

Big Moose Lake Water Safety

Safe Boating

1. Know the Law and **Be a Good Neighbor:**

- a. New York requires motorboat & jet ski operators to have and possess a **NYS Boating Safety Certificate**
 - i. Now mandatory if born on or after 1/1/1978 (<46yrs)
 - ii. Mandatory for everyone on 1/1/2025

b. New York and Town of Webb regulations:

i. Speed Limits:

1. 5 mph (no wake) - all channels and within 100 feet of shore or docks.
2. 45 mph - open lake, daytime
3. 25 mph - open lake, dusk to dawn, with proper navigation lights on

ii. Jet Ski usage only permitted between dawn and dusk.

2. Know the Lake:

- a. Steer clear of rocks, shallows, and points marked with buoys

3. Be Aware and Vigilant:

- a. Scan frequently for swimmers, particularly near shore.
- b. Scan frequently for – and monitor – other boat traffic

4. Be Smart...the majority of all boating fatalities are drownings:

- a. PFDs – all boaters (incl. kayaks, paddle boards, etc) must have PFDs on or available.
- b. After dark: Use navigation lights (NOT dock lights). See and be seen. Slow down.
- c. Know and observe Boating Under Influence (BUI) laws and limits
- d. Avoid bow riding, close-in wake jumping, and reckless speed or maneuvering



Safe Swimming

1. Use the “Buddy System” – avoid swimming alone

2. Swim parallel to the shore. And be visible to boaters – wear a swim float and/or have an adjacent spotter anytime swimming where boats traffic

3. Do not dive into water - unless known to be deep and free of rocks or trees

5. Be attentive –

- a. Never let children swim unattended
- b. Teach and reinforce swimming skills and safety

Big Moose Lake Water Quality

Big Moose Lake enjoys pristine water quality thanks to our continuous efforts to avoid the introduction of invasive, harmful species including Eurasian Milfoil. **All boats entering the lake at Dunn's Marina will be checked and washed. All residents and visitors can assist by being aware of threats to the lake, supporting the marina's policy, and conducting inspections of their own watercraft. Remember: Check, Clean, Drain, & Dry.**



Learn more about invasive species and prevention at:
<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/invasive-species/aquatic/prevent-spread-of-aquatic-invasive-species>

PROTECT

BIG MOOSE LAKE

Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plants and animals that live in the water that are not from New York and hurt our native plants, animals, and the places they live. AIS also affect us by making boating, swimming, and fishing more difficult, making our time in the water less enjoyable. Once they are here, AIS are hard to get rid of.

Watercraft Check Points

Clean. Drain. Dry.

BOATING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT

Clean and remove all plants, animals, mud, and other items from your boat, trailer, and other equipment. Place in trash bins or AIS Disposal Stations.

Drain all water from the boat (bilge, live wells, ballast tank) and any other equipment that may hold water.

Dry boats, trailers, and all other equipment completely or let air dry for at least 5-7 days before use in another waterbody.

PLEASE DO NOT DUMP BAIT, FISH, OTHER ANIMALS, OR PLANTS INTO THE WATER!



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