

## **OPERATING A BOAT IT IS THE LAW**

### It is illegal to:

- Operate a vessel in a careless and inconsiderate manner.
- Jump waves
- Come unreasonably close to other vessels
- Disturb the peace
- Speed near swimmers
- Play chicken
- Weave through congested traffic at high speed
- Allow a child under 16 to operate a personal

watercraft, either supervised or unsupervised.

- Allow a child between 12 and 16 to operate a pleasure craft fitted with a motor larger than 40 horsepower.
- Allow a child under 12 to operate a pleasure craft fitted with a motor larger than 10 horsepower.
- Operate a vessel while impaired.
- Operate a vessel fitted with a motor and under four metres in length (including personal watercraft) without an Operator Competency Card.

- Exceed the 10 kph speed limit within 30 metres (100 feet) from shore.
- Create a wake at any time that damages property or injures people.

## PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC) IT IS THE LAW

### It is illegal to:

- Operate an unregistered PWC with an engine 7.5 kilowatts (10 horsepower) engine or more.
- Not carry "proof of competency" when on board.
- Allow person under the age of 16 may to operate a PWC.
- Break any law or rule for a boat (the same laws and rules apply to a PWC)
- Use a PWC in a dangerous way without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other people.
- Ignore boating restriction signs posted around the water.
- Ride your PWC at high engine

speed in circles or criss-cross patterns for long periods of time in the same area.

- Jump waves or the wake of another watercraft too close to another watercraft in a way that causes too much engine noise.
- Weave through heavy boat traffic at more than slow speed.
- Ride your PWC at a greater than slow / no-wake speed within 30 metres of the following:
  - an anchored or moored vessel,
  - shoreline,
  - dock,
  - pier,
  - swim float,
  - marked swim area,
  - swimmers,
  - surfers,
  - non-motorized watercraft or anglers.
- Get airborne while crossing

the wake of another vessel that is less than 30 metres from you.

- Follow another vessel too closely
- Play chicken (Swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision).