

Q18 Is there anything else you wish to comment upon regarding water safety practices or environmental issues for Lake Waramaug?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The protection of the quality of the lake water, it's surrounding environment and maintaining the safety of all who enjoy this beautiful resource is of great importance.	3/7/2024 2:34 PM
2	The last three "mega" building projects (two on West Shore, and now "the Cove" on North Shore) have, and are, destroying hillside woodlands which protect the lake.	3/6/2024 8:00 PM
3	see #15 (excessive land clearing; primarily new construction, but also resold older properties)	3/6/2024 7:49 PM
4	I kayak on the lake and am concerned about the environmental impact of jet skis and boats on the lake.	3/6/2024 9:33 AM
5	Concern over number of large, fast, and noisy boats. Not the lake it used to be. Sad	2/29/2024 6:45 PM
6	I don't see many wake boats actually towing wakeboarders. Generally, I see them used as party boats.	2/29/2024 5:20 PM
7	Ban wake boats on Lake Waramaug.	2/29/2024 5:03 PM
8	The towns should use their resources at the launching site to educate boaters on the laws. No need for an ordinance. The towns should also use the other available resources- like the police boat- to enforce the existing boating laws that are sometimes overlooked by enthusiastic families.	2/29/2024 3:48 PM
9	No	2/29/2024 2:02 PM
10	No	2/29/2024 1:52 PM
11	I believe that Lake Waramaug should keep surfing boats. I have been using the lake for years and many of us surfers have been committed to being extremely respectful of other boaters and houses along the shore. We only travel along the middle of the lake to be respectful of those who are worried about waves.	2/29/2024 1:50 PM
12	I enjoy the lake winter and summer. Algae blooms are not a normal part of the eco system.	2/29/2024 12:32 PM
13	No	2/29/2024 12:31 PM
14	Highly object to any town ordinances restricting types of boats or usage on the lake. Property owners on the lake care deeply about the lake and its environmental quality and safety and are fully capable of putting in place and policing common policies such as concentrating wake surf and tube and jet ski usage to the middle of the lake.	2/29/2024 10:59 AM
15	Shoreline fishing access points , there could be more and parking for that purpose..	2/29/2024 7:36 AM
16	Many areas where there's been new construction have water running across the road, or streaming into culverts, and into the lake. I think that new construction should get a careful look to see what will happen with the increased run-off. Two have rain garden areas, but this is the exception.	2/28/2024 8:33 PM
17	The widespread increase in aquatic plant growth near the shorelines must be scientifically evaluated and addressed. Otherwise, there will eventually be overwhelming public pressure for chemical interventions and other undesirable remedies.	2/28/2024 8:08 PM
18	We need to protect this beautiful resource.	2/28/2024 6:15 PM
19	The biggest problem with Lake Waramaug is all these associations want to make the lake a country club, not a lake for public use by 3 towns. Quite frankly it's disturbing especially the boat ramp hrs.	2/28/2024 4:53 PM
20	We almost lost the lake once and that could happen again. The difference being this time no	2/28/2024 4:11 PM

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one can use the excuse that they didn't know better. All the information about the destruction of our environment by humans is available both in every media form and by walking out your front door.

21	I think we should start possibly limiting size and weight of boats permitted on our lake. I know I boated on Candlewood Lake for many years and the size of the boats got ridiculous. I think boats are getting like pickup trucks. If you look at a 20-year-old pickup truck next to a new one, you can't even see over the hood of a new truck. Everything in our society is getting bigger and more powerful. Back in the 80s, I had a snowmobile with 60hp engine, it was so fast I could barely hang onto it. The Snow Mobiles today, have 180 hp. It's crazy.	2/28/2024 11:47 AM
22	I am appalled that the Towns are calling this a "Lake Waramaug User Survey" when it is obvious this is a propagandist piece to collect information for the Towns and Authority to support the desire of a few people to enact a ban of wakeboat usage in surf mode on the Lake. This is not an objective survey about Lake Usage when you put targeted questions 7,8,9,11 about wakeboats and position the letter and preface to the survey as 'don't you want to keep the lake clean...'. Question 9: "Are you aware of recent studies establishing surface and subsurface wave impacts by wave enhancing vessels in surf mode?" That is a leading question if I've ever seen one. Also - by not mailing the survey to all lake residents and users of the lake and tracking responses, there is no way to prove you are getting a representative sample of the people these issues affect. Anyone could fill out the survey and say they live on the lake or use the lake. Plus sending out a few emails and posting on town websites & in person is not a valid way to get a representative sample. I am all for a survey to gauge public opinion on issues that affect safety or perceived environmental issues - but this survey is severely flawed. To be clear: I don't have a wakeboat but I will not stand for bullying by a select few who think they can use their power to impose their wishes about how they want to use the lake and who think that - after being outed last summer trying to write and pass an ordinance banning use of wakeboats in surf mode - spending tax-payer money for this propagandist survey is a valid way to gauge public opinion about safety and environmental concerns on the lake. It is not at all objective based on how the survey is being presented and the questions that are included. I will be curious to see which open-ended question answers will be included in the report to see how transparent this process is for all and if indeed "this survey provides all residents a voice to describe how they view / enjoy the lake and if they have any concerns." I do have concerns - and it's about how a few people are continuing to misuse their power to work to ban wakeboat usage.	2/28/2024 11:16 AM
23	If restrictions are to be made about boat use, they should be limited to weekends (cause most people aren't around on weekdays anyway) and wake enhancers could be restricted at morning and at night, but waterskiing and cruising should be permitted at those times since they create few waves.	2/28/2024 8:51 AM
24	I wish there were NO power boats allowed	2/28/2024 8:02 AM
25	Wondering how much septic run off from lake houses there might be	2/28/2024 7:25 AM
26	We just want clean water so our kids can wade and swim. Going back quite some years, we brought our grandchildren, who were very young, to play in the water. They started to yell and ran out covered in black mud up to their knees!! To be honest, we haven't used the beach for the water since.	2/28/2024 12:59 AM
27	I think there should be voluntary compliance first but if there are already issues that have been noticed then there should be law enforcement with consequences	2/28/2024 12:58 AM
28	As long as they give space and distance let them wake board, jet ski etc. stop over regulating.	2/27/2024 8:53 PM
29	No.	2/27/2024 8:24 PM
30	This is a critical issue for habitat safety and enjoyment and respect for community members. Thank you	2/27/2024 7:35 PM
31	Yeah, people driving the boat fast, especially tubing/waterskiing/or wakeboarding should generally stay in the middle of the lake and be mindful of right of way rules.	2/27/2024 6:15 PM
32	How are wake boat waves effecting weed/algae propagation, cyanobacteria and aquatic life.	2/27/2024 5:20 PM
33	We have never experienced an issue with boating on the lake. We find people to be respectful of each other. I understand the concerns regarding the shoreline, but I think some education will go a long way.	2/27/2024 4:42 PM

