

# BOATING ON COLUMBIA LAKE

As a boater, there is a great deal you can do to ensure the health of Columbia Lake! By following these tips you protect your fishing and recreating grounds and may even save money!

## WHAT IS GREEN BOATING?

Being a "green boater" means learning how to do what you love without damaging the ecosystem in which you do it.

## FUELING

- Fuel on land whenever possible.
- Use a "Flow and Go" to prevent spills.
- Take your time when fueling your boat.
- Wrap an absorbent pad or cloth around the nozzle before moving it.
- Transport and store gasoline out of direct sunlight in a cool, dry place.
- Do not leave fuel cans near the shore or on the dock after fueling.

## BOAT USE: WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Within 150 metres of shore operate your boat with no wake.** You can watch to see if your wake hits the shore at varying speeds, and adjust your speed up or down accordingly.
- Give all wildlife space; stay clear of nesting birds or other wildlife close to shore.
- Keep your speed down near small vessels that can also be swamped by wakes.
- No wake in shallow water or swim area

## PWC: WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Operate in water at least 30 inches (76 cm) deep. Riding in shallow water can disturb bottom sediments and aquatic vegetation
- Operate at a slow speed and so not create a wake when operating near shore to avoid causing erosion.
- Do not dock or beach your vessel in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments and encourage the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Keep a sealed trash receptacle on board to reduce waste blowing into the water.
- Frequently wash your boat to reduce the build-up of dirt and algae.
- To help prevent plant and algae growth on your hull wax at the beginning of the season.

## TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES:

**CLEAN:** Remove all plants, animals and mud. Thoroughly wash everything, including crevices and other hidden areas.

**DRAIN:** Thoroughly drain your boat before leaving the area, including wells, ballast, and engine cooling water.

**DRY:** Allow time for your boat to completely dry before launching in other waters.

## THE GREEN BOATING CHECKLIST

- ✓ Maintained my boat before boating season began.
- ✓ Kept up with regular engine maintenance.
- ✓ Chose non-toxic cleaners.
- ✓ Drove at a "no wake" speed near shore.
- ✓ Cleaned my boat well (on shore) when leaving the water.
- ✓ Kept my boat weed-free, I removed any plants or animals clinging to the hull, trailer, motor, or hiding in the bilge.
- ✓ Respected shoreline wildlife habitat and wildlife on water.
- ✓ Educated other boaters on how to improve their practices.

Special Acknowledgement to:

## LAKE-FRIENDLY CLEANERS FOR YOUR BOAT

Read labels and look for non-toxic, chlorine-free, phosphate-free products. Some do it yourself options are:

**VINEGAR:** Cleans, Kills Mold, Disinfects, Deodorizes, Bleaches, Disperses Diesel Odours.

**BAKING SODA:** Scours, Deodorizes, Cleans Fiberglass

**TEA TREE OIL:** Lifts Tape Adhesives, Disinfects, Counteracts Foul Smells In Sumps and Bilges.

**FIBERGLASS:** Baking Soda and Salt (in Wet Paste)

**DECKS:** 1 Part Vinegar to 8 Parts Water

**ALUMINUM:** 1 TBSP Cream of Tartar in ½ Litre Hot Water

**BRASS:** Worcestershire Sauce, Vinegar and Salt Solution

**CLEAR PLASTIC/GLASS:** 1 Part Vinegar to 2 Parts Water

**WOOD:** Polish With Olive Oil

**SHOWER:** Scour With Baking Soda

**MILDEW:** Vinegar and Salt Solution or Tea Tree Oil

**BLEACHING:** hydrogen Peroxide Bleach, Not Chlorine Bleach

## OTHER WEBSITES

<http://www.lakeambassadors.ca/stewardship>

<http://www.boatinglicense.ca>

[https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/d\\_ebs-obs-paperwork-](https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/d_ebs-obs-paperwork-)

[paperwork boat licence-1898.htm](http://www.ekilmp.com/columbia-lake.html)

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