

**TOWN OF CRESCENT
STATE OF WISCONSIN
ONEIDA COUNTY**

Ordinance # 02 - 2025

ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT CERTAIN ENHANCED WAKES

TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Boating Regulation Restricting Certain Enhanced Wakes. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect public health, safety, and/or welfare, including the public's interest in preserving natural resources.

AUTHORITY

The Town of Crescent ("Town") has the authority to enact ordinances covering waters within its jurisdiction if the ordinances are not contrary to or inconsistent with Chapter 30, Wis. Stats., and they relate to the equipment, use, or operation of boats or to any activity regulated by Sections. 30.50 to 30.71 and 30.77 (3)(a) Wis. Stats.

BOATING REGULATIONS RESTRICTING CERTAIN ENHANCED WAKES

- A. **Applicability and Enforcement:** The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all waters wholly within the Town of Crescent, Oneida County, Wisconsin.
1. Certain Artificial Wake Enhancement Limited:
 - a. Prohibited Equipment. No person may use or employ ballast tanks, ballast bags, fins, or other devices to cause a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or which increases or enhances a boat's wake as described in prohibited operations below.
 - b. Prohibited Operation. No person may operate a boat in an artificially bow-high manner, having the effect of increasing the boat's wake less than 300' from the shoreline and in waters of a minimum depth of 15 - 20 feet when driven in operational mode/position. Such prohibited operations shall include wake enhancement by use of ballast tanks, ballast bags or fins or continuous operation at transition speed (the speed below planing speed in which a boat is operating in plowing mode).
 - c. Certain Operations Excluded. In no event shall any of the following operations be deemed a violation of this Ordinance, provided such operations do not use or employ ballast tanks, ballast bags or wake enhancing fins or other devices:
 1. Water skiing;
 2. Tubing;
 3. Wake boarding employing a tow rope;
 4. Brief transition operation to empty a boat of bilge water; or
 5. Brief transition operation of a boat accelerating into a planing condition.

PENALTY

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s. 30.80, Wis. Stats., and deposits established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conferences, are hereby adopted by reference, except all references to fines are amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment are deleted.

- A. To the extent that the penalty for any violation of this Ordinance is not provided under Wisconsin state boating penalties as found ins. 30.80, Wis. Stats., any person violating this Ordinance shall forfeit \$500 for the first offense and shall forfeit \$1000 for the second or subsequent offense within one year. Deposits established in the WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT FEE, FORFEITURE, FINE AND SURCHARGE TABLES shall also apply to any violation.

SEVERABILITY

Should any portion of this Ordinance or the affected Code Section(s) be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected.

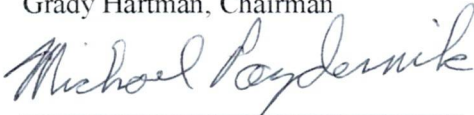
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance will not become effective until required postings have been established at public boat launches. After the Town Clerk is officially notified that all signage has been installed, then this ordinance shall be published or posted as required under Wis. Stat. §60.80, and will at that time become effective. The Town Clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under Wis. Stat. §60.80.

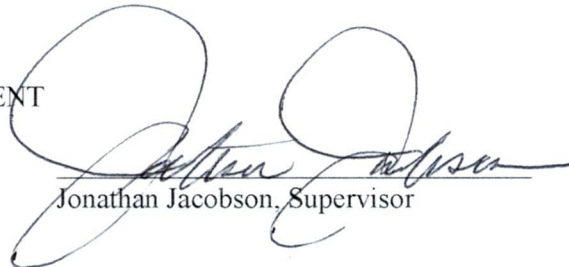
Adopted this 9th day of July, 2025.

TOWN BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF CRESCENT

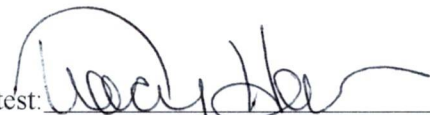
Grady Hartman, Chairman



Michael Pazdernik, Supervisor



Jonathan Jacobson, Supervisor

Attest: 

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

(Posted) this 11 day of August ~~September~~, 2025