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34	The volume of boating activity on the lake is rather minimal; when we're on the lake on a weekend in peak summer, we rarely see more than 5 boats on the lake. There is a difference between residents finding wakeboarding a nuisance because it moves their dock up and down and wakeboarding being an existential environmental threat to the lake. We all know that if nothing is allowed in the lake, it will be the least environmentally impactful; but that takes away from the responsible ways we all experience and enjoy the lake with power boats. This process seems to feel like a vocal minority of individuals on the lake who don't like to feel waves on their docks and are now trying to find any way to use "science" and "data" to prevent that minor nuisance. And we all know that any study can prove anything you want depending on how you cut the data. So, this feels like a particularly biased process to begin with considering the ED of the LWTF is on the inter-local commission and is also the person responsible for recommending the third-party consultant. We hope this process can be an honest and transparent assessment where all conflicts of interest are disclosed and the entire town public is privy to all study results and deliberations. A flat out ban of wakeboarding on the lake feels heavy-handed and unnecessary to achieve a healthy balance to protect the lake.	2/27/2024 3:00 PM
35	lake floor/subsurface vegetation could be trimmed back at the beach front or more sand/pebbles added to make swimming and children playing in the water at the shoreline easier.	2/27/2024 2:58 PM
36	check all lake shore property for sewer concerns perhaps a sewer plant for land owners	2/27/2024 2:27 PM
37	I do not know enough about this topic to weigh in on it with any authority.	2/27/2024 2:17 PM
38	I believe creating no wake zones within a certain distance from the shorelines will protect non motorized lake activity and allow wake waves to dissipate before reaching shorelines, without preventing broad enjoyment. I believe all tubing/waterskiing/ wake boarding and wake surfing should be restricted to the fat area of the lake, away from the narrower area by LWCC and the state park, where much of the human powered boating and swimming occurs. I do not believe banning motorized recreation on LAke Waramaug is a good idea. All three towns have benefited dramatically from the lake Waramaug property boom, and motorized recreation (and the various tubing, skiing, surfing) is a part of that boom. It is also u clear why this is a focus, but there is no discussion of the larger environmental issue of ice-reducing bubblers. These can lead to promotion of algae and weed growth through the alteration of water temperature and light conditions. Ice on the lake blocks sunlight from reaching the lake bottom, thereby helping reduce plant growth. Also, disturbing bottom sediments can release nutrients such as phosphorus which results in increased algae growth. The advantages of healthy recreation that may cause some additional waves seems like a reasonable trade off vs 6 months of no ice (at distances much greater than is necessary to protect property, and with NO regulations on alerting winter lake users of the thin ice and potential liability caused by bubblers) that is causing much greater sub-surface damage to the lake's health.	2/27/2024 9:12 AM
39	There shouldn't be any gasoline power in the Lake	2/26/2024 1:12 PM
40	Only an ordinance will be effective. People "policing" themselves is typically not effective.	2/26/2024 8:38 AM
41	Motorboat usage should be more limited on the lake to just the central strip of the lake so everyone can enjoy the lake more and not have to cede it to boaters. Wakeboards seem to be harming the health of the lake, and we need to do more to preserve the lake for everyone's enjoyment now and for the future.	2/26/2024 6:17 AM
42	The abundance of year-round geese and their excessive fecal output, it ruins the enjoyment of using all of the areas of the State Park and I feel that the water quality is not always monitored at the level it should be.	2/25/2024 1:47 PM
43	I've heard of the erosion that wake boats cause - and I wonder - after the damage is done to the lake what value will their McMansions be worth - I would like the pristine lake to stay that way for generations to come. No one is trying to say "don't use your boat" just use it respectfully for future owners.	2/24/2024 6:32 PM
44	Proposals for designated wave surfing areas totally disregards the lake perimeters that it would affect.	2/24/2024 4:29 PM
45	The ability to enjoy the lake and sit on a dock and swim with kids should be of the utmost importance. Wake surfing was built for lakes like Lake Michigan and Lake Powell. Not small lakes like Waramaug. As someone with a wake surfing boat, I have vowed never to fill the ballasts. It's not right to the community. I support time restrictions, bans on overall use, and outright outlawing the ballasts and the boats. Thanks	2/24/2024 1:31 PM

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46	We are against Wake Board boats in Surf Mode. We believe that unless there an ordinance is enforceable by law there will not be sufficient compliance. We don't want to see our Lake Waramaug become a mini Candlewood Lake.	2/23/2024 9:08 PM
47	I appreciate these efforts. I think you will have an uphill battle for any controls from the side of the rich and the side of the state needing to provide access. The sad thing is that the increased development, global warming and boating use is leading to algae blooms in August so no one can be on the lake.	2/22/2024 5:14 PM
48	Although Lake Waramaug is one of the two largest natural; lakes in CT, it is still very small as lakes go. There is no place for high-powered boats on this size lake; boating should be restricted to canoes, kayaks, and electric powered fishing boats, and underpowered pontoon boats. Lake it Slow, on the water as well as on the roads.	2/22/2024 3:39 PM
49	I like having the option to use a motorboat on lake waramug	2/22/2024 2:15 PM
50	The lake towns and lake organizations like the Lake Waramaug Association should be educating people on local and State regulations that already exist that are applicable to Lake Waramaug boating operations, as well as on any new regulations as they come into existence, and should emphasize the importance of obtaining a "safe boater" certificate, especially for younger operators. The wake boats that I observe - and hear - are often blasting loud music, which leads me to believe that their operators are young, as are the passengers on many of these boats, which sometimes appear to me to be dangerously overloaded. I also think that the police boat should be reinstated on the lake to help ensure the safety of everyone out on the water; I don't know why those longstanding patrols have been eliminated. I think that it is also relevant for people to know just how many wake boats are currently on the lake, which can be determined by the number of such boats that are passing through the inspection station; I believe the figure for 2023 was about forth, which is quite a lot for a lake like Lake Waramaug.	2/22/2024 11:47 AM
51	I am predominantly a water skier who cares about having flat water. Having said that, I am not in favor of any town ordinances being put in place banning specific types of water craft or activities. Believe sensible guidelines can be crafted and observed by lake residents that would keep wake surf boats in defined areas of the lake (ie deep water middl) thus minimizing any perceived impact. Any such guidelines should definitely apply to tubers as well. People who live on and care about the lake are best placed to address this concern.	2/22/2024 8:39 AM
52	Common sense guidelines should be adequate to ensure safe enjoyment of the lake for all activities.	2/21/2024 7:39 PM
53	As someone who operates a non power boat, the power boats sometimes seem like they are not aware of smaller personal people Powered boats and paddle boards.	2/21/2024 7:02 PM
54	Water quality in terms of bacteria/microbes/algae etc	2/21/2024 5:58 PM
55	No gas powered boats or devices should be allowed on the lake. They are polluting, noisy and pose a Real danger to swimmers.	2/21/2024 5:01 PM
56	open up the Kent portion of the lake	2/21/2024 4:20 PM
57	Shoreline integrity and the use of chemical fertilizers on lawns.	2/21/2024 12:54 PM
58	Wake Board Boats in Surf mode only go 11 mph. As a family that is out on the lake in Wake Board boat, in addition to kayaks and sailboat, we feel all can be used safely. We see tubers that cause more waves than any other boat. Looking out on the lake we see how empty the lake is at most times. All boats can be used safely and environmentally safe. We strongly support only voluntary guidelines so we can enjoy the lake.	2/21/2024 12:20 PM
59	I am an Architect and deal with a lot of lake architectural projects that have old cess pool for septic system! It is a tank with no leaching fields. Any new project has to have a new septic system but all the old ones, the old cess pools who are not failing are still in place. Eventually all leaks from old cess pool tanks go down hill and into the lake. I wish all lake house owners would be required to have their system tested and replaced with a modern more environmental septic system to ensure that the lake is even cleaner.	2/21/2024 10:25 AM
60	I strongly believe that the quality of the lake water is crucial for our town's recreation to thrive. Secondly, the lake is small. Very fast or disruptive boating undermines the number of people that can be enjoying the lake safely at one time.	2/20/2024 6:30 PM

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61	I'm not familiar with the high degree of detail in this survey nor the specific proposed regulation/rule it seems to be seeking opinion on, but generally agree that restricting large water craft on the lake would be beneficial for keeping the water clean and the area peaceful and for lake enjoyment of casual users such as me who like to kayak and swim without huge boats all over	2/20/2024 6:18 PM
62	None	2/20/2024 6:04 PM
63	The lake needs to be protected. Both the quality of the water and the shoreline.	2/20/2024 5:35 PM
64	My experiences landing our plane on the ice and then skating and having brunch at one of the big stone buildings nearby. Can't remember the name what lovely memories.	2/20/2024 5:29 PM
65	I have limited sailing, fishing, kayaking and canoeing due to boat traffic increase in past few years	2/20/2024 5:25 PM
66	It is one of the most beautiful lakes in the country and I hope we can protect it.	2/20/2024 4:50 PM
67	I think most of the boaters who are participating in watersports are overall smarter boaters vs the recreational boater who may be visiting a resident with a bowrider. The person who owns a wakeboat is typically not allowing just anyone to take their boat out due to how technical it is to drive. This forces the owner of the boat to learn how to operate it and be much more in tune with what they are doing on the lake. I do think there may be some misleading terms in the "Typical features of operation" below as well. If the boat is setup properly and built properly you will not have: -A high bow angle. A high bow angle is a characteristic of an improperly built wakeboat or an in-experienced captain. The higher the angle, the worse the surf/wakeboard wake is. If you see a wakeboat riding with the bow up high, chances are they do not know what they are doing and all of us would benefit from educating that owner. -Powerful engine is not needed. High Torque is. This is misleading as the average person hears powerful engine and thinks high speed. This is not the case with a wakeboat as most wakeboats can't break 38-40mph. -Stern Ballasting. Again, this is the wrong way to operate a wakeboat. The boat should be stern to bow split 60/40 when it comes to weight. This split will not cause bow rise if done properly. Many wakeboats can be surfed behind with little to no ballast and more often than not, that is how they should be used based on the skill of the surfer behind it. -Uneven Loading of persons, gear or material to create and shape large waves. This is another characteristic of an improperly used wakeboat. There is no wakeboat on the market that is designed to lean to port or starboard to create a wakesurf wake. Every boat in the industry is designed to ride level. If a boat is leaned to one side, that person needs more training on how to use that boat correctly. Overall, it comes down to more training and education vs the boat being the problem. Some dealerships that sell wakeboats do offer free demonstrations and training for the wakeboats they sell. I have watched this take place many times in the owners new boat, on the lake, with the whole family on board learning about how to properly use their boat. Those families are the ones who continue to use their boat properly. It is up to the new owner to participate in the training that the dealership offers and that falls on the owner, not the boat being the problem.	2/20/2024 11:14 AM
68	N/A	2/19/2024 8:45 PM
69	None	2/19/2024 8:43 PM
70	The lake is too small to have wake surfing. The large wakes are dangerous to other users and damaging to shoreline property and docks. Why should one activity be allowed to negatively impact so many others?	2/19/2024 5:17 PM
71	I appreciate the efforts that the three organizations managing the lake have done over the years to protect the water quality.	2/19/2024 1:07 PM
72	We need the floating dock back at the Warren Beach or a magic carpet or something please and thanks!	2/19/2024 6:04 AM
73	Think the three towns should stop pushing more regulations on the lake. Allow common sense approach.	2/17/2024 5:40 PM
74	I believe it is extremely unfair to try and get rid of wake boats on the water. Families for years have come to the lake as a place of fun and activity. Stripping this right away is not fair, and a few vocal voices should not be the ones leading the charge.	2/17/2024 9:02 AM
75	See above comments. I am not qualified to weigh in on this issue.	2/16/2024 2:57 PM

