

HOLISHOR BOAT SAFETY

**Holiday Shores Safety
Committee**



Disclaimer: This course is intended as a guide to boating safety based on Holiday Lake rules and applicable Illinois law. It is not an all-encompassing document and should not be considered a substitute for reviewing state statutes and regulations. Illinois law and any subsequent changes to the law take precedence over the content presented in this course. Participants are responsible for ensuring they are familiar with and follow all current laws and regulations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The Holishor Boat Safety module will help you:

- Understand the documentation and equipment required to operate a watercraft
- Operator requirements
- Rules of navigation and towing
- PWC rules
- Rules applicable to muscular watercraft



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & EQUIPMENT



WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE

In order to obtain your Holishor stickers for your watercraft, you must:

- Have a current (IDNR) registration card
- Proof of \$300,000 liability insurance

All watercraft are required to have a current Holishor sticker.

You must also be a member in good standing.

- Refer to Boating Rules for more information about prohibited watercraft and size & length requirements.
- Unpowered watercraft are not required to obtain IL registration numbers

Holishor Decal Placement

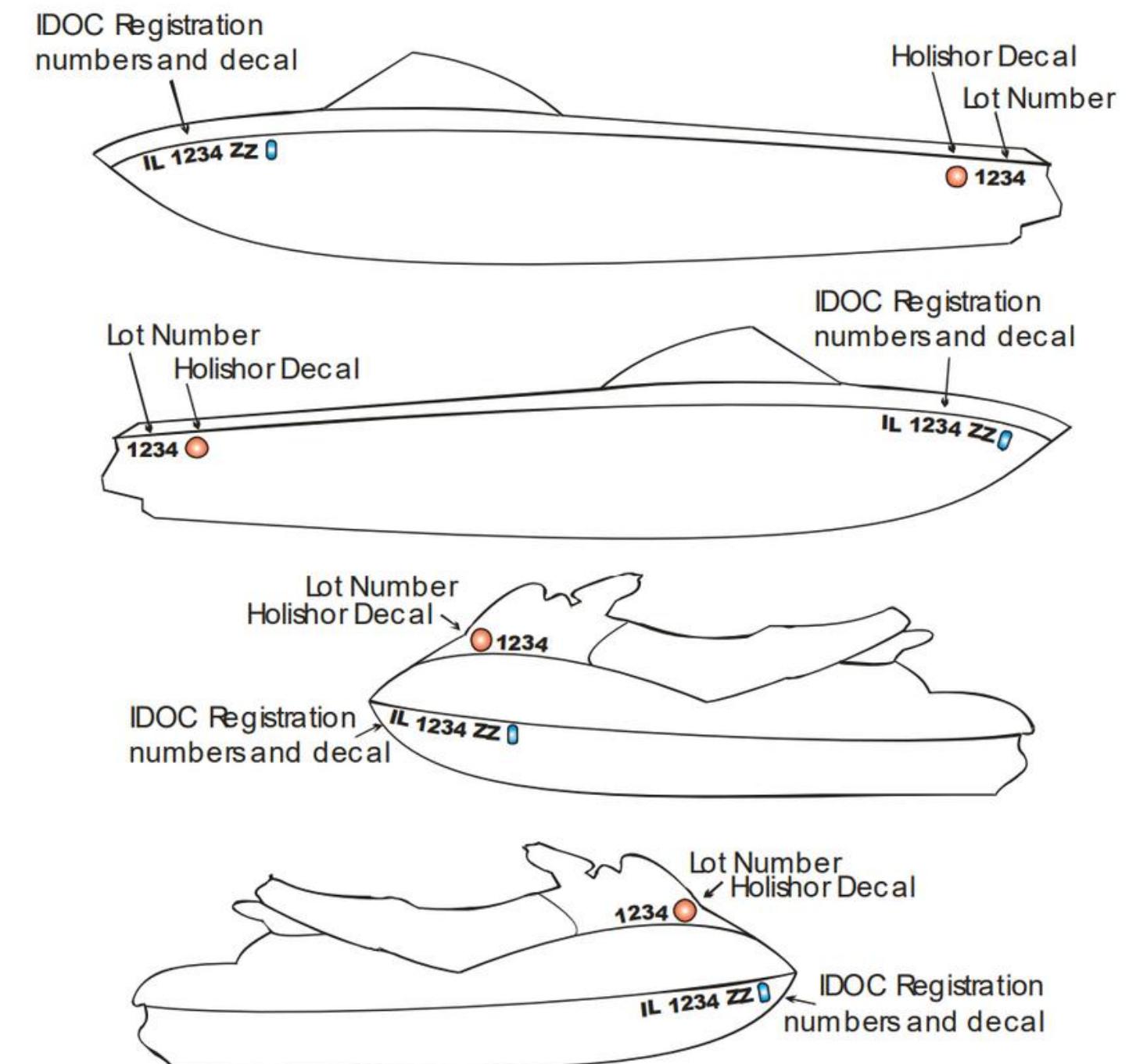
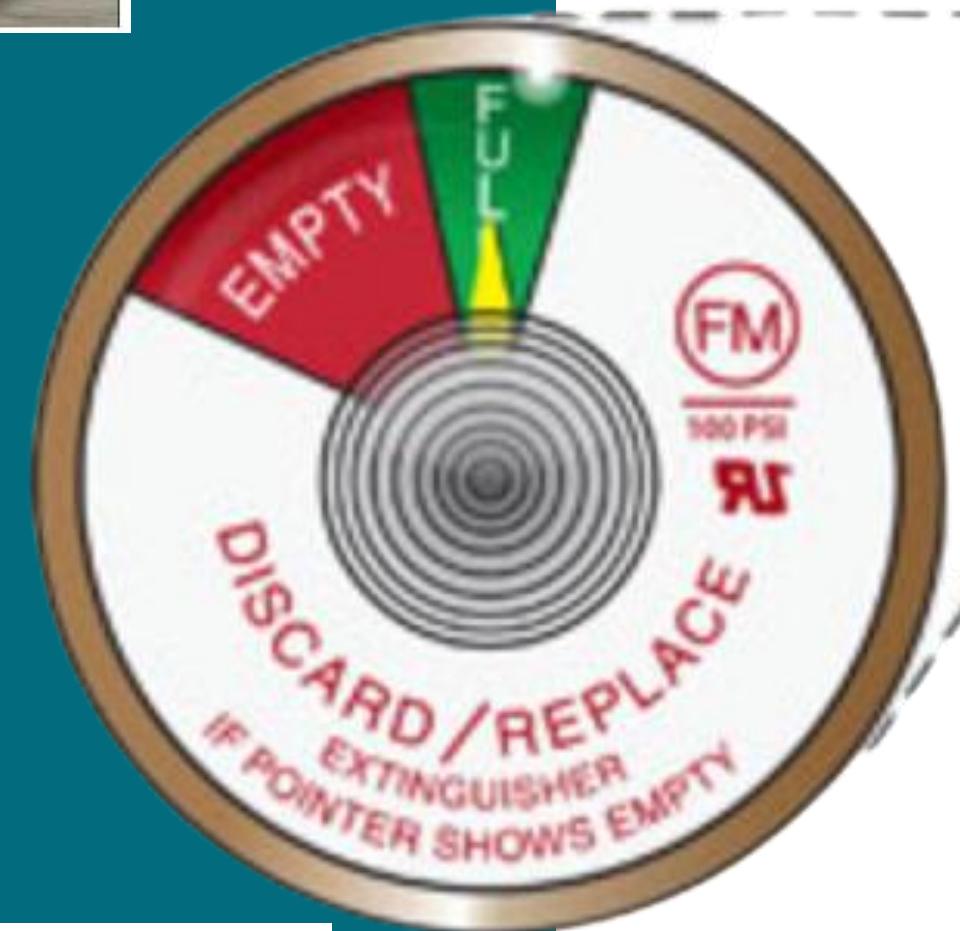
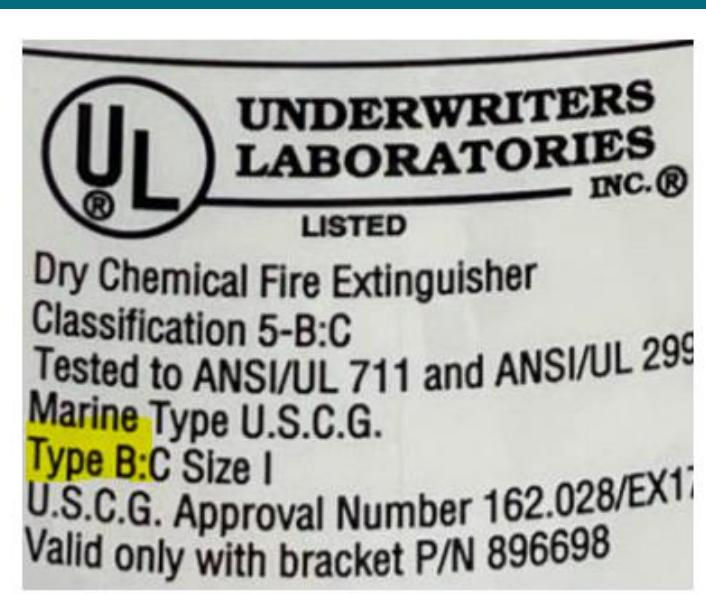


