

## State of Michigan Boating Laws



Please refer to the- **Boater Safety Handbook**- located at **boat-ed.com** for **ALL boating laws.** 

If you have guests or renters at your lake house, please share these boating laws.

- All Boats and Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis, Seadoo's) must follow a counter-clockwise direction around the lake.
- You must be 100 feet away from all docks, shoreline, and other watercraft while under operation unless you are at a no-wake speed.
- After dusk, No-Wake speed is State Law.
- Water vessels approaching from the Right-Hand side AWAYS have the right of way.
- To operate a PWC (Jet Ski, Seadoo), you must be 16 years of age or older. If you were born after December 31, 1978, you must also possess a Boaters Safety Certificate.
- To operate an engine powered boat of 35 hp or more you must be 12 years of age or older. If you were born after July 1, 1996, you must also possess a Boaters Safety Certificate.
- <u>Big Pine Island Lake is narrow</u>, and any anchoring or swimming should take place in areas **outside of the main traffic areas**.

## Thank you

For Boating Safely and Enjoy your Time on the Lake!

(A Free copy of Boater Safety Laws, available at Grattan Township. Call for Details.)