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76	<p>People have spent time and money investing not only on boats to enjoy the lake, but on the lake itself via all three associations . We are a community that cares dearly for our towns beautiful lake and everyone I know wants it to be healthy. We do however, want to be able to use it and wake board/surf responsibly. The captains of fishing boats need to be educated too. Jet skis should not be allowed, they are mostly day trippers that come and have no idea that our lake is a fragile ecosystem. And, they just do tricks and speed around with no regard for anyone else.</p>	2/16/2024 1:48 PM
77	<p>Motor boat usage is very limited. We spend most of the entire summer at the lake and this really is not an issue. Kindly just adopt voluntary standards. The people on the lake are very respectful and will happily adhere to voluntary guidelines.</p>	2/16/2024 1:04 PM
78	<p>Lack of enforcement</p>	2/16/2024 5:21 AM
79	<p>Wake boards seem to be having a negative impact on the health of the lake, which is our primary concern. Secondly, we would like to see the range where tubing and skiing boats are allowed to operate further limited to only the center strip of the lake, so those under paddle can also enjoy the lake and not have to cling to the shorelines. The motor boats limit the lake use for those who want a quiet enjoyment of a healthy ecosystem.</p>	2/15/2024 10:15 PM
80	<p>Would like more clearly designated swim areas for longer distance open water swimming that is safe from boats.</p>	2/15/2024 5:32 PM
81	<p>see attached: Answer to question number 18. [letter sent with hardcopy survey]</p>	2/15/2024 4:23 PM
82	<p>Just because boat owners take a course and know the rules of the lake, this does not mean they understand how to operate their vessel safely. Countless times we have observed vessels launch onto Lake Waramaug and the driver has NO idea how to handle their boat. This is extremely dangerous given the incredible power of these machines. Lack of water craft experience also means these drivers are less likely to make a smart decision if involved in an incident. Self-governance / self-regulation may be a way for our community to encourage new boat owners to put some training hours on their vessel(s) and become accustomed to the nuances of the Lake's topography and boating best practices before going all out.</p>	2/15/2024 3:55 PM
83	<p>1) Note that in addition to "lake property owner" and "public access user" there is a third category which is "member of Lake Waramaug Country Club". It's not public access, but may not involve lakefront ownership. 2) Anecdotally, having kayaked on the lake for years, the increase in the number of motor boats and motorized vehicles has been stunning. On one outing I counted over 60 without even going entirely around the lake. Fortunately, they aren't all used at the same time (luckily!) but a body of water of that size simply can't support that volume! 3) Voluntary compliance is great only as long as it works; but if not, stronger measures may be required. 4) Thank you for addressing these issues. The lake is both a local treasure and irreplaceable!</p>	2/15/2024 3:47 PM
84	<p>I don't believe forbidding any type of boats as long as reasonable voluntary guidelines are in place.</p>	2/15/2024 3:27 PM
85	<p>Our family appreciates your efforts with regards to this survey. Great Job!</p>	2/15/2024 2:45 PM
86	<p>Lake Waramaug task force does a great job on water quality!</p>	2/15/2024 2:40 PM
87	<p>1) All speedboats, not just wake boats or "surf" boats, create large and damaging wakes, especially at 8+mph...and, quite frankly, these boats create the largest wakes at low+ speed. Again, the wake problems on Lake Waramaug occur not just from wake boats, but with just about any inboard, I-O and outboard boat at a low speed just above the "no wake" speed. I see MANY motor boats going past our dock, not more than <50 ft from our dock, at 10MPH, thinking everything is OK, but it is NOT-their wake is as large and forceful as can be and with no understanding of the concept NO WAKE speed. 2). Tubing can be as damaging as wake boarding-MANY "tubers" on the lake will stay in area of the lake and continually do "doughnuts" again and again in one place-rude and not good for the shores and docks in that area. 3). Again, in general, I see a lot of "running" fast, with large wakes, much closer to the shore, docks and other boaters than should be on our lake, with no noticeable concern by the boat driver.</p>	2/15/2024 1:56 PM
88	<p>High horsepower boats towing skiers need to be aware of other non powered craft.</p>	2/15/2024 1:49 PM
89	<p>We should limit dockage to residents' own boats. I know of at least two - for sure, and there are probably more - instances multiple "friends'" board being docked or moored on the lake, in</p>	2/15/2024 1:42 PM

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one case a total of four boats. Can we please bring some order to this? Right now people are just doing whatever they want.

