Use by personal watercraft or any vessel powered by motor other than a motorboat towing a water-skier is prohibited.
    - Boats shall turn away from the nearest shore upon entrance to and exit from the course.

### **Chittenden Reservoir, Town of Chittenden**

*Adopted Effective November 30, 2002*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.
- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.
- ◆ Water-skiing is prohibited.

### **Colchester Pond, Town of Colchester**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 8, 1993*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.
- ◆ Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off.

### **Cole Pond, Town of Jamaica**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited effective January 1, 1993.
- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

### **Curtis Pond, Town of Calais**

*Adopted February 14, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour north of the narrows.

### **Echo Lake (Keeler Pond), Towns of Sudbury and Hubbardton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 29, 1982*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor at speeds exceeding five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited.

### **Elfin Lake, Town of Wallingford**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1988*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Lake Elmore, Town of Elmore**

*Adopted Effective February 28, 1997*

- ◆ The provisions of Section 3.3(a)(1) notwithstanding, the use of personnel watercraft is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### **Emerald Lake, Town of Dorset**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Lake Fairlee, Towns of Fairlee, West Fairlee, and Thetford**

*Adopted Effective February 22, 1999*

- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.

### **Fern Lake, Town of Leicester**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 17, 1980*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor at speeds exceeding five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited.
- ◆ Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off.

### **Gale Meadows Pond, Towns of Winhall and Londonderry**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

### **Glen Lake, Towns of Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 1, 1978*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

### **Greenwood Lake, Town of Woodbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

*Amended Effective February 28, 1997*

- ◆ Unless otherwise prohibited by law, vessels powered by motor shall travel in a counterclockwise direction when towing water-skier(s).
- ◆ Unless otherwise prohibited by law, water-skiing shall be limited to the following days and times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon until 7:00 p.m.

### **Grout Pond, Town of Stratton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective August 15, 1974*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Half Moon Pond, Town of Hubbardton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Halls Lake, Town of Newbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Water-skiing is restricted to the hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Huff (Hough) Pond, Town of Sudbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective August 7, 1984*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Indian Brook Reservoir, Town of Essex**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 20, 1989*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.
- ◆ Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off from Indian Brook Reservoir.

### **Lake Lamoille, Town of Morristown**

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour outside the northeastern arm of the lake.

### **Lewis Pond, Town of Lewis**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 8, 1993*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ No person shall operate a vessel powered by motor at any time at a speed in excess of five miles per hour.

### **Lily Pond, Town of Poultney**

See Lake St. Catherine rules.

### **Little Lake, Town of Wells**

See Lake St. Catherine rules.

### **Little Hosmer Pond, Town of Craftsbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motors exceeding 10 horsepower are prohibited on Little Hosmer Pond.
- ◆ No person shall operate a vessel powered by motor at any time at a speed in excess of five miles per hour on Little Hosmer Pond.

### **Long Pond, Town of Greensboro**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 16, 1975*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Lowell Lake, Town of Londonderry**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 13, 1988*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **May Pond, Town of Barton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1988*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

### **Mill Pond, Town of Windsor**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 9, 1989*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels and vehicles powered by an internal combustion motor, except snowmobiles on a designated trail, is prohibited.

### **Mirror Lake, Town of Calais**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective December 17, 1978*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour within the two bay areas south of Hall Point.
- ◆ For the remainder of the lake, vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour.

### **Lake Morey, Town of Fairlee**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

*Amended Effective February 22, 1999*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of 40 miles per hour.
- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.

### **Lake Ninevah, Town of Mt. Holly**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 20, 1989*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.
- ◆ Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off from Lake Ninevah.

## **North Springfield, Towns of Weathersfield and Springfield**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 25, 1972*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour on North Springfield.

## **Norton Pond, Town of Norton**

*Adopted Effective November 30, 2002*

- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.

## **Lake Paran, Towns of Bennington and Shaftsbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective July 14, 1980*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.

## **Perch Pond, Town of Benson**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 18, 1974*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

## **Shaftsbury Lake, Town of Shaftsbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

## **Silver Lake, Town of Barnard**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 19, 1972*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. local time, a maximum of four persons at one time may operate motorboats for purposes of the water-skiing on Silver Lake, provided that:
  - The use of the lake for water-skiing shall not be conducted to the exclusion of other normal uses *and* ...
  - Each person operating a motorboat engaged in water-skiing shall proceed only in a counterclockwise direction.

## **Somerset Reservoir, Towns of Somerset and Stratton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 4, 1995*

*Amended Effective January 2, 1996*

- ◆ The use of personal watercraft (jet skis) is prohibited.
- ◆ Water-skiing is prohibited.
- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motors at speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour is prohibited except as provided for in the rule below.
- ◆ The prohibition established by the rule above shall not apply to vessels operated on behalf of New England Power Company in conjunction with their operation of the reservoir.

## **Spring Lake, Town of Shrewsbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 31, 1974*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.
- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.
- ◆ Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off.

