

# FINDLEY LAKE SAFETY RULES

## IN ADDITION TO REGULATIONS OUTLINED IN NEW YORK STATE BOATER'S GUIDE

New York State Office of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation

[www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating](http://www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating)

and

## NEW YORK STATE BOATER SAFETY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

[www.WearItNewYork.com](http://www.WearItNewYork.com), [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org), [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)

## BOATERS AND SWIMMERS IN FINDLEY LAKE MUST FOLLOW THESE SPECIFIC LAWS BY THE TOWN OF MINA AND RULES BY THE FINDLEY LAKE WATERSHED FOUNDATION

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1. All motorized vessels on Findley Lake shall be operated in a manner so as to travel in a COUNTERCLOCKWISE ROTATION outside the no-wake zone.
2. All swim platforms and/or rafts on Findley Lake shall be securely anchored no more than thirty-five (35) feet from shoreline, and shall indicate the ownership of said swim platform and/or raft, and shall have reflectors attached to each of its four (4) sides.
3. No person shall operate a motor boat on the waters of Findley Lake for towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, a tube or similar towing device unless there is a competent person, other than the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person being towed in the motorboat.
4. No person shall ride on water skis, surfboard or similar towing device or operate a motorboat to tow a person on the waters of Findley Lake between sunset and sunrise.
5. No person shall ride on water skis, surfboard or similar towing device without wearing a life preserver or approved similar device.
6. No one is allowed to swim unaccompanied by a boat in excess of fifty (50) feet from shore due to the hazards of drowning or being hit by the operator of a motorboat.
7. All Paddle Craft (kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, canoes) must stay within 100 feet of shore or inside no-wake zones.
8. The area from the small island to the village is a no-wake zone and speeds shall not be in excess of five (5) miles per hour.
9. It is illegal to operate a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. Motor boat operators born on or after May 1, 1996 must have a boating safety certificate and be at least ten (10) years of age. Operators who are younger than 18 years of age, and who are not holders of a boating safety certificate, must be accompanied by a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is the holder of a boating safety certificate, or is born before May 1, 1996.
11. Personal Watercraft operators (jet skis, wave runners) must have completed a boating safety course and be a minimum age of 14 years of age. All persons on a personal watercraft are required to wear a life jacket.
12. The throwing of bottles, cans or refuse into Findley Lake is forbidden and is subject to a fine of \$100.00.
13. The boat launch area must be kept clear at all times, when not in use.
14. The operator of motorboats on the waters of Findley Lake are always responsible for their wake and shall never obstruct the passageway of interfere with the travel of other vessels while in operation.
15. A skier or other towing device is an extension of the watercraft and all rules of distance from shore and wake shall apply.
16. No watercraft shall pass the stern of a boat being used for trolling less than two hundred (200) feet from the stern of the boat.