

Q13 If you have directly observed surface vessels on Lake Waramaug causing either safety or environmental impacts, please describe what you observed (including the vessel type)

Answered: 246 Skipped: 513

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	jet skis	3/6/2024 7:49 PM
2	Motor boats and tubers/water skiers coming too close to swimmers and kayaks and shore	2/29/2024 6:19 PM
3	Wake boats, even boating within a reasonable distance of me fishing in a kayak, throw so much wake I need to orient the nose of my craft into the wake to avoid rolling over. Creating conditions that make fishing or just paddling in my kayak unsafe. It seems like more owners of wake throwing boats are not aware of the wake they create, which is in violation of boating licensing that states; According to the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS), boat owners are liable for any damages caused by boat wakes. Liability for damages is independent of where the damage occurred; in no-wake zones or in open water, boat owners are on the hook if their wakes cause the damage or loss of another vessel or structure. Lake Waramaug should be as it has been in the past, a benchmark for safe, respectful, responsible boating.	2/29/2024 5:20 PM
4	Some boaters with young children tubing seem to be speeding and don't always have adequate spotters	2/29/2024 3:48 PM
5	None	2/29/2024 2:02 PM
6	Haven't observed anything	2/29/2024 1:52 PM
7	I have not seen this.	2/29/2024 1:51 PM
8	None	2/29/2024 1:50 PM
9	vessels creating eroding wakes.	2/29/2024 12:32 PM
10	N/A	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
11	As primarily a water skier, jet skis and boats pulling tubers driving back and forth across the entire lake are a much bigger issue with regard to disrupting water quality than wake surf boats.	2/29/2024 10:59 AM
12	Sharp turning close to the shoreline.	2/29/2024 7:36 AM
13	The long, large waves caused by the wake boats do not make for safety in swimming and kayacking. They create less visibility of swimmers from the boats. I also think that the surface disturbance extending out to the shore from the wake boats may be adding to the mass of weeds.	2/28/2024 8:33 PM
14	Large high breaking waves similar to ocean surf hit the shore, even when the boat is far out from the shore. This is both a safety and environmental impact. Silt is churned to the surface and plant bits are fragmented and float over a wide area. Floats bounce and become unstable and destabilize occupants and chairs on the docks.	2/28/2024 8:08 PM
15	As a waterskier and paddle boarder, if I am in tow or paddling the wake boats should be respectful and move in another direction since they cause a disturbance but that has not been the case. The waves impact my safety.	2/28/2024 6:15 PM
16	No	2/28/2024 4:53 PM
17	N/a	2/28/2024 3:02 PM
18	I have observed the newer wakeboard boats and I believe they cost upward of \$200k creating a wake so large when they go by my dock, my dock barely stays attached. As you know,	2/28/2024 11:47 AM

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these boats are designed to create a huge wake and I think our lake is way too small to accommodate them.

19	As per my answer above, It is concerning you did not list regular motorboats and also tubing on this list. Why are these missing? I have observed some motorboats - maybe 10% of total - that do not follow the State boating regulations regarding slow-no-wake 100 feet from shore. Some tubers - maybe 10% of total - operate unsafely as in too close to other boats on crowded days. These are not environmental concerns - they are safety concerns that would be helped by better ongoing boating education and Police Patrols.	2/28/2024 11:16 AM
20	yes to close the buoys near the beach	2/28/2024 9:39 AM
21	Boats jet skis too close to swimming areas. Oil	2/28/2024 9:31 AM
22	Many boaters go far too fast within 100' of shoreline which is dangerous. Most concerning however are the wakeboard boats operating in surf mode which create extremely choppy conditions in the water which causes other vessels to rock uncomfortably and generally toss paddle boarders into the water unless they sit which interrupts their activity. And I am very concerned about the impacts of these boats' wave action on the shorelines.	2/28/2024 8:28 AM
23	Large wakes causing damage to shoreline and balance issues for paddleboards, swimmers, docks. plus kayaks and canoes.	2/28/2024 8:19 AM
24	Speed boats pulling people doing water sports negligently close to swimming areas	2/28/2024 8:02 AM
25	Boats coming too close to the roped off swimming area at Warren Town Beach	2/28/2024 6:56 AM
26	- Pollution (exhaust, gas smell) caused by in/outboard motors - Traffic amongst too many waterskiing/personal watercraft machines -	2/28/2024 2:41 AM
27	Ski boat traveling very fast with other smaller kayak traffic around.	2/27/2024 9:02 PM
28	Larger than normal wakes washing up on the shores and beaches from ski boats	2/27/2024 8:58 PM
29	No.	2/27/2024 8:53 PM
30	Drunk operators	2/27/2024 8:43 PM
31	Aggressive wakeboat activity endangering others and shoreline and waterside equipment damage. Noise pollution	2/27/2024 7:35 PM
32	Wake board boats in surf mode causing large waves rocking docks and paddle boards back and forth.	2/27/2024 5:20 PM
33	Boat drivers pulling tubers cause the most waves and are the most disturbing. Some drivers are better than others. Water skiers cause the least problems. Wakesurfing should not be close to shore.	2/27/2024 4:42 PM
34	None. Boating tends to be very limited on the lake, even on weekends.	2/27/2024 3:00 PM
35	large motor boats bass boats	2/27/2024 2:27 PM
36	People go too fast	2/27/2024 8:24 AM
37	Jet Ski can sometimes be erratic. Wake board boats cause waives that can affect kayaking and shore erosion.	2/26/2024 8:38 AM
38	Motorboats pulling people on skis and floatation devices drive too close to people on paddleboards and small self-propelled boats. Wakeboards create waves too big of waves that knock people off of paddleboards and small boats. The wakeboards also create outsized waves that have broken down the shoreline on our property making it more muddy. The water quality in the lake has decreased over the past 5 years.	2/26/2024 6:17 AM
39	Excessive shore line surf	2/24/2024 4:38 PM
40	Environmental impact on crumbling lake edge stone walls. Safety impact on children being tossed around in shallow water when waves come ashore. Oceanlike.	2/24/2024 4:29 PM
41	Our boat was directly damaged by wake surfing two summers ago. The waves were so powerful that they snapped our whip and the boat smashed into our dock. We were unable to have the boat in the water last summer. We are looking into a mooring in order to have it in the	2/24/2024 2:20 PM