Figure 1: Decal Placement

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



- **Expiration:** Required on most watercraft and should be fully charged or replaced every 12 years.
- **Charge & Condition:** Ensure that the fire extinguisher is charged, has a secure pin lock, and has an unobstructed discharge nozzle.
- **Type B:** Any vessel equipped with an internal engine must have a Type B fire extinguisher.



SOUND-PRODUCING DEVICE

Sound-Producing Devices (625 ILCS 45/4-4 and 45/4-8) - On Illinois state waters, all motorized vessels must have a mouth-, hand-, or power-operated whistle or other device capable of producing a blast that is two seconds or more in duration and audible for at least one-half mile.



LIFE JACKETS



A coast guard approved life jacket for each person must be available on board.

All children under 13 must wear life jacket while boat is not anchored.

All passengers on a PWC are required to wear a life jacket.

Watercraft over 16 feet must have a throwable device.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS



Vessel operators must make sure that their vessels are equipped with the proper navigation lights and use the lights during these conditions:

- When away from the dock between sunset and sunrise
- During periods of restricted visibility such as fog or heavy rain



Docking Lights

Driving with docking lights on can reduce the visibility of your navigation lights and impede the safe navigation of other boaters.

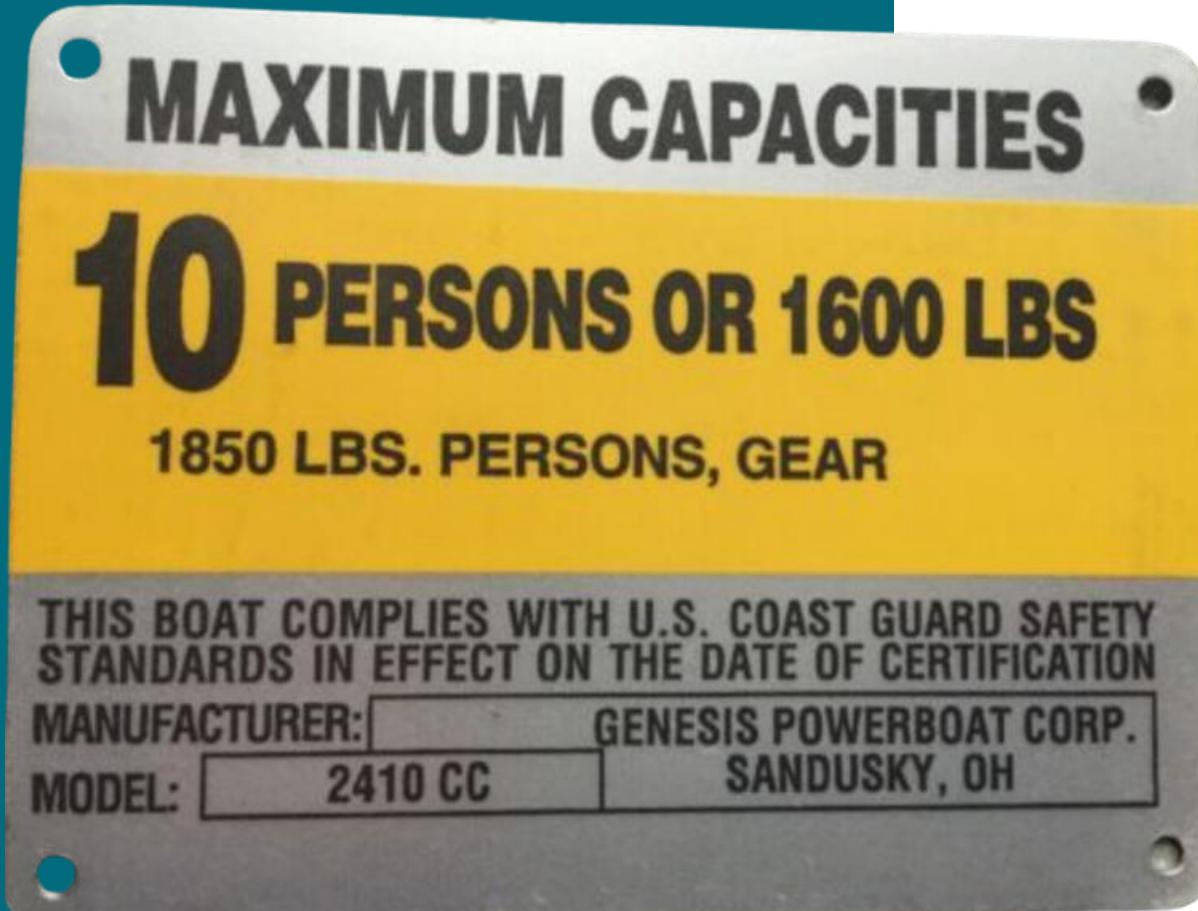
ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH

As of April 1, 2021 a new law went into effect that requires the operator of a boat with an installed Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to secure the link to the operator.

The watercraft should not be used above a flat speed if the engine cut-off device is missing, disconnected, not operating properly or is not attached to the operator.



CAPACITY PLATE

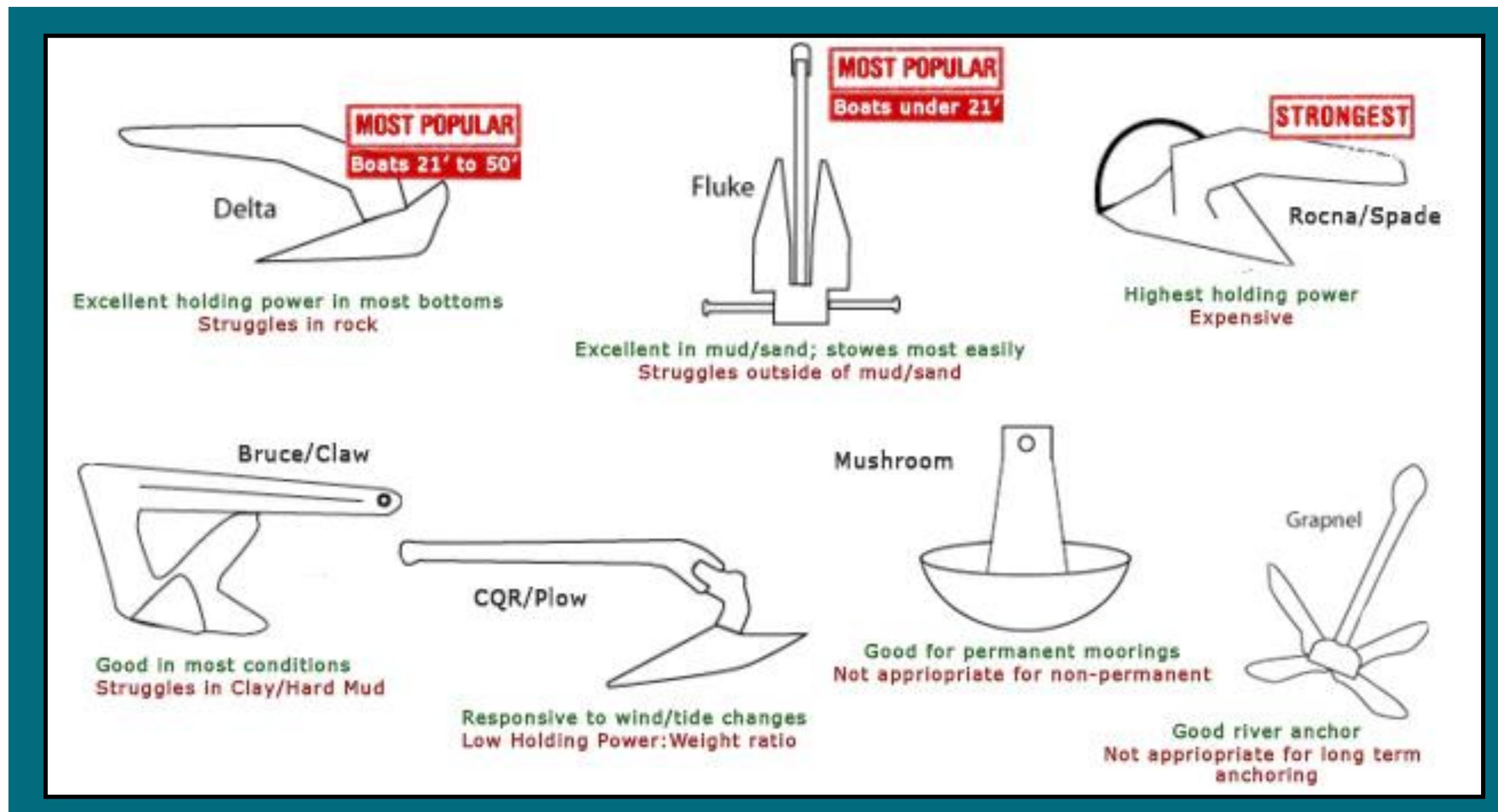


Look for a **capacity plate** near the operator's position or on the transom of