



PARTRIDGE LAKE

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Welcome to Partridge Lake!

Information for Renters and Guests

LANDLORDS

Present this flyer to your renters/guests and POST IN YOUR RESIDENCE

- **Make sure renters and guests read this information sheet; ask if they have any questions.**
- **List phone numbers for emergencies, and for neighbors who may help.**
- **Emphasize boat safety; describe the hazards of your location/dock/beach; make sure they know your boat well if they will be using it.**
- **Acquaint them with traffic hazards: stop signs; clusters with small children; and camps whose occupants must cross the road to get to the lake.**

TUBING/WATERSKIING/PADDLEBOARDING

New Hampshire law says there must be one spotter for one or two tubers/skiers, two spotters for three to six. The 150-foot law applies to both boat and tubers/skiers. Spotters must be at least 13 years old and able to swim and rescue a tuber/skier who needs help.

Taking turns" is important. The more boats on the lake at one time, the more at risk are those happily careening behind them.

All persons using a standup paddleboard must have a personal flotation device available.



The Partridge Lake Property Owners Association has prepared this information about issues important to the well-being of residents and to the long-term health of the lake. You should be aware of some of its most important recommendations.

Fire. CALL 911 FIRST!!

- Keep lids nearby for pots and know how to use the fire extinguisher.
- Gas or charcoal grills raised off the ground do not need a permit, but fire permits are required for any other outdoor fire.
- Small fires must be 25 feet from a structure; larger fires 50 feet away. Keep a hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher nearby.
- Hot ashes should be covered and kept 3-4 days before dumping.
- A permit is required to discharge fireworks. Please refrain from setting off fireworks over the lake.



Safety and Courtesy

Drive slowly...very slowly...around the lake.

- Have fun but remember those not on vacation: jobs and babies may get your neighbor up earlier than you.
- When it gets late, move inside the house. Voices and music broadcast from the deck, dock, porch, and boat.



Reduce Detergent Use

Residents are doing everything possible to reduce phosphorous levels in the lake.

- No phosphates! Read labels on all cleansers.
- Reduce your use of all detergents!
- Baby the septic system! Take fewer, and briefer showers.
- Never put paper towels, diapers, tampons, harsh cleaning agents, paints, etc. down the toilet. No coffee grounds down the sink.



Boating Safety and Exotic Weeds

If you are bringing a boat, check it carefully for weeds, and dispose of them away from the lake. A suspicious plant should be put in a plastic bag and call **(603) 271-2248** (NH Dept of Environmental Services).

All vessels must carry one USCG approved life jacket for each person on board.



Garbage and Recycling

The Littleton Transfer Station takes bagged garbage and recycles cans, bottles, plastics, glass, paper, etc. Garbage must be in a special plastic bag available at grocery and hardware stores. The station is open Tuesday thru Friday 12-4, Saturday 8-4, closed Sunday, and Monday. For a complete schedule and directions call **(603) 444-1447** or visit their website at townoflitleton.org.

Partridge Lake - Water Safety

Safety is a major concern at Partridge Lake, considering the numbers of boats and swimmers, children, and seniors, people, and pets. Excessive speed at the shallow edges of the lake contributes to severe erosion of the shoreline and to stirring up nutrient- and phosphorous-rich sediment, making them more available for algae growth.



Given the NH “150-foot law,” Partridge Lake is just barely legal for high-speed power boats. Its narrowest point is just over 300 feet, a dangerous “bottleneck” that allows only one fast boat to pass through at a time—and only then if there is no kayak, canoe, swimmer, or other motorboat at the same time.



New Boater's License

New Hampshire state law requires all operators of boats powered by more than 25 hp motors to have with them a Safe Boater Education Certificate, having completed an 8-hour course or a tested-out equivalent, obtainable on the Web.

For information, call (603) 267-7256, or www.boat-ed.com/nh, a site approved by the NH Marine Patrol.



A complete guide to boating safety comes with the required annual boat registration.

Among the major provisions:

- Drivers must be 16 or above.
- A “spotter” is required for water skiers.
- Every boat must carry an approved wearable personal flotation device for each person on board. Children under 5 must always wear one.



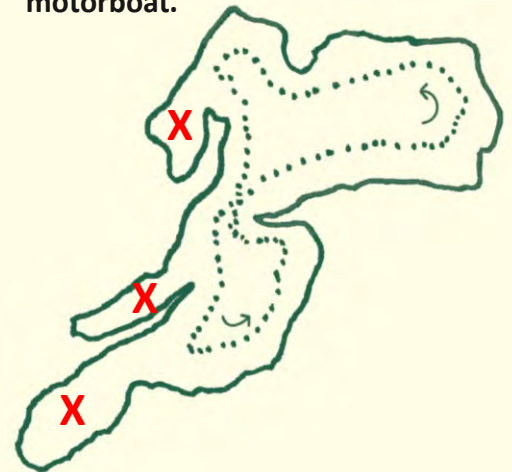
If someone wishes to swim across the lake, please do so with a canoe or kayak escort as swimmers are difficult to spot from a speeding boat. Prime-time power boating time is usually in the afternoon, so swimming across the lake earlier in the day, (with an escort), is recommended.



Speedboats have been a part of the recreation at Partridge Lake for decades. The PLPOA recommends:

- Use common sense.
- Traffic goes **COUNTER-CLOCKWISE** around the lake.
- Stay out of the coves.
- Take turns and be courteous to other boaters.

The lake is small; it has rocks and shallows; the area 150 feet from shore is not large; it has a dangerous “bottleneck” that allows only one fast boat to pass through at a time—and only then if there is no kayak, canoe, swimmer, or other motorboat.



Above 6 mph, by law no boat shall come closer than 150 feet to any person, place, or thing (docks, floats, etc.). A water-skier is considered “part of the boat” and should also abide by the 150-foot law. Taking off from the dock with a skier is allowed, but state law prohibits drop-offs at high speed.