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 stay 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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