the boat. This plate indicates the **maximum weight capacity and/or the maximum number of people** that the boat can carry safely in good weather.

- You should not exceed either the stated maximum weight capacity or the maximum number of people.
- Maximum weight is the combined weight of passengers, gear, and motor.

ANCHOR

Ensure you have the correct anchor for your watercraft.



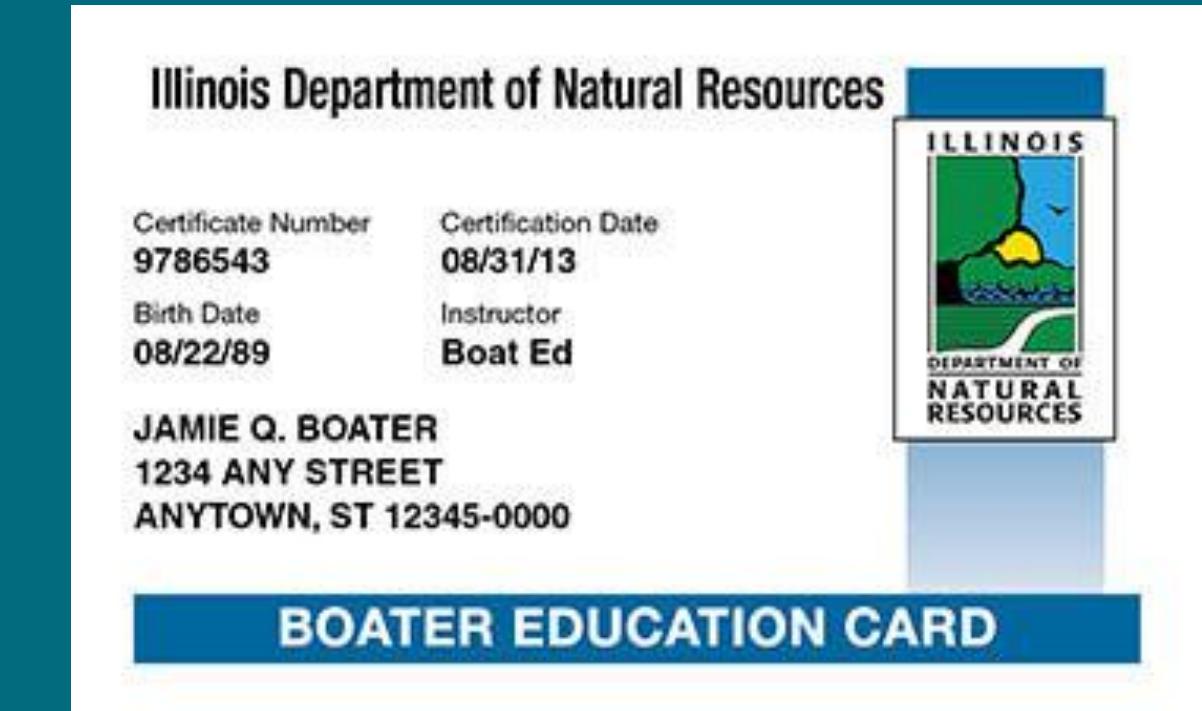
WATERCRAFT OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS