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water this summer. In summary, wake surfing has cost us money in damages and the investment in a mooring.

42	Wake surfing has completely destroyed the sort of quiet enjoyment of the lake that I so fondly remembered from childhood. I cannot sit on my dock, I cannot go for a swim or paddleboard in the middle of the day, and I have had several close calls where the boats were within 10 yards of my dock (while swimming with my seven and five year old niece and nephew). Not to mention, water skiing is basically an impossibility after 9am. The zoned areas of allowable Wake Surfing is essentially the entire lake, so the "restriction" doesn't do anything and people are consistently driving far too close to the shoreline. The boats are the ones with the ballasts. Unsure exactly which they are but most boat owners have them now.	2/24/2024 1:31 PM
43	Wake from wake board boat capsizing canoe	2/24/2024 8:14 AM
44	We've observed both wake board and water skiing disrupting the lake for people who are kayaking, etc. In addition it obviously creates waves that reach the shoreline and rock docs.	2/23/2024 9:08 PM
45	high speeds, boating very near unpowered vessels, ignoring wake restrictions, operating boats near swimmers at high speeds	2/23/2024 9:30 AM
46	Going too fast. Improper approach/right of way. Going too close to swim areas. Loud music.	2/22/2024 5:14 PM
47	1. High-speed tubing with sharp turns. 2. High-speed PWC use with sharp turns and speeding in circles (doing "donuts"). 3. Safety concerns about wake boats in surf mode that weighs down the stern and raises up the bow to the point where the operator cannot see what may be right in front of him but below his field of view on the water, e.g. kayaks, sculls, and canoes (a great many more of these small non-motorized watercraft are in use on the lake than ever before). Environmental impacts of wake boats in surf mode creating very large waves and causing erosion and very turbid water all along my lakeshore. For more on environmental concerns about wake boats that I have observed, see Question #15.	2/22/2024 11:47 AM
48	Boats pulling tubers not being respectful of other boating activities and "ruining" water across large portions of the lake. Same can be said for jet skiers	2/22/2024 8:39 AM
49	Engines emit pollution into the water	2/22/2024 5:49 AM
50	Wake board boat in surf mode too close to shore - they should remain more towards the middle of the lake.	2/21/2024 7:39 PM
51	I have seen how the waves affect the shore line. Some of them are quite strong	2/21/2024 7:02 PM
52	Misunderstanding of right of way. Excessive speeds around non-motorized vessels/boards resulting in wake issues and safety issues.	2/21/2024 6:13 PM
53	On any summer day there a minimum of 12 MasterCraft brand high performance boats moored on the Lake. This is a small body of water for the unregulated (voluntary or otherwise) use of these and many other performance watercraft that populate the lake.	2/21/2024 5:29 PM
54	Speeding ski boats coming very close to kayakers	2/21/2024 5:01 PM
55	Large waves	2/21/2024 4:35 PM
56	Jet skis speed is a concern. Wake board boats are used infrequently and are not a concern.	2/21/2024 12:20 PM
57	While paddleboarding I noticed some "speed boat type" that are going to fast and too close to paddle boarders or kayaks.	2/21/2024 10:25 AM
58	Motor boats do not slow down for kayakers and get too close.	2/21/2024 9:49 AM
59	boats speeding while kids swim	2/21/2024 8:43 AM
60	Jetskis go buzzing around creating havoc for swimmers and other boaters and the noise pollution is extremely annoying!	2/20/2024 7:07 PM
61	I have not witnessed any boaters being overtly unsafe	2/20/2024 6:30 PM
62	Some boaters go at very high speed	2/20/2024 6:04 PM
63	Large waves rocking docks and causing turbidity on the shoreline	2/20/2024 5:58 PM
64	Wake boarding boats create a nuisance both to people relaxing on shore, and for people on paddle boards or canoes trying to passively (not using gas engines) use the lake.	2/20/2024 5:49 PM