90	Clueless Swimmers too far from shore, idiots swimming across the lake Follow California and most states where boats engaged in water sports have to travel counter clockwise around a lake at distance from shore. All of the above is worthless without on the lake police enforcement, GIVE OUT TICKETS. Boats are cars that float, there are rules for boats (just not enforced). You can't just do what you want in a or to a car so why a boat?	2/15/2024 1:37 PM
91	No	2/15/2024 1:27 PM
92	It's such a beautiful (and quiet) lake. I'd really like it to stay that way.	2/15/2024 1:19 PM
93	I personally don't think there should be ANY motorized boats or 'crafts' on the lake unless they are very small engines used to 'putt-putt' around (for fishing or pleasure cruising). I realize this is probably an unpopular comment, given all the motor activity on the lake, but the lake is too small for the volume of motorboats/watercrafts being used.	2/15/2024 1:02 PM
94	Restrict oversize engines or excessively heavy boats? Designate specific time of day 12-2pm for "wave" activities? Most important to our family is that the shoreline stays intact and that clear lake initiatives continue.	2/15/2024 1:01 PM
95	Keep up the good work, especially around dealing with bird landings near the lakefront	2/15/2024 12:57 PM
96	Prohibitions are not the answer to any perceived problems from wakesurfing.	2/15/2024 10:49 AM
97	Stop the regulation!!!!	2/15/2024 7:33 AM
98	I wish swimmers that swim the lake were safer from boat traffic and horse power had limits.	2/14/2024 7:20 PM
99	Want to thank task force for a great job safeguarding our wonderful lake	2/14/2024 6:41 PM
100	Too many Canadian geese	2/14/2024 3:39 PM
101	Not at this time	2/14/2024 9:22 AM
102	Let's address all crucial issues. I know the boating community is on board.	2/13/2024 10:02 PM
103	Wakeboard boats are harmful to the air and the water and to adjoining properties. If someone said, "hey, let's have a few people with these machines that harm the lake, the neighbors, and the environment," people would laugh and say no. Yet here we are. Let's do the right thing!	2/13/2024 6:57 PM
104	I would favor banning all motorized watercraft. That would surely keep the lake cleaner. It would also be safer and quieter.	2/13/2024 4:28 PM
105	See comment above.	2/13/2024 12:20 AM
106	The lake is a beautiful resource, even if we just bike, drive or walk around it, or use the beaches. Various orgs have done a lot to try to preserve and keep it unpolluted. It has always been more of a quiet lake and I feel that while people should be allowed to have motor boats with rules to follow, I do not agree with wake boarding both because of the disturbance of the environment and also the disturbance to people using the lake for quiet means. If the studies show damage from wake boarding, I feel that they should not allow it or limit it because the small number of people that want to do it, could still enjoy the lake with water skiing, boating, even jet skis while still preserving it for everyone else in the future.	2/12/2024 6:47 PM
107	Educational programming and voluntary efforts for self correction should be coordinated with the lake organizations rather than ordinance, which will be divisive and lawsuits.	2/12/2024 1:48 PM
108	We should be guided by 1) safety, 2) environmental concerns and 3) preserving a natural and pleasant experience for residents and visitors. Short-term adrenaline highs should be relegated as irresponsible and selfish.	2/12/2024 11:46 AM
109	Kent shouldn't be participating in funding lake patrol or Lake environmental projects without town access from town property	2/12/2024 10:22 AM
110	The staff at the public launch are great	2/12/2024 10:18 AM
111	Make it a non motorized lake with the exception for small motors like fishing boats. Motor boats are loud, dangerous and annoying.	2/12/2024 9:58 AM
112	None	2/12/2024 9:55 AM

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113	I would like Kent to have access to the Washington beach area.	2/12/2024 9:53 AM
114	more policing to make sure everyone follows the rules	2/11/2024 1:31 PM
115	Concerned about quality of water and affect of chemicals used on properties surrounding lake	2/10/2024 10:22 AM
116	The Sierra Club has compiled evidence of the negative impact of wake boats on lake health and I think we should take their findings seriously. No recreational use justifies destroying our gem of a lake. For one thing, our property values depend on the health of the lake! See https://www.sierraclub.org/minnesota/blog/2023/03/wake-boats-land-10000-lakes#:~:text=Just%20one%20pass%20of%20a,adequate%20to%20dissipate%20the%20wakes.	2/10/2024 7:21 AM
117	On weekends the Lake has become unrecognizably busy...sometimes to the point of feeling like a public lake. Many boaters do not behave like they live here...displaying complete and utter disregard for others' enjoyment. It is getting to the point that we are forced to avoid going on our pontoon boat on certain days/certain times due to how busy the lake is...very disappointing and discouraging. There are times we have almost been knocked off of our large dock due to wake board boats.	2/10/2024 7:14 AM
118	From everything I have read, I believe that Lake Waramaug is too small and too narrow for Wake surfing boats - both from a safety and environmental point of view. There is not enough room for the strong wake to dissipate before hitting the shoreline and the docks and other moorings, not to mention keeping a safe distance from other lake users.	2/9/2024 1:52 PM
119	We really appreciate all the work the towns and the organizations have done to make the lake such a beautiful and enjoyable place. At a time of greater usage and development activity around the lake, we also appreciate the current work to determine the best way to keep it that way. If the outcome of this process is voluntary compliance, it seems like it would make sense to give it a period of time to see if it is working e.g. 1 year, and if not, be prepared to switch to ordinance if that is the only way to implement the best practices. Ultimately what matters most is that the Lake is protected environmentally and is safe for all.	2/9/2024 7:26 AM
120	no	2/9/2024 6:18 AM
121	Wake surfing dramatically adds to the appeal of Lake Waramaug. I am totally fine with some suggestions and certain hours of the day in which wake surfing is allowed and not allowed, but I think outlawing it completely would dramatically decrease the value of lakeside properties.	2/8/2024 8:36 PM
122	banning wakeboarding , waterskiing or any other form of recreation would negatively affect our enjoyment and the value of our property.	2/8/2024 8:03 PM
123	I appreciate the efforts of those who are trying to protect and manage the lake. The lake is a special place in the state and more should be done to limit and undo the damage done by the over development of the waterfront.	2/8/2024 5:40 PM
124	Any amendment to current watercraft use rules would have a materially negative effect on my property value	2/8/2024 4:51 PM
125	There are excellent and appropriate laws and regulations in place for our lake. The Lake associations and towns do a great job of both awareness and enforcement. Observance of these and also sensible boating practices (including for wake surf boats which most do only in the deeper central regions of the lake) is very high in my experience. Exceptions are rare and when they occur, they should be addressed directly.	2/8/2024 4:50 PM
126	IF there is to be a ban on wake surfing, I believe a compromise is the best solution- define limits of hours and location for where and when people can do it rather than banning it totally. That way everyone is ' a little' happy.	2/8/2024 4:35 PM
127	We are opposed to wake boats in surf mode. We don't use a boat with wave enhancing capabilities.	2/8/2024 4:06 PM
128	These wake boats are often brought into the lake by the boat launch or owned by people who do not live on the lake but rent a dock seasonally from someone on the lake with an extra dock. These owners especially have less sense of the need to be careful of swimmers and property owners. These boats are very expensive to purchase and maintain - this is an activity that only a very small number of families can access but it has severe negative consequences for the hundreds of people who visit the lake every summer. I don't understand why we have to	2/8/2024 3:53 PM

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allow just a few families to ruin the lake experience for so many others. There are many very enjoyable activities that do not involve a 3 or 4 foot wave. These families can afford go to the ocean or elsewhere to access waves. Also - this year it is just a 3 or 4 foot wave but there is no reason why someone will not soon create even larger waves. At what point will we decide to regulate this? There is also no limit on the number of wake boats in surf mode operating and there have been days when I have counted 7 to 10 operating in the lake at the same time - the lake is unswimmable for people or animals at that point.

