

**DECLARATION OF  
MODIFICATION OF  
EMERGENCY SLOW-NO-WAKE ZONES  
ON LAKES  
MENDOTA, MONONA, WAUBESA AND KEGONSA**

Heavy rainfall in June 2008 resulted in high water levels on the Yahara Lakes posing a substantial risk to property and public safety. Beginning on June 9, 2008, the County Executive, Sheriff and County Board Chair, pursuant to authority granted in section 72.08(3)(a) of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, issued Emergency Slow-No-Wake Zone declarations regarding Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. These declarations were modified as necessary as the water levels of the lakes receded. Due to heavy rainfall on July 9-10, 2008, water levels on the Yahara Lakes again rose to levels requiring that the entire surface areas of the Yahara Lakes be declared slow-no-wake zones. On July 22, 2008, water levels on Lake Kegonsa had receded to levels allowing for modification of the slow no wake zone in effect on that lake. Water levels on Lake Mendota (except the areas commonly called "Cherokee Marsh" or "Cherokee Lake") have now receded to levels allowing for modification of the slow-no-wake zone presently in effect on that lake. Water levels on Lakes Monona and Waubesa and the areas of Lake Mendota commonly called "Cherokee Marsh" or "Cherokee Lake," remain high and the entire surface of those lakes remain slow-no-wake zones.

The County of Dane hereby declares that effective as of 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2008, the previously issued Declaration of Emergency Slow-No-Wake Zone on Lake Mendota is modified as follows:

On Lake Mendota, a slow-no-wake zone is declared along the entire shoreline demarcated by a line drawn parallel to and five hundred feet distant from the shoreline and which encompasses all surface waters between that line and the shoreline. This declaration does not apply to the areas of Lake Mendota commonly called "Cherokee Marsh" or "Cherokee Lake" which shall remain an emergency slow-no-wake zone.

On Lakes Monona and Waubesa, the entire surface areas of those lakes shall remain emergency slow-no-wake zones.

On Lake Kegonsa, the slow-no-wake zone remains in effect along the entire shoreline demarcated by a line drawn parallel to and five hundred feet distant from the shoreline and which encompasses all surface waters between that line and the shoreline.


This declaration will be rescinded as soon as it is determined that the levels of the respective lakes have receded to a point that safe normal boating may be resumed.

Violation of the slow-no-wake restriction is subject to punishment by citation and forfeiture.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008.

  
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Dane County Sheriff

  
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CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF



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