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65	Boats being driven fast by people who may be under the influence.	2/20/2024 4:50 PM
66	Na	2/20/2024 4:50 PM
67	Everyone is very respectful on the lake. Only a few cases of younger adults mixed with alcohol causing more of scene. I think this is more of an issue than any wake making devices.	2/20/2024 11:14 AM
68	None	2/20/2024 8:52 AM
69	N/A	2/19/2024 8:45 PM
70	None	2/19/2024 8:43 PM
71	Wake board boats generate extremely large wakes that are dangerous to self propelled crafts as well as the lake's shoreline, docks, and those sitting on their docks.	2/19/2024 5:17 PM
72	Motor boat too close to lifeguards training to right of Warren Town Beach	2/18/2024 3:49 PM
73	Boaters are rarely out and generally safe and respectful	2/18/2024 7:19 AM
74	Jet ski going to fast on lake	2/17/2024 5:40 PM
75	Flooding of docks	2/17/2024 3:55 PM
76	The only issue is when boats stop in the direct middle of the lake and hang out there for a while. This causes boat traffic to veer off to the side and get closer to docks, kayaks, etc...	2/17/2024 1:00 PM
77	Jet skis fly in high speed in circles to literally create huge waves, speed and chase each other and do not watch out for paddle boarders, kayaks etc. Fishing boats fly in from the dock and speed so fast to get back in time to come out. No regard for any requests to slow down. Wake surfing boats only cause damage near to shore so most people try and use the center. There should be mandatory areas where wake surfing is allowed.	2/16/2024 1:48 PM
78	I'm not overly opposed to it, but tubing taking place on the lake seems most dangerous with the unpredictable boat driving and wish people stuck to the middle of the lake.	2/16/2024 11:34 AM
79	wake boats and jetskis going too fast nearby swimmers or creating unsafe conditions for standup paddleboarders	2/16/2024 5:21 AM
80	Wake board boats, and motor boats to a lesser degree, make waves that make paddle boarding and canoeing unsafe. The water quality has also gone down in the past few years since the wake boards became popular.	2/15/2024 10:15 PM
81	I have observed wave boats on the lake. The 4' wave comes over my landing and is damaging my shoreline. I cannot use the lake when these boats are out there.	2/15/2024 4:23 PM
82	Any power boat operating during periods of extremely high water will cause damage to docks, shorelines and property - especially if they are above 5 mph and creating a wake. Extreme rain events last year meant the lake was frequently very high and motor boat operators did not exercise good judgement regarding their wake size. High bow angle of boats in surf mode make driver visibility difficult. Boats attempting to navigate the "blind" corners of the lake are especially hazardous as Lake Waramaug does not have a designated traffic pattern (ie - counter clockwise). Therefore, while the vessel on the right has the right of way, following this rule can be challenging and dangerous during periods of heavy lake traffic. Our family no longer feels safe tubing and skiing on the weekends during the summer for this reason.	2/15/2024 3:55 PM
83	Our wooden electric boat is often "swamped" by the wake of wake boats. Ours is a craft fairly low to the water and the wake wave crash over the side and into the boat. I don't suppose it's dangerous but it is unpleasant.	2/15/2024 3:48 PM
84	While kayaking I have observed the excessive wave effect created by boats in "surf mode". While concerning due to the erosion and resulting effect on water quality, it is also highly disruptive to kayakers and paddle boarders. I also generally try to steer clear of people on jet skis as they are often going fast and with shouting and "wahoo-ing" elicit little confidence.	2/15/2024 3:47 PM
85	Wake boats seem to be the biggest nuisance on the lake ... little regard for kayaks, paddle boards or even other people waterskiing.	2/15/2024 3:19 PM
86	Wake board boats: 1.Cause our dock and boats to pitch excessively. To the point many times we need to sit down or hold on, otherwise we can be thrown. This is especially true with our	2/15/2024 2:45 PM

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grandchildren. Our boats can get swamped and it puts excessive pressure on our lines and whips. Do we all have to buy expensive lifts just to keep our boats safe from huge waves? 2. Waves from said boats can crash violently into our shore rock embankments. At some point I expect dislodging. 3. There is a marked loss of clarity to the water all over the lake, not only on the shoreline. This is very distressing!! 4. We used to have at least 30 fish nests every year on our shoreline. Summer 2023, we had a major decline in numbers to less than 5. Along with that lack of water clarity. I would be curious to hear what the fishermen say about the quality of fishing. Has it gone down since the influx of all the surf boats?