BOAT SAFETY CERTIFICATE

WHO MUST TAKE THE COURSE

Persons born on or after January 1, 1998, may operate a vessel powered by a motor of more than 10 horsepower (hp) only if they have a valid Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Department of Natural Resources.



OPERATION UNDER 12

No person under 10 years of age may operate a motorboat, including personal watercraft (PWC). Age 10 years and less than 12 years of age may only operate under a parent or guardian's direct control.

OPERATION 12 – 18

Persons at least 12 years old but less than 18 years old may operate a motorized vessel with more than 10 horsepower, including a PWC, only if:

- They complete a boating safety course and possess a Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Department of Natural Resources or...
- They are accompanied by and under the direct control of a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old designated by the parent or guardian.

HOLIDAY SHORES WATERCRAFT TEST

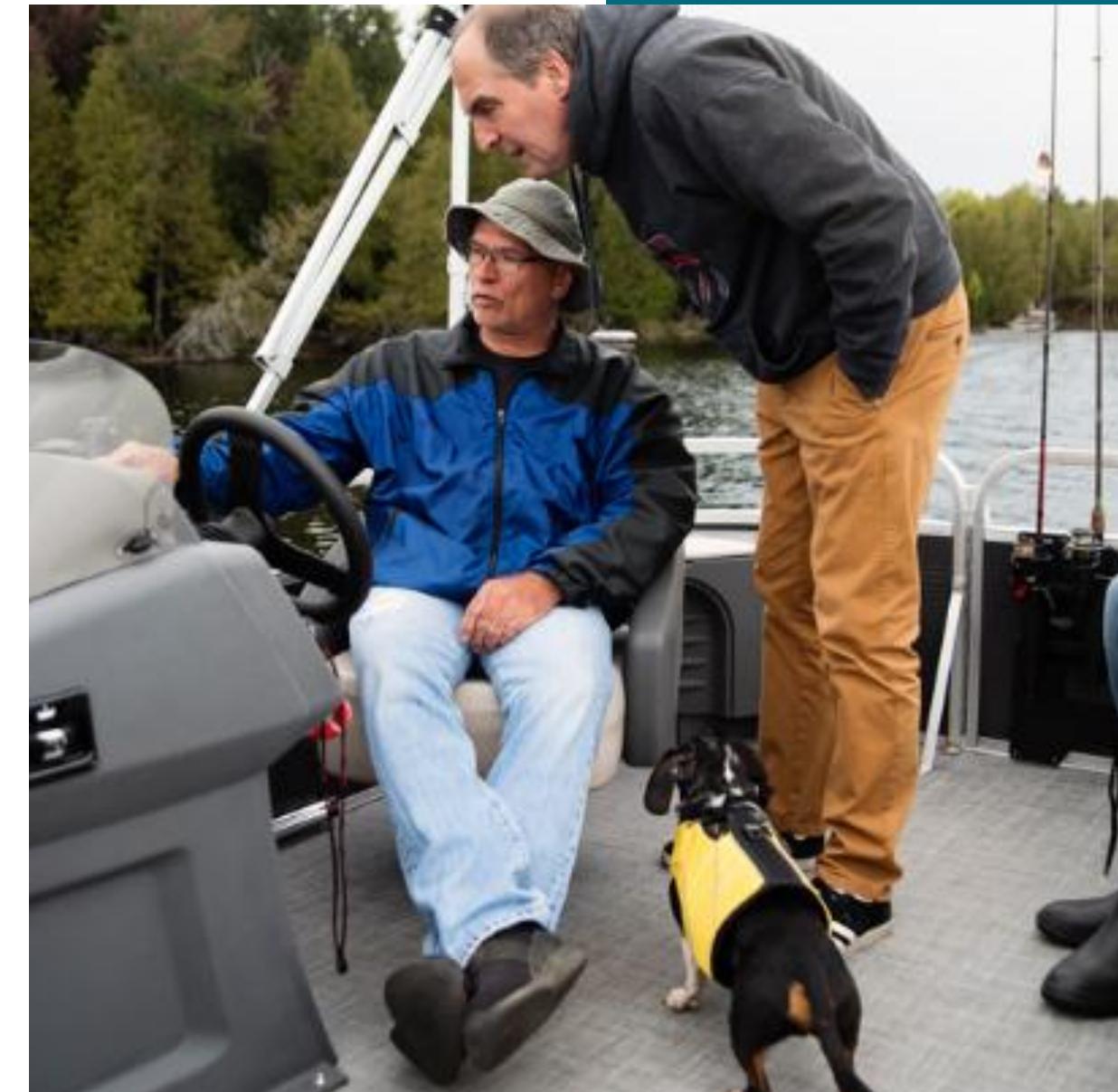
Holiday Shores Watercraft Test
Individuals ages sixteen and under are
required to take the Holiday Shores
Watercraft Test before operating a
motorized watercraft on Holiday and
Su Twan Lake.

