

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

Heavy rainfall in June of 2008 resulted in high water levels on the Yahara Lakes posing a substantial risk to property and public safety. On June 9, 2008, an Emergency Slow-No-Wake Zone was declared on the entire surface areas on Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. The emergency slow-no-wake zone was declared by 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. On July 2, 2008 and July 9, 2008 and July 11, 2008, the emergency slow-no-wake order was modified. Water levels on the Yahara Lakes have now dropped to levels that justify additional modification of the slow-no-wake zones.

The County of Dane hereby declares that effective as of noon on July 31, 2008, the previously issued Declaration of Emergency Slow-No-Wake Zone is reaffirmed and modified as follows:

- 1) On Lake Mendota the slow-no-wake zone shall remain 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.
- 2) The entire surface areas of Lake Mendota commonly called "Cherokee Marsh" and "Cherokee Lake" shall remain an emergency slow-no-wake zone.
- 3) On Lakes Monona and Waubesa 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.
- 4) The entire surface areas of Lake Monona commonly called "Squaw Bay" shall remain an emergency slow-no-wake zone. The slow-no-wake zone shall extend from the Winnequah Boat Landing south to the opposite shore and will be clearly marked by slow-no-wake buoys.
- 5) All surface areas of Lake Kegonsa shall revert to the normal slow-no-wake zone extending 200 feet from the shoreline as set forth in Dane County Code of Ordinances Section 72.08(1)(a).

Slow-no-wake-speed is defined as the minimum speed at which a motorized watercraft is able to move and maintain adequate steering control.

This declaration will be rescinded as soon as it is determined that the levels of the respective lakes have receded to a point that safe normal boating may be resumed.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 31st day of July 2008.

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Dane County Executive

David J. Mahoney
Dane County Sheriff

Scott McDonell
Chair, Dane County Board