87	Wildly bouncing floating docks - can toss people and equipment into the water; shoreline damage from huge waves; danger to rowers of all types from rogue waves that ricochet around the lake (including those not directly trailing the wake boats - these waves persist, interact and amplify in our small lake.	2/15/2024 2:40 PM
88	1) over-sized wakes from speed boats of any sort impinging upon the shore, docks, other non-motorized boats including canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboats. 2) Many motorized vessel users either don't know or don't care about the right-of-way rules on Lake Waramaug (or on any other body of water). When I am using our canoe or kayak or Sunfish, I have to always be SUPER vigilant because many a speedboat driver will not necessarily give right of way or keep their wake far enough away.	2/15/2024 1:56 PM
89	While kayaking forced to alter course to avoid being swamped by wakes from wake boats e.g. same for high horse power boats towing skiers.	2/15/2024 1:49 PM
90	Wake board boats are especially noisy as they are running at high power and low rpm's. Total noise pollution. I have been affected by this many times. The waves are a hazard to - and an unfair taking of the enjoyment of the lake from - kayakers, swimmers, canoers, paddle boarders, etc. My lake front has been disturbed and vegetation and shore damaged by incessant waves from wake board boats. Especially the two red and blue ones (one lives on 45 between new Preston and the boulders and the other just south of LWCC).	2/15/2024 1:42 PM
91	Too close to shore Too fast at night	2/15/2024 1:37 PM
92	NA	2/15/2024 1:27 PM
93	I don't know that much about boats but I do see different kinds of motor boats (especially on the weekend) making big waves, both for the fun of it and for wakeboarding, and I know it damages the shoreline and the ecosystem. Sometimes I wish there were no motor boats on the lake, they also disturb the quiet.	2/15/2024 1:27 PM
94	Sometimes ski boats go too fast!	2/15/2024 1:19 PM
95	At times i see Jet skis following too close to boats which could cause a danger to ppl in both crafts	2/15/2024 1:18 PM
96	Wake boarding & fast tubing very close to shoreline, also loud music	2/15/2024 1:11 PM
97	reckless speed	2/15/2024 1:02 PM
98	Generally, motor boats driving at high speed and without paying attention to others in the water	2/15/2024 12:57 PM
99	Jetski drivers appear to drive recklessly, without following standard safe boating practices. The waves from wake boats create such significant troughs for a (flat bottomed) ski boat that the ski boat will crash hard while traversing the wake. It is not always possible to adjust speed and direction to safely cross those big wakes, particularly when towing a waterskier.	2/15/2024 12:56 PM
100	Damage to docs in Lakeshore property	2/15/2024 12:48 PM
101	Boats running aground due to unmarked hazards. Kayakers/paddleboarders/canoers in large groups spreading out across the middle of the lake during peak hours on weekends. They effectively turn themselves into traffic cones that need to be dodged.	2/15/2024 10:49 AM
102	Power boats going way too fast and wake boats causing wakes that crash into the shore and other small boats.	2/14/2024 7:20 PM
103	2 wake boats crossing their wakes cause huge crossing waves that nearly capsized our 14 foot sailboat. We had to hold on for dear life as the boom shot from side to side and we lost control of our boat. We were lucky to escape injury. The wake boats were oblivious to what they did to us.	2/14/2024 6:41 PM

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104	Waterski boats often cruise at high speeds close to shore and swimming areas and play loud music (noise pollution) on boat-mounted, amplified speakers.	2/14/2024 2:59 PM
105	I have often witnessed wake boats and ski boats pass far too close to people on kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards, even when the opportunity to use larger open areas of the lake were readily accessible.	2/14/2024 9:22 AM
106	I saw a wake board boat nearly sink a pontoon boat. Pontoon boat was nearly at capacity however. I have lost a fishing net over the side of boat due to large wake by wake board boats.	2/14/2024 9:11 AM
107	I have observed (many times) wake board boats within 50 - 75 feet of shore, without observers. I have had the chains on my floating dock broken by the force of the wave. I have had wakeboard boats on several occasions ignore the rules of right of way and cut off other vessels (including myself) illegally and without consequences.	2/13/2024 6:57 PM
108	N/A	2/13/2024 12:20 AM
109	Jet skis are typically driven around the lake by people that enjoy speed and a thrill. Jet Skiers are few but most dangerous operators of boaters on the lake	2/12/2024 1:48 PM
110	jet skis; motorboats towing waterskiers	2/12/2024 11:46 AM
111	I have been overturned in a canoe and in a Sunfish by power boat wakes (not certain if they were wake-enhanced). I have seen other vessels similarly affected. I have also seen moored boats and docks shaken, sometimes violently, by wakes.	2/12/2024 11:46 AM
112	Property owners are the ones abusing the lake rules	2/12/2024 10:22 AM
113	Both fishing and pleasure boats traveling at nessesary high speeds	2/12/2024 10:18 AM
114	Infrequently, too fast	2/12/2024 10:04 AM
115	Wake boat at cruise with a passenger riding on the bow of the vessel. Very stupid and very dangerous.	2/12/2024 5:39 AM
116	i have not observed this and i live full time in the summer	2/11/2024 1:31 PM
117	Wake boats operating in surf mode cause my dock to bounce wildly, causing real damage. They also endanger me when I swim, which I do often, and when I stand on the dock. I don't personally see the environmental impacts, but there is abundant evidence that they are many and that they are negative.	2/10/2024 7:21 AM
118	Wake board boats causing extreme waves, unsettling my dock, making it unswimmable in our cove. Speedboat drivers not displaying courtesy by slowing down near my paddle board.	2/10/2024 7:14 AM
119	I have been swamped in my kayak and almost knocked off my dock by the waves generated by the wake surfing boats. They also create a danger for family members who row on the lake and cause erosion along the shoreline	2/9/2024 1:52 PM
120	We've noticed that there is generally more -and more varied -types of boating activity at peak times around the lake, and can imagine that it might have an environmental impact. It's good to do this assessment NOW to figure out what to do now so if there are issues they won't get worse and create a bigger problem down the road.	2/9/2024 7:26 AM
121	Large waves have swamped our deck and shoreline, increasing wear and erosion.	2/9/2024 7:06 AM
122	Boat in wake board surfing mode creating large waves that have moved rocks in seawalls. These boats come too close to shore. Also jet skis that have had to veer sharply to avoid swimmers, kayak/canoers, and sail craft	2/9/2024 6:18 AM
123	We have seen people be very respectful for the most part. The folks using the wake surf seem to stay in the middle of the lake or the widest portion which is helpful. We make every effort when skiing or tubing to be conscientious of the paddle boarders, swimmers, and kayakers.	2/9/2024 5:22 AM
124	Wake board in surf mode. Causing shore erosion	2/8/2024 7:21 PM
125	Fuel in the water	2/8/2024 5:40 PM
126	Inexperienced paddle boarders and kayakers sometimes venture into open waterways where boat traffic and wave action can be challenging/dangerous	2/8/2024 4:50 PM
127	Wake boats in surf mode create a wake way too big, creating safety concerns for kyaks and	2/8/2024 4:06 PM