129	While I do not live on the lake I can imagine the negative impact wake boats with wave enhancing devices have on noise pollution and the environmental health of the lake for which many dedicated people have spent time and money to restore and maintain.	2/8/2024 3:50 PM
130	I love the lake deeply and I care about it as a wildlife environment and as a place of refuge and recreation for people. Also, as a property owner, my home's value is dependent on the well-being of the lake. I strongly support measures to keep the lake clean and safe for everyone and everything that depends on it. I feel that that must include a ban on wake boats.	2/8/2024 3:13 PM
131	This is dumb. Wake surfing is fun and harmless and should be allowed to continue on the lake. End of story.	2/8/2024 3:10 PM
132	owners of properties on the lake should not dictated by the town as to how they can use their boats	2/8/2024 3:07 PM
133	Good safety comes from providing education and good culture, not by legal enforcement.	2/8/2024 2:56 PM
134	I greatly appreciate all that lake waramaug task force does to keep the lake clean and safe and lovely and I hope we do what we we can to preserve that for generations to come	2/8/2024 2:39 PM
135	No	2/7/2024 5:42 PM
136	I am concerned about an outright ban on wake boats and wave enhancing vessels. I am in favor of less draconian solutions to any concerns people may have - e.g. limiting the use of wave enhancing to certain parts of the lake.	2/7/2024 11:21 AM
137	no jet skies	2/7/2024 11:02 AM
138	happy with the use of boats on the lake - it's an important recreational outlet that is already closely regulated especially relative to other nearby lakes	2/7/2024 10:50 AM
139	I think the vast majority of boaters are responsible but the irresponsible abuse by a few has been and will continue to slowly destroy the lake!	2/6/2024 3:38 PM
140	I think the boats in the Lake add to the beauty, and it's so nice to see families enjoying the summer together. I support any activity where families can bond and make memories. I think the number of boats on the lake is reasonable, and I have never seen anyone acting irresponsibly or doing anything other than enjoying the water. Everyone seems to appreciate the lake. I support environmental concerns and believe we can exist with our environment and enjoy it responsibly. That's the community we are a part of - Good families raising good kids who will appreciate and preserve the lake's future and the collective towns that share it. Boats and watercraft are a part of the landscape and the essence of what makes the lake so special.	2/6/2024 11:24 AM
141	Residents of neighboring towns have a right to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake without intrusive, obnoxious indulgences like loud boat motors, fast boating or unruly behavior by boaters.	2/6/2024 10:47 AM
142	Residents are polluting upstream in North Spectacle Lake. Lamentable.	2/6/2024 9:17 AM
143	Local authorities and organizations have worked together to ensure the quality of the water in the lake. We appreciate all of their efforts.	2/6/2024 8:34 AM
144	I don't believe wake surfing causes any environmental or safety concerns and those who wish to participate in wake surfing activities should be able to do so. Its a very short amount of time they are on the water. There many other concerns folks who are against wake surfing should be worried about.	2/6/2024 5:41 AM
145	I remember times in early 1980s when Warren Town Beach had to be closed because of pollution and I sometimes see it when walking along Lake W State Park Road	2/5/2024 6:57 PM
146	My father used to say "just because you can do something doesn't mean you should" The lake, like the rest of the natural world, is not there (does not exist) solely for exploitation by a	2/5/2024 5:17 PM

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few, to pleasure themselves and then move on. If the majority believe the lake is just there to be used, There is also a great stretch of road just west of warren which would make a great drag strip. Think of all the fun that could be had there!!!

147	Lake Waramaug is such a treasure. It's so sad to see people gunning boat engines and basically joy riding on the lake.	2/5/2024 4:50 PM
148	Overdevelopment and landscaping of the surrounding lands. Tree removal for development, etc. The shorelines are more developed than ever and don't appear to be slowing down, only growing.	2/5/2024 1:30 PM
149	We have been Washington residents for over 35 years (my grandmother was born and raised here) and love the lake, the towns around it as well as all the residents, both part-time and full-time. We are trusting that any decisions made about boating guidelines/ordinances will be made based upon the best available scientific research as well as the input of all those who use the lake. Thank you so much for reaching out to the residents of the respective communities to start the process of evaluating the various concerns that have been raised over the past few years.	2/5/2024 1:11 PM
150	The lake is too small for wakeboats in surf mode. Continued use will be catastrophic to the lake's health.	2/5/2024 11:37 AM
151	I would like to see a maximum speed set for all boats/jet skis	2/5/2024 11:02 AM
152	Landing of airplanes was eliminated for safety reasons, why not eliminate all high speed watercraft?	2/5/2024 10:24 AM
153	While there is a safe boating course, it could be helpful to also have a Lake W specific option to ensure boaters understand what is specific to Lake W, how to be good stewards, best practices, and how to be safe.	2/5/2024 9:57 AM
154	no	2/5/2024 9:49 AM
155	YES. Make the Lake motor boat free. Or seriously diminish the number that can be operated at the same time. There is way too many now to be operated safely, no matter how many regulations are imposed. We can't let a few visitors or irresponsible owners ruin it for everyone else.	2/5/2024 9:25 AM
156	The lake is generally very quiet except for weekend afternoons in August.	2/5/2024 8:02 AM
157	I want our lake to be as healthy as possible! I hope people in the watershed aren't using lawn fertilizers. That seems like a good first step if we haven't prohibited them yet.	2/5/2024 6:54 AM
158	I believe property owners on the lake want to be good neighbors and will respect voluntary guidelines; last summer after issues were raised about wake boats, most residents respected the voluntary restricted zone which asked residents to conduct these activities in the deepest and widest parts of the lake.	2/4/2024 9:07 PM
159	It's a great lake with responsible owners that can self voluntarily comply if rules are passed	2/4/2024 5:55 PM
160	the resident geese are a huge environmental problem for the lake. They hurt other native birds by stepping on their eggs (ducks) and have few natural predators left in the area so are overpopulating. They also keep away the migrating geese.	2/4/2024 5:46 PM
161	1) We should establish a water skiing course area 2) We should establish local boating guidance for voluntary compliance	2/4/2024 4:57 PM
162	Re: water safety - I am unsure if all those operating motored water crafts are doing so with a license. Is there a minimum age? Does anyone check? I am very concerned with maintaining the eco-balance of the water temperatures, marine and plant life, invasive weeds and water clarity.	2/4/2024 4:10 PM
163	This lake is very lightly used. The busiest it gets is the crew regattas, 4th of July weekend & Labor Day. There are days in the summer one rarely sees a boat on the lake. We have neighbors who only use there boats 4 or 5 times all summer. When we have boated or kayaked people have been very respectful of others. I believe the lake residents do all in their power to keep the lake clean and safe. Whenever we see trash or debris in the lake we clean it up. Mother Nature does the most erosion to the lake shores during year round storms.	2/4/2024 4:08 PM
164	Strong waves cause the shoreline to erode. They are also hazardous for nearby swimmers or	2/4/2024 3:45 PM

