

June 14, 2001 **NO WAKE ORDINANCE-POMME DE TERRE SLOUGH**

A SOLE ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN THE POMME DE TERRE SLOUGH AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Town Board of the Town of Belvidere do ordain as follows:

Section I - Applicability and Enforcement

- a. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the water of the Mississippi River in Buffalo County commonly know as the Pomme de Terre (Belvidere) Slough.
- b. The officers of the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department and other qualified enforcement agencies shall enforce this chapter.

Section II - Intent

- a. The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, the capability of the water resources and also to protect the shoreline on the east from erosion caused by the boats.

Section III - Definitions

- a. Slow-No Wake means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

Section IV - Controlled Area

In the area of Pomme De Terre (Belvidere) Slough beginning at the extension westerly of the Indian Point road to the slough and preceding north to the tip of Indian Point, a slow-no-wake area is established within 100 feet of shore.

The area beginning at the tip of Indian Point, extending northwest to an unnamed island depicted as Island A on the map and extending east and north to the Burlington Northern Railroad shall be slow-no-wake in its entirety as depicted on the map.

Also the area beginning at the extension westerly of the Indian Point Road to the slough and preceding south to the location of the north road to the Belvidere Boat Landing extending westerly to the slough a slow-no-wake area is established from the west shore of Town of Belvidere approximately 100 feet.

Section V - Posting Requirements

The Town of Belvidere place and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points to the Mississippi River within the jurisdiction of the town.

Section VI - Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss.30.80 are adopted by reference.

Section VII - Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section VIII - Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 14th day of June, 2001.

GALE O. HOCH
TOWN CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:
DEBORAH M. RUFF, CLERK

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Condition Report

The water is low and necessitated that the boats stay close to shore by the cabins. It is very dangerous for the residents to get their boats out into the water. It is also dangerous for the people swimming along the shore.

It seems that there wouldn't be any corrective measures except to slow the boats down for safety to the residents of that area.

Also there is a need to protect the shoreline on the east of the water from erosion caused by the boats.

Enacting this ordinance would solve the problem of safety and protection of the shoreline. There would be no negative effect of these corrective measures except that it would slow the boats down.

If not enacted the safety of the people and the erosion of the stream bank are at risk. The only opposition to the ordinance would be the slowing down of watercrafts.