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	swimming.	
128	Wake board boats in surf mode create very large and unnatural waves that break onto our shore, shake our dock and disturb the wildlife on the dock and shore. We love to swim in the lake but large waves from wake boats in Surf mode Make this activity unsafe because of the big and unexpected waves. We are also bird lovers and have seen cormorants and great blue herons on our dock have their hunting and resting disturbed by the wake boats in surf mode.	2/8/2024 3:53 PM
129	Wake board boats causing large waves which, in turn, cause docks to move more violently and stronger waves hitting the shore. You didn't provide the option above - but we have dear friends with lakefront property, where we have often observed the power/force of the waves caused by these boats.	2/8/2024 3:39 PM
130	My dock at 79 West Shore Road was damaged by the surf created by passing wake board boats in surf mode -- the ladder was ripped from the dock and the connections between the dock and the shore were damaged. My safety is endangered when I stand on the dock and wake boats pass by, even far away -- the surf is so big that I am thrown around on the dock and risk serious injury. The current guidelines regarding distance from shore don't meaningfully lessen the impact of wake boats operating in surf mode because the wake travels so far and is so strong. The surf they generate makes swimming difficult. Finally, the damage to the shore line and wildlife is tremendous. Fish hatching areas are disturbed and much more. Wake boats are a threat to everything else that uses the lake and that surrounds the lake -- the shoreline, the docks, the other boats, the swimmers, and the wildlife. Jet skis are less of a problem, but as a swimmer they scare me. They are operated at high speeds by young people who don't seem to be paying much attention to their surroundings. Although they scare me, I can co-exist with them if I have to. Wake boats operating in surf mode should not be allowed on the lake.	2/8/2024 3:13 PM
131	N/A	2/8/2024 3:10 PM
132	Wake boats creating large waves that hit the shore and disturb the shoreline. Sediment entering the water from wave action, very disruptive wave action on the dock, unstable and unsafe for people.	2/8/2024 2:42 PM
133	Too fast too close to shore which is especially dangerous to kayakers	2/8/2024 2:39 PM
134	Large fast boats zooming around, waves crashing on lakeside property, scaring me as a swimmer!	2/8/2024 8:24 AM
135	No	2/7/2024 5:42 PM
136	Motor boats driving too fast and too close to swimming areas.	2/7/2024 1:22 PM
137	As a avid kayaker, the wakes created by wake boats are a danger to me when I paddle out on the water.	2/7/2024 11:48 AM
138	none	2/7/2024 10:50 AM
139	No	2/7/2024 10:10 AM
140	Fishing boats traveling at great speeds near the shoreline and docks.	2/7/2024 9:47 AM
141	The day fishing boats leave slicks of gasoline on the surface of the water.	2/7/2024 9:41 AM
142	Speed close to the shore	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
143	speeding producing large wake	2/7/2024 8:59 AM
144	Jet skis and motor boats for water skiing going much too fast, weaving around other, slower boats. Seems quite dangerous and destructive to me.	2/6/2024 3:38 PM
145	No, I have not. I've only seen people responsibly use the lake.	2/6/2024 11:24 AM
146	N/A	2/6/2024 10:47 AM
147	Noise annoyance and disruptive wakes of jet skis and wakeboard boats while kayaking.	2/5/2024 7:22 PM
148	rough waves from jet skis, wake boards and speeding boats in general impacting residents' safe, enjoyable swimming at Warren Town Beach	2/5/2024 6:57 PM
149	I have not observed any vessels creating environmental or safety issues on the lake	2/5/2024 5:43 PM