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other watercraft. I have enjoyed the lake for over 50 years and served as a Task Force director for 16. I am aware of the efforts to keep it clean and healthy.

165	I strongly support voluntary rules for safe and environmentally sensitive boating	2/4/2024 3:38 PM
166	the task force should oversee this on a voluntary basis and leave the town out of it.	2/4/2024 3:13 PM
167	SURF THE CENTER!	2/4/2024 1:48 PM
168	Broadly speaking, I would like the towns to be more "forward-thinking" when it comes to activities around the lake. Waramaug is a small lake and some activities available on a large lake will not be safe on a lake of Waramaug's size, eg. kiteboarding which has become very popular on large lakes like Tahoe. Common sense says Waramaug is too small to accommodate the sport, but one could say the same thing about wake surfing and look where we are with that!	2/4/2024 12:43 PM
169	Despite the best efforts it seems the lake is deteriorating. Please find a way to bring back the Lake as it was 20 years ago. Residents frowned upon Jet Skis. We only saw a couple a summer and those were campers. Everyone on the lake respected the unwritten rule. Didn't seem to effect anyones quality of life.	2/4/2024 12:06 PM
170	We outlawed seaplanes, these are just as bad. Outlaw them too. Protect the lake for the public, don't indulge a few.	2/4/2024 7:12 AM
171	I used to remember hearing laughter from manual boats(canoes, sailboards. Kayaks, etc) now all I hear is motor noise	2/4/2024 6:50 AM
172	No, as they will never get tickets here.	2/4/2024 4:59 AM
173	I would like to see a "no wake" time from 6-8am for kayakers, swimmers and scullers	2/4/2024 4:58 AM
174	I am in favor of doing whatever is required to maintain the beautiful environment of the lake.	2/3/2024 7:47 PM
175	you can't drive a tank on the road, why do we have them on the lake	2/3/2024 7:30 PM
176	My greatest concern is the water quality and clarity. The associations have done a lot of work to improve it (and am grateful for them) and I noticed the last few summers, there was less clarity. My other concern is that I have noticed more big waves created by the wakeboarders crashing against our seawall over past few summers. It is hard to determine if this is damaging our wall or if it is a natural result from lake freezing and loosening the rocks. I just know the Town will make it very difficult for us to do any repairs to the wall and I believe it will be very costly. I'm just not sure if by restricting or eliminating the wakeboarders this will prevent my wall from deteriorating since it is quite old already.	2/3/2024 6:51 PM
177	You're asking the wrong questions - Many of us don't use the lake "by the Week" you should be asking more seasonal or by the month questions. I had to answer the weekly question with a 0-2 hours a week answer but that certainly is not accurate. and the question of IF you use a boat on the lake won't take 0 for an answer - I don't use a boat to enjoy the lake	2/3/2024 6:24 PM
178	Sailboats, canoes, rowboats, paddleboards are all great. Anything with a motor greatly damages the natural and tranquility of the lake.	2/3/2024 4:16 PM
179	We don't currently have a motor boat but when we did we used it during the summer months 4-6 days per week, 8- 15 hours per week.	2/3/2024 3:48 PM
180	No	2/3/2024 2:35 PM
181	I would like to see a summary of the responses to the survey after they are completed see what other residents have to say. I hope you will share that.	2/3/2024 2:16 PM
182	---	2/3/2024 2:08 PM
183	If lakefront property owners use chemicals on their lawns, do the chemicals leach into the lake? Do any septic systems leach contaminated water into the lake?	2/3/2024 1:30 PM
184	I think if we are going to regulate boat use on Waramaug we should look at all aspects of boating. Many times I will observe older boats use ramp access in Washington. The motor will churn out blue smoke which wafts over to the swimming area. I would assume that this can cause as much environmental impact as any other boat.	2/3/2024 1:29 PM
185	Let's face it the New Yorkers want all boats off the lake so you might as well just close it	2/3/2024 1:15 PM

