



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Town of Southwick

## *Lake Management Committee*

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### **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) Operation on Congamond Lakes**

See applicable Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Southwick Bylaws for additional detailed information. Copies are usually available at the ramp Contact Stations.

- *PWC operation is prohibited in/on North Pond – including any water in or north of the culvert*
- *PWCs are considered a class of boat, and must obey all applicable Massachusetts Boating regulations and Town Bylaws*

### **Additional Items to Consider for PWC operation on Congamond Lakes:**

- No person under 16 years of age shall operate a PWC. One may operate a PWC if: 18 years of age or older; or are between 16 and 18 years of age and have passed an approved safety course - and are carrying said course certificate with them on the PWC.
- PWC operators & passengers must wear a Type I, II, III or V Coast Guard Approved floatation device *at all times*.
- No person shall operate a PWC *between sunset and sunrise*.
- No person shall tow a water skier, boat, any floatation device or person in any manner from a personal watercraft.
- No person shall operate a PWC in a negligent manner. Examples of negligent operation are:
  - Unreasonable jumping of the wakes of another boat;
  - Following within 150 feet of a water skier, tuber, or the like;
  - Weaving through congested boat traffic;
  - Crossing unreasonably close to another boat;
  - Using the output from the PWC jet to spray any person or boat;
  - Operating a PWC in such a manner that it endangers the life, limb, or property of any person.
- No person shall remove or modify the exhaust or muffler system of a PWC or operate same.
- State launching facilities are for launching or loading of watercraft. They are **not docking or beaching facilities** during your time at/on the lakes.