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150	everything listed in item 12 of this survey	2/5/2024 5:17 PM
151	Speed boats entering the Lake Waramaug State Park swimming area. They are constantly driving past the buoys and are not being monitored. This is a popular area for paddle boarding and kayaking. It is very unsafe.	2/5/2024 4:50 PM
152	Vessels including, but not limited to, speeding too close to shore or close to other vessels anchored causing them to dislodge anchorage and also sending big waves to the shoreline causing erosion.	2/5/2024 1:30 PM
153	Wake boarding boats in wake boarding mode coming too close to shore causing unsafe conditions on docks and to people in the water. Have caused damage to our dock (ie attachment to base on land had to be strengthened)	2/5/2024 1:11 PM
154	Repeatedly witnessed docks and smaller watercraft negatively impacted by wakes thrown by wake boats in surf mode. Damage at relatives' dock both of the dock itself and the boat moored there. General lack of awareness and concern often witnessed by wake boat operators as they operate close to docks, other crafts and shoreline.	2/5/2024 11:37 AM
155	I've seen jet skis that come too close to me in my kayak	2/5/2024 11:02 AM
156	Jet Ski going fast	2/5/2024 10:24 AM
157	I have seen fishing boats speed along the edge of the lake at sundown, which is frightening with swimmers often in and around the docks at sunset. Occasionally, I have seen PWC speed and weave through other boats in an unsafe manor.	2/5/2024 9:57 AM
158	n/a	2/5/2024 9:49 AM
159	We have seen an alarming increase of disrespect, not just for the Lake, but for the community that enjoys it. Loud music, disregard for the safety of others in boats, swimming or on floating docks. These folks are turning a wonder natural area into a carnival environment.	2/5/2024 9:25 AM
160	Boats going too fast. Being so loud. People drinking on boats.	2/5/2024 6:54 AM
161	See above. Aggressive tubing in which the boat does repeated s-turns and/or circles to create a wild ride happens 10 times more frequently than wake surfing based on my unscientific observation while sitting on my dock.	2/4/2024 9:07 PM
162	Speedboats and jet skis driving too fast close to public beaches, within the zone where they should slow down. Speedboats and jet skis being driven recklessly without concerns for kayakers/paddleboarders	2/4/2024 6:28 PM
163	No	2/4/2024 5:55 PM
164	No	2/4/2024 5:46 PM
165	Jet ski operator as noise nuisance and safety concerns in cutting too close to other boats	2/4/2024 4:57 PM
166	I have observed the deep waves created by wake board boats in surf mode pummeling the shoreline and causing erosion, as well as the affect of these waves on floating docks vs stationary. The docks literally rock from side to side with the first part of the wave and then the second part when it bounces off the shoreline. These waves also make it very difficult, if not dangerous for paddle boarders, kayaks and small canoes.	2/4/2024 4:10 PM
167	Ski boats dragging skiers or tubes too close to shore (not complying with safe boating course guidelines).	2/4/2024 4:08 PM
168	If someone is sitting or walking on their dock the waves created by a wake boat rocks the dock creating a safety issue.	2/4/2024 3:45 PM
169	If motorized boats/jet skis continue to be allowed on the lake there should be time of day restrictions and allowable zones. The Lake is too small for motorized boats.	2/4/2024 2:49 PM
170	wake board boats in surf mode causing enormous waves that knock out items and people on nearby docks, swamping other boats (either in motion or docked nearby), and dislodging rocks in retaining walls	2/4/2024 12:43 PM
171	motor boats	2/4/2024 12:06 PM
172	I've observed non-lake residents behaving dangerously with 2 person Jet Ski's on two	2/4/2024 7:21 AM

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	occasions. I've never had any issue with local boaters.	
173	I was knocked off my board because a wave from a wake boat came up from behind I generally stay close to the shore and the boat was in the middle of the lake	2/4/2024 6:17 AM
174	Wake boats make it difficult for rowers to safely row in the morning impacting use by other activities	2/4/2024 4:58 AM
175	Waves causing erosion.	2/3/2024 8:38 PM
176	Distracted operators in loud, overloaded, poor visibility forward, due to high bow angle boats producing wakes that limit the safe use of the lake for smaller craft damage the shoreline and property and churn up the lake. The DEEP safe boating class teaches "You are responsible for your wake". Wake boating is irresponsible abusive and excessive	2/3/2024 7:30 PM
177	No safety concerns - boaters are pretty respectful. Not sure what you mean by environmental impacts- no accidental gasoline leaks . As layman, not sure I would know if boats were causing the algae blooms and increased weeds.	2/3/2024 6:51 PM
178	xxxxxxxxxx	2/3/2024 6:24 PM
179	The size of wake wave makes kayak/canoeing difficult and the wave action along the shore is eroding our rock wall.	2/3/2024 5:19 PM
180	The wakes lefts by motorboats cause irreparable damage to shoreline ecosystems, properties, and road.	2/3/2024 4:16 PM
181	Always notice some boats not paying attention to people kayaking/canoeing going too fast	2/3/2024 2:35 PM
182	Ski or wake boat swamping a kayaker and jarring floating docks	2/3/2024 1:37 PM
183	Wakesurf boats surfing too close to shore and creating damage to docks.	2/3/2024 12:00 PM
184	Crew boats causing disturbance in water	2/3/2024 11:04 AM
185	Tubing boaters driving at extremely high speeds, driving erratically and in donuts close shore while trying to throw kids off their tubes, are the biggest problem on the lake. And yet, they're ignored by this survey—why? Compared to wake surf boats, which drive slowly and in straight lines in deep water, reckless tubing boaters are a threat to human health and safety. A tubing boat driving in repeated circles close to shore creates bigger waves than a wakesurf boat, but there are no studies or survey questions on the dangers and environmental impact of tubing, which raises legitimate questions about the bias behind this survey. Anyone trying to swim, paddle board, kayak or play in the water is at risk from dangerous tubing boaters trying to throw kids off tubes by weaving, looping, or taking unpredictable turns at the last minute. I have experienced these dangers from my own dock, in the water, and from a boat. When we see multiple tubing boats, driving in this manner, we are forced to leave the water. If you were truly concerned about human safety, tubing boats would be your top priority. Your second priority would be fishing boats which operate at high speeds close to shore with impunity.	2/3/2024 10:51 AM
186	Inconsiderate drivers operating too closely to other boaters/swimmers/shoreline.	2/3/2024 10:50 AM
187	Fishing boats go way too fast very close to the shoreline. Jet skis get too close to boats, trying to jump their wakes. Boats towing tubers drive erratically and unpredictably.	2/3/2024 10:48 AM
188	Just going way too fast	2/3/2024 10:46 AM
189	As a boat pilot, here are the most dangerous issues I routinely encounter (in no particular order): - free swimmers without tow buoys in the middle of the lake - paddle boarders / kayaks at dusk without lights - boats of all types unaware they are crossing perpendicular to oncoming traffic - almost any powered boat below plane close to shore or in coves - tubing, where drivers are cutting S patterns or figure 8s	2/3/2024 10:24 AM
190	The gasoline cannot be good for the lake.	2/3/2024 10:09 AM
191	Speeding jet ski	2/3/2024 10:00 AM
192	Some people drive their jet skis or ski boats too quickly or too close kayaks and paddle boarders. Some tubers tube too close to people's docks causing waves to hit the docks too hard.	2/3/2024 9:59 AM
193	Wake board boats are causing personal property damage to friends' and family's docks and	2/3/2024 9:28 AM

