

# THE TRUTH ABOUT WAKESURFING

Recreational boating and fishing is the number one contributor to the outdoor recreation economy. Outdoor recreation accounts for:

**4.3 million**  
American Jobs

**\$689 billion**  
in Economic Output

**3%**  
of U.S. Employment

Towed watersports, including wakesurfing, are a main driver of this economic activity.

## Key Facts About Wakesurfing



Boat wakes dissipate quickly and have little impact on shoreline erosion compared to wind-driven waves.



Wake boats operating in 10 feet of water while in surf-mode have no impact on waters' bottoms.



Sedimentation caused by boat traffic or wind-driven waves is significantly less than the amount of sedimentation that flows naturally through lakes' watersheds.



Boat wakes can increase oxygenation, which is beneficial for aquatic ecosystems.



The wake created by a wake boat in surf-mode dissipates faster than the wake created by a typical boat.



## The Boating Community Prioritizes Educating Boaters on Responsible Wakesurfing

Boaters, manufacturers and dealers have a longstanding history of proactively supporting boater education efforts and the adoption of widespread safety measures, such as the industry's Wake Responsibly campaign.

### WAKE RESPONSIBLY



#### 1 Always operate 200+ feet away

from shorelines and docks, and steer clear of parked boats and smaller watercraft.

#### 2 Play music at reasonable levels

and have respect for your surroundings. Consider time of day and be mindful that explicit lyrics may offend others.

#### 3 Minimize repetitive passes

along residential shorelines.

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