The test can be printed online or given from the Holishor Office. The test will only be required once unless a moving violation has occurred.

| Holiday Shores Watercraft Test | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Name: _____ | Age (if under 18): _____ |
| Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ | |
| Phone #: _____ | |
| 1. The direction of travel for all watercraft operated on Holiday Lake is: | |
| a. Clockwise direction at all times | |
| b. Counter clockwise direction at all times | |
| c. Clockwise or Counterclockwise, it depends on the day of the week | |
| d. Whatever direction I want, hoping others will get out of my way | |

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS & GUESTS

- The Holishor member is responsible for the actions of any person within/on the member's watercraft at all times.
- Any Associate Member or Guest operating a watercraft on Holiday Lake must be informed of and acknowledge their understanding of the Boating Rules and Regulations prior to operation of any watercraft.
- **No guest may operate a motorized watercraft on Holiday Lake unless they are accompanied by a Holishor member.**
- Association Members & Guests must comply with current Illinois Boating Safety class requirements and have a valid Boating Safety Certificate as required by the IDNR in their possession while operating any watercraft.



RULES FOR NAVIGATION & TOWING



TRAFFIC PATTERN & RESTRICTED AREAS



All watercraft operated on Holiday Lake shall travel in a counterclockwise direction.

No person shall operate any watercraft in a restricted area which has been designated a “No Wake” area, swimming area, or an otherwise restricted area except in the prescribed manner.

NO WAKE RESTRICTIONS



Boating shall be allowed on Holiday and Su Twan Lakes twenty-four (24) hours a day. Between sunset and sunrise watercraft shall operate at “No Wake” speeds only with required navigation lights displayed.

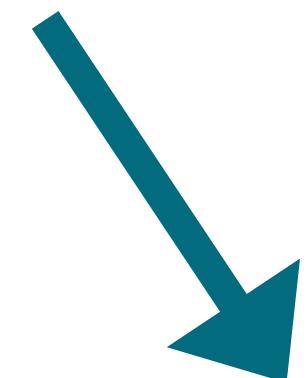
No Wake Water Levels for entire lake:

- When the lake level reaches 9" over full pool the lake shall be made “no wake”.
- When the lake level reaches 16" below full pool the lake shall be made “no wake”.

There are identifying lake level markers at various locations on the lake which identify these levels. The “no wake” light atop the clubhouse is a courtesy indicator for “no wake” status.