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boats moored on those docks. Erosion has increased and to maintain those barriers costs money and extensive permitting from the town, burdens that must be taken on by the property owner and not the owners of the vessels that are seemingly making the problems worse. It is also difficult to manage self propelled vessels when wake boarders are near by and requires self protective measures to avoid capsizing.

194	I have not directly observed it.	2/3/2024 9:25 AM
195	Power boats getting too close to swimmers and causing large waves which also make it harder to see swimmers.	2/3/2024 9:19 AM
196	Large waves from wake surf boats upsetting docks, potentially causing erosion.	2/3/2024 9:12 AM
197	Wake boat causing unnaturally violent wave action negatively affecting. Outhe boats, docks, beaches and shorelines.0	2/3/2024 8:26 AM
198	Too fast and unconcerned with the effect they have on others just boarding or canoeing	2/3/2024 7:59 AM
199	motor boats going too close to other boats, swimmers, sailors, kayakers, etc.	2/3/2024 7:44 AM
200	Wake board motor boats with wake boards on waves behind the boats making large waves that pound the shoreline.	2/3/2024 7:29 AM
201	The people from the city, littering, partying, being obnoxiously drunk. Taking up the whole beach area.	2/3/2024 7:14 AM
202	I was out in a friend's small wooden boat (motor power but vintage and just cruises very slowly) and a group of teens or 20s whipped by in a speedboat towing someone for water skiing - had my friend not been paying close attention I think the wake would have actually capsized us. Most of the other boaters I've observed on the lake are respectful, and if in a bigger, faster boat are more careful with their wake, or keep a greater distance. This was bad, and according to her is happening more and more.	2/3/2024 7:13 AM
203	Jet skis and boats pulling skiers and boarders ruin the lake for swimmers, paddlers, and sailors, both from a safety standpoint, as well as enjoyment.	2/3/2024 7:06 AM
204	bass boaters rushing from one site to another to get the fish. they are all not residents	2/3/2024 6:48 AM
205	wake board boats flooding docks and edge and bottom erosion	2/3/2024 6:45 AM
206	Leaking fluids such as oil, gas, etc, Fishing boats & operators not being mindful of people in or on non motorized vessels	2/3/2024 6:04 AM
207	Motorboat created wake and almost capsized kayak	2/3/2024 3:39 AM
208	Unsafe speeds with water skiers and tubes in tow	2/2/2024 10:00 PM
209	PWC riding wildly and close to swimmers, kayaks and paddle boards. Wake boats creating huge waves close to the shore which causes shoreline erosion and disturbs shallow water ecosystems.	2/2/2024 9:22 PM
210	Wake boats with wake surfers causing dangerously high waves even when the boat is moving slowly in the middle of the lake. When the waves come to swimmers and paddlers, it creates hazardous water conditions. When the waves crash to our docks and shorelines it damages both. The operators of these boats frequent the same areas for lengthy periods of time starting and stopping often for the amateur surfers falling off over and over again.	2/2/2024 8:35 PM
211	Wake boats too close to shore. Repeated starting and stopping of wake boats. Our dock gets kicked about so much like it was the seven seas in bad weather. Throwing our docked boat around causing damage.	2/2/2024 8:33 PM
212	Powered boats driving erratically and creating excessive wake for Paddleboarders.	2/2/2024 7:59 PM
213	Paddleboarders and kayaks are often sped pass by jet skis or fast boats. Very dangerous for a calm safe activity	2/2/2024 7:26 PM
214	Wake board boat with surfer very close to the shore causing extreme waves and people on the dock forced to squat down so they are not knocked off the dock.	2/2/2024 6:42 PM
215	the wakeboard boats in wake mode make it impossible to be on the dock or swim near the shore or tow a skier nearby. I get it, they are soooo much fun. But the wake affects too many	2/2/2024 6:12 PM

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aspects of the lake, which is why large boats (that could make that same wake) aren't allowed in the first place.

