

A Responsibility of Being a Bay Laker

We are privileged to be in a great *community* and with the privilege comes the responsibility to conduct ourselves in a safe and courteous manner. We're here to have fun, but our actions on the water affect our Bay Lake neighbors. Hopefully this reminder will be helpful. In a nutshell, the example we set and the behavior we expect from our families (and visitors) affects our quality of life
.....and can even affect life itself.

Please review this guide with your family and guests.

Safety

- *When boating, stay at least 150 feet from non-motorized boats, the shore, docks, rafts, swimmers and moored or anchored boats.*
- *Give smaller and non-motorized boats the right of way.*
- *Slow to a "no wake" speed in all marked channels.*
- *Wear a life jacket. If you're unconscious you will sink and even experienced swimmers can become disoriented, panic and drown.*
- *Have a designated driver.*
- *Follow all of the State of Minnesota Water Safety Rules & Regulations. (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html>)*

Etiquette

- *Avoid excessive engine noise and loud music.* Sound travels over water so it disturbs everyone on the bay.....and you should assume that the folks you're disturbing recognize your boat and know who you are. In our community, they most likely do.
- *Respect the privacy of others.* Don't fish close to docks or swim areas while people are present.
- *Be courteous to other boaters.* The "Bay Lake Wave" is a great way to enhance our community.

We share Bay Lake