## **Lake St. Catherine, Towns of Wells and Poultney**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 17, 1980*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Water-skiing is prohibited in the following waters:
  - All portions of Lily Pond and the channel connecting Lily Pond and Lake St. Catherine
  - All portions of the channel connecting Little Lake (also known as Little Pond) and Lake St. Catherine
- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor at speeds exceeding five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited in the following waters:
  - All portions of Lily Pond and the channel connecting Lily Pond and Lake St. Catherine
  - All portions of the channel connecting Little Lake (also known as Little Pond) and Lake St. Catherine
  - Forest House Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters south and southwest of a straight line between the southerly corner of Camp 102 and the northeasterly corner of Camp 110A
  - Hall's Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters north and northeast of a straight line between the southerly corner of Camp 224 and the northerly corner of Camp 207
  - Horseshoe Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters west of a straight line between the easterly corner of Camp 38 and northerly corner of Camp 46A
  - Oxbow Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters west of a straight line between the northerly corner of Camp 21 and the northerly corner of Camp 36
- ◆ With regard to Forest House Bay, Hall's Bay, Horseshoe Bay, and Oxbow Bay, it is permissible for a boat to start and return to its own dock at speeds in excess of five miles per hour for purposes of water-skiing. In starting, the boat must head directly out of the safety zone. In returning, the boat must go directly to its dock at the lowest speed necessary to sustain the skier.
- ◆ For purposes of this regulation only, the term "channel" as used in the rules above shall mean those waters within and contiguous to Lake St. Catherine which are less than 400 feet in width and



which serve to connect that lake with Lily Pond or Little Lake (also known as Little Pond).

- ◆ The provisions of Section 3.3(a)(1) notwithstanding, the use of personal watercraft at speeds not exceeding five miles per hour is allowed on Little Lake and Lily Pond for purposes of obtaining access to, and returning from, Lake St. Catherine.

### **Stoughton Pond, Town of Weathersfield**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 25, 1972*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour on Stoughton Pond.

### **Stratton Pond, Town of Stratton**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 7, 1974*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.
- ◆ No docks or floats, whether permanent or temporary, are permitted on the pond.

### **Sunrise Lake, Towns of Benson and Orwell**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

### **Sunset Lake, Towns of Benson and Orwell**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 18, 1974*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Water-skiing on Sunset Lake is restricted to the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ No more than one water-skier shall be pulled by a vessel at any time.

### **Valley Lake, Town of Woodbury**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

- ◆ Water-skiing on Valley Lake is restricted to the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **Waterbury Reservoir, Towns of Waterbury and Stowe**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective June 2, 1989*

*Amended Effective January 1, 1995*

*Amended Effective February 28, 1997*

- ◆ Except as provided for below, vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour or create a disturbing wake in the following portions of Waterbury Reservoir:
  - That portion of the eastern arm of the Waterbury Reservoir easterly of a line 200 feet west of the end of the peninsula separating the two bays

- That portion of the northern arm of the Waterbury Reservoir northerly of the point of land on the western shoreline located approximately 5,500 feet southerly of the mouth of Cotton Brook
- ◆ The five miles per hour no disturbing wake zones provided for above shall be clearly marked by buoys.
- ◆ The speed limit and wake provisions shall not apply to either:
  - Participants in events authorized under 23 V.S.A. §3316(a), for a maximum of five events per calendar year for a maximum of two days for each such event *or ...*
  - A single vessel using water-ski slalom course number #1 (as identified below).
- ◆ Unless otherwise regulated by law, only two water-ski slalom courses may be located in the Reservoir, as follows:
  - One slalom course marked as course #1, located southerly of the mouth of Cotton Brook within that portion of the northern arm of the Reservoir described above
  - One slalom course located at either of the following locations by the person(s) or organization designated by the Board as provided for below:
    - South of the Little River State Park in the southern arm of Waterbury Reservoir, marked as Course #2 *or ...*
    - West of the Blush Hill boat access in the eastern arm of the Waterbury Reservoir, marked as Alternate Course #2.
- ◆ The water-ski slalom courses shall be installed, maintained, and utilized in accordance with the following requirements.
  - Each course shall be installed following recognized National Design Standards, shall consist of not more than 26 buoys and include underwater alignment and anchoring devices, and shall be configured to occupy not more than 2.0 acres of the Reservoir's surface area.
  - Each course shall be available for use by any member of the general public.
  - Each course shall be installed and maintained by a person(s) or organization designated by the Board who shall file with the Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (Commissioner) by April 1 of each year a certificate of insurance, including proof of liability insurance protecting the State of Vermont to a degree equal to or greater than that provided to the Commissioner by the American Water Ski Association and Green Mountain Water Skiers in May 1996.
  - Except as may be provided for above, water-ski slalom course #1 shall be subject to the following requirements.
    - Only one vessel at a time shall be allowed to use the course.

- The course shall be lowered to the bottom of the Reservoir each time that the course is not in active use. While on the water surface, the course shall not be left unattended.
- The granting of approval by the Board does not relieve the designee from responsibility to comply with any other applicable requirements of federal, state, or local law.
- The Board may revoke any designation for failure to comply with the above requirements.

### **Woodward Reservoir, Town of Plymouth**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 28, 1972*

*Amended Effective February 14, 1995*

- ◆ Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour anywhere on Woodward Reservoir.

### **Wrightsville Reservoir, Towns of East Montpelier and Middlesex and City of Montpelier**

*Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1985*

*Amended Effective January 2, 1996*

- ◆ The operation of vessels powered by motor at speeds exceeding two miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited northerly of the narrows that is immediately to the north of the roadside park boat launch ramp.
- ◆ The provisions of Section 3.3(a)(1) notwithstanding, the use of personal watercraft is allowed southerly of the narrows referred to above.