216	Wake board boats	2/2/2024 6:10 PM
217	I am a distance swimmer and regularly use the lake for swims of between one and two miles. I have encountered boaters who are not paying close attention to swimmers, kayakers or paddleboarders and come to close to those enjoying such recreation.	2/2/2024 5:19 PM
218	We do some water skiing and the wake ski boats create so many waves that it makes skiing difficult.	2/2/2024 4:50 PM
219	Sea planes- in the past there was one that used the lake. Hopefully, it hasn't been seen because of current regulations. Definitely a safety issue.	2/2/2024 4:47 PM
220	Damage and erosion to lake edge and retaining walls	2/2/2024 4:44 PM
221	Mostly disturbed shoreline which is very annoying to beach users and some boat owners	2/2/2024 4:24 PM
222	Last summer a jet skier went under my friends ski rope - driving between the boat and the skier - it was terrifying and so dangerous. Jet Skis are a menace. The people who drive them are typically rambunctious and daredevils nad make the lake unsafe for everyone when they are in use.	2/2/2024 4:22 PM
223	Wake surfing boats cause such giant wakes that our seawall is being degraded and we had to install a lift to take our wooden electric powered boat out of the water because the waves were so big it was constantly being banged against the dock, even with bumpers and tight tie lines	2/2/2024 4:18 PM
224	Just personal watercraft using the lake as if it's there own private lake.	2/2/2024 4:06 PM
225	People are out of control with jet skis and water skiing.	2/2/2024 3:27 PM
226	jet skis going way too fast... making a ton of noise... this whole summer.	2/2/2024 2:53 PM
227	motor boats traveling at high speeds, close to swimmers/kayakers. Boat exhaust wafting into the Washington town beach area where I swim and play with my 3 young children.	2/2/2024 2:45 PM
228	PWC way too close to shoreline at full speed Wake surfing way too close to shore line Fishing boats excessively exceeding speed limits	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
229	Ski, wakesurfing, and other boats constantly come closer to our dock than guidelines (regulations?) allow. Our dock is on a narrower part of the lake and it is often dangerous to be on our dock when a wakesurfer passes our dock - even when inside the allowable zone - but when boats come closer to our dock than that (I believe 75 feet), it's really dangerous and we have come close to serious falls. We have to take extreme caution when bringer young children or elderly people on the dock. It used to be pleasurable and peaceful to sunbathe or relax on our dock - whether lying on towels or sitting in sturdy Adirondack chairs, but that is no longer the case	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
230	n/a	2/2/2024 2:27 PM
231	All use the lake as responsible adults	2/2/2024 2:26 PM
232	Wakes are too large for such a small lake when other boats are nearby -- especially for skiers and tubers in other vessels and for kayakers.	2/2/2024 2:24 PM
233	creating a wake and causing others in a canoe to capsize, creating wake and land erosion	2/2/2024 2:17 PM
234	Waking out small craft. Too close to swimmers. Disturbing shore birds.	2/2/2024 2:16 PM
235	Nothing concerning.	2/2/2024 12:56 PM
236	We kayak and canoe on the lake and don't dare go out on weekends and stay closer to the shore due to speed boats operated by young people who don't get boating rules. Endangering us of capsizes.	2/2/2024 12:49 PM
237	I believe that better boater safety education is needed on the lake. As well as paddler safety education.	2/2/2024 12:48 PM
238	motorboats make it hazardous to kayak or scull	2/2/2024 12:43 PM
239	Mostly responsible use. Main problem is ski boats pulling kids on tubes	2/2/2024 12:39 PM

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240	Shoreline erosion with big waves - Wake board boat	2/2/2024 12:39 PM
241	PWC are driven at high speeds by often very young drivers with little regard for proximity to swimmers or other vessels. By far the most shoreline damage from wakes is created by regular boats driven by unskilled and/or oblivious boaters. They drive at slow speeds with their bows tilted the sky and huge rolling wakes following them. By adjust their trim, they could easily cruise the lake without creating much of a wake. The number of boats operated by unskilled boaters is at least 3x the number of wake boats.	2/2/2024 12:35 PM
242	Certain people using motorized watercraft at high speeds pose a danger to people doing distance swims and people on kayaks or paddle boards by creating large waves and in some cases not looking for these people as they speed through the water at unsafe speeds	2/2/2024 12:26 PM
243	Motorboats, especially those going fast enough to tow skiers or wakeboarders, are responsible for noise pollution, and I believe that their fuel can negatively impact water quality.	2/2/2024 12:18 PM
244	Fast motor boats with skiers	2/2/2024 12:16 PM
245	Jetskis are noisy and unnecessary. I go to the Warren Town Beach and see/hear them from the shore. I wish they'd stop completely.	2/2/2024 12:11 PM
246	I get sea sick easy	1/10/2024 1:17 PM