PLOWING

Operation of watercraft shall be in a manner that does not create an exaggerated wake. Intentionally “Plowing” or “pushing water” at speeds greater than no-wake, but less than those typically maintained while “on plane”, is not permitted.



TOWING

- Spotter that is capable of assisting a skier in case of injury or accident.
- Orange flag that is not less than 12 inches per side and is displayed at the highest point as to be visible from all directions.
- US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device worn by those being towed.
- All wake surfing, teak surfing or similar surfing is prohibited.



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- May not operate between sunset and sunrise.
- Each person on a PWC & being towed must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- The Spotter must be in a seated position facing those being towed and be capable of providing assistance in case of injury or accident.
- Your PWC must be approved to seat the person being towed should they need to be picked up. Most PWCs are not approved for more than 3 people, therefore you shouldn't be towing more than 1 person at a time.
- Orange flags are required and must be placed at the highest point on the watercraft.
- All wake surfing, teak surfing or similar surfing is prohibited.
- Jumping the wake of any watercraft towing is prohibited.
- Remain least 100 ft away from other watercraft while underway.



SAFE RIDING



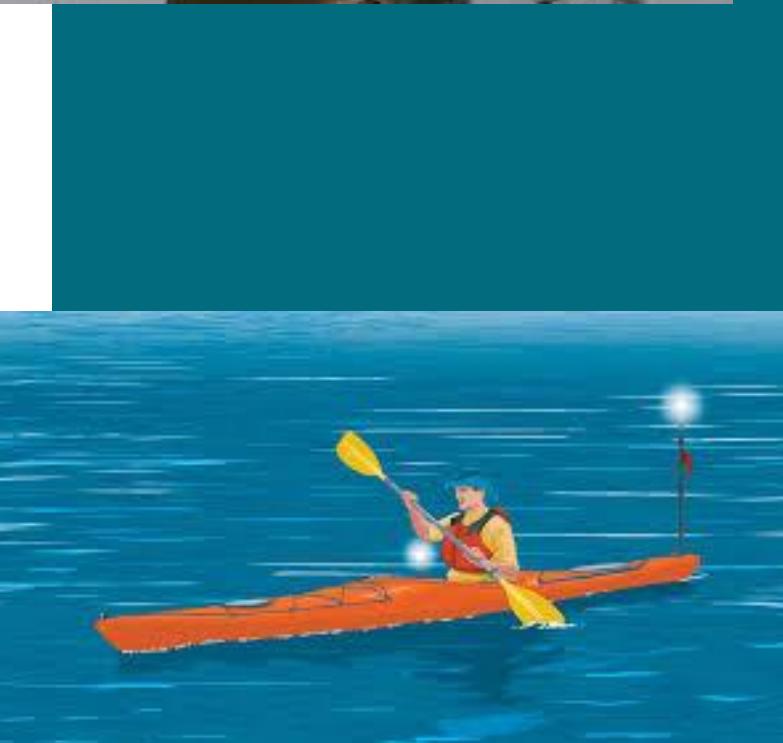
625 ILCS 45/5-21)
Sec. 5-21. Passenger location. No person operating a motorboat **shall allow** a person in the motorboat to ride or **sit on the gunwales, tops of seat backs, or on the decking over the bow or stern** of the motorboat while the motorboat is underway, unless the person is inboard of guards or rails provided on the motorboat to prevent passengers from being lost overboard.

Avoid standing while the boat is in motion.

MUSCULAR WATERCRAFT

The use of muscular powered watercraft, canvas or sail powered watercraft less than sixteen (16) feet in length, and all non-mechanical powered watercraft shall be **restricted to the following areas between 12p.m. (noon) (1200 hours) and 6:00p.m. (1800 hours) on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays between, and including, Memorial Day and Labor Day:**

- All **coves on Holiday Lake** other than designated swimming areas.
- A distance **not to exceed seventy-five (75) feet from all shorelines** unless otherwise posted with a buoy.
- May cross the main lake, if the sole purpose of crossing the main lake is to reach a designated “No Wake” area and crossing the main lake can be accomplished in a safe manner.



Vessels propelled by muscular power (Kayaks and Canoes) when underway between sunset and sunrise must carry a lantern or flashlight visible 360 degrees for a distance of 2 miles.