

Speed Definitions

- **Idle Speed / No Wake** — the vessel may only travel the bare minimum speed that it requires to maintain steerageway (be steered). This usually means putting the transmission in gear without advancing the throttle.
- **Slow Speed / Minimum Wake** — means that the vessel must be completely off plane and fully settled into the water. The vessel may then proceed at a speed and with a wake that are reasonable under the prevailing circumstances.
- **Safe Speed** — means every vessel must at all times be operated at a safe speed, even if it is not in the posted slow zone or idle zone. When there is a posted numerical speed this may require that vessels operate at a considerable slower speed if they would cause an excessive wake when operating at the speed limit.
- **Miles Per Hour** — means speed made good over the bottom measured in statute miles.

Marine Laws

- Personal watercrafts (jet skis) can only be operated by individuals over the age of 14
- Anyone 21yrs old or under must have a Boaters ID card in their possession
- Children under the age of 6 on board vessels 26 ft or less must wear a proper fitting personal floatation device when such vessel is underway
- Vessels 16ft or greater must have:
 - a wearable PFD for each person aboard
 - at least 1 throwable PFD Type IV
 - USCG approved visual distress signals
 - a fire extinguisher or fixed system
 - horn, whistle, or sound making device
 - navigational lights for vessel size/speed
- Bow riding is prohibited at all times
- VHF Channel 16 is for emergency traffic only



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