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Members

Steve Kling took the time and developed the draft language below to act as a starting point for our discussion on restriction to wakeboarding. We will be discussing this on Thursday

One of the initiatives the Boat Act Advisory would like to undertake is some form of control over the growing use of "wake board vessels". Committee members do not object to sport of wake boarding when it does not cause user conflicts, and have focused their efforts on the objectionable part of the sport .. namely the purposeful creation of large wakes, both by artificially ballasting vessels, and by the speed of the vessel.

Yesterday Steve Kling of the Committee shared a draft proposal which I'd like your thoughts on.

It shall be prohibited to operate in a confined area, any vessel that is:

- a) carrying temporary ballast (water or other material) for the purpose of creating a wake larger than the vessel would create when operated without ballast at the same speed and in similar sea state or
- b) operating in such a manner as to create a wake or wakes larger than is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the vessel while towing a person on a ski, aquaplane, or similar device

A confined area would be defined as any cove, bay, creek or other inlet or estuary. Or any portion thereof that is subject to a speed limit of six knots or less at any time during the year or that does not exceed 800 yards in width from shore to shore.

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