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	because they are the ones with the money	
186	Landscapers blowing fall leaf litter into the waterways. Fertilizer runoff. Planting of non-native invasive plants.	2/3/2024 1:14 PM
187	A significant risk to the health of Lake Waramaug, and the prevention of invasive water species, is the presence of wake surf boats with water holding tanks. These tanks are not inspected nor required to be sterilized.	2/3/2024 12:00 PM
188	Poop from geese are problem on Docs	2/3/2024 11:04 AM
189	Why doesn't this survey ask about winter bubblers? The active bubblers that overwinter in the lake are preventing Lake Waramaug from fully freezing, creating extreme dangers for families who would otherwise be enjoying ice recreation if the lake were allowed to freeze naturally. Our family has tried to skate during cold snaps, but the impact of bubblers meant risking our children's lives. We're talking drowning and hypothermia here. The ice was just too thin (or nonexistent) in extremely wide swaths around neighbors' bubblers. Our family has hockey players, figure skaters, and ice fisherman. But we can't use our lake (and thus our lake home) in the winters because of the bubblers. Why are they allowed? Connecticut has a long history of ice sports and ice recreation—have you seen historic photos of ice skaters frolicking on Lake Waramaug? The practice of allowing residents to use bubblers should be abolished. Let Lake Waramaug freeze again! Home values are impacted by bubblers—without bubblers, lake homes can marketed for year-round enjoyment. Bubblers are also exacerbating the geese problem on the lake. Ban bubblers and the skaters will come—we'll even clear the rink for pickup hockey!	2/3/2024 10:51 AM
190	The staff performing weed inspections at the Washington end of the lake are a waste. Far more uninspected boats are accessing the lake via the state park and have been for decades without adverse impact to the lake. The staff performing inspections are poorly trained, the whole effort serves only to create a financial and logistical nuisance for people who would otherwise use the lake restricting access to the exclusive benefit of lakeshore owners.	2/3/2024 10:50 AM
191	This survey and the entire process around it is clearly biased and is not being pursued in good faith. Questions like "are you aware of the harmful impacts of wakeboats" assume as fact a premise that is still very much a topic of scientific debate. The group that has been hired to run this process is an anti-wake boat organization that is being paid not to undertake a genuine inquiry but to validate the already strongly held views of the small, vocal minority who hired them. There are a large number of safe, well-trained boat owners on Lake Waramaug who safely and responsibly operate wake boats and have been doing so for decades. This group is being singled out for discrimination.	2/3/2024 10:48 AM
192	I moved to this lake a year ago and have been boating for a long time. I'm the one who skis, surfs, wake boards and the like. I'm 60+ and these are critical activities for my physical health and moving to this lake was predicated on being able to perform these activities. I understand the concerns with wake height and the challenges and agree there's an issue. But an outright ban removes critical, low impact, balance strengthening exercises from my life. The lake desperately needs slow no wake buoys off the shore which the last lake I was on of similar size had. Wave enhanced activities need to be in the deepest part of the lake and constrained to those parts. Some wave height restriction may be in-order but not one that makes any of these activities impossible. I drive a lot on the lake. So much of this is just being self aware of your own boat and its impact on others. The last lake I was on had a "own your wake" campaign that had an impact.	2/3/2024 10:24 AM
193	I would like to see the road around the lake be one way traffic not two lane traffic to allow nonmotorized activities to come back to the lake. That is what made the lake area special. Years ago you did not have to worry about being hit by a car walking, running or biking. Now it is not safe to do these activities because of the amount of cars, number of new mega homes built on the sides of the cliffs and the narrow roads. It is losing its charm. More building restrictions (size and amount) are needed in the area as well to protect the lake. One way traffic would give people a safer environment to enjoy non motorized activities around the lake and prevent the speeding in the narrow turns. Its an accident waiting to happen in todays environment and it cannot be good for the lake.	2/3/2024 10:02 AM
194	I do not believe the wake boating is as big of an issue as the other issues I noted such as jet skis, fast driving near paddle boarders or tubing near docks.	2/3/2024 9:59 AM
195	Millions have been spent repairing the water quality of Lake Waramaug over the last fifty	2/3/2024 9:28 AM

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years. I'd hate to see all that hard earned knowledge effort and expense be thwarted. I do believe it is an awareness issue, but the newcomers seem uneducated; the use of such vessels are harmful to others' enjoyment of the Lake as well as its delicate environmental balance.

196	I took a safe boater course a long time ago when I lived on Great South Bay on Long Island, I had both a motorboat and a sailboat. I think it was given by the sailing club I belonged to. I can't imagine sailing around wake boats, it would be terrifying!	2/3/2024 9:25 AM
197	Leave this to experts and don't make changes because of politics.	2/3/2024 9:01 AM
198	This survey is a waste of time. It seems the only purupose is to prop up property values of owners on the lake.	2/3/2024 8:44 AM
199	Isn't the e-coli from geese and other a major factor?	2/3/2024 8:36 AM
200	No	2/3/2024 7:59 AM
201	I mostly enjoy walking or biking in the park beside the lake.	2/3/2024 7:51 AM
202	Thank you for working on this issue	2/3/2024 7:44 AM
203	We visit the Warren beach maybe a couple times of year and my husband ice fishes maybe a couple times per year. It seems like we are not the intended audience for this survey, so I'm not sure this is helpful for you...	2/3/2024 7:32 AM
204	Lake Waramaug is too small for gasoline engines. Boats should be restricted to electric motors or paddles. This would allow more people to enjoy the lake safely.	2/3/2024 7:29 AM
205	please have residents around the lake do a spetic test to see if older sewer systems are dumping into lake or operating correctly	2/3/2024 6:48 AM
206	The lake is an important factor in recreational and quality of life for residents. Many people choose to live here to enjoy lake activities. This all should be cautiously approached.	2/3/2024 6:21 AM
207	Every motorized water vehicle owner should keep good maintenance & be mindful of people in & on non motorized vessels	2/3/2024 6:04 AM
208	Water quality and beach area at the state park seem to have deteriorated over recent years.	2/3/2024 4:21 AM
209	No	2/3/2024 3:39 AM
210	Fewer boats overall please. And less noise from boats.	2/3/2024 3:33 AM
211	Bubblers that dock owners use to keep ice from forming during winter months have environmental effects on lakes. Some run continuously and break up ice formation far beyond the user's dock. There should be some sort of limitation on how far beyond one's own reparian area that this can extend.	2/2/2024 10:29 PM
212	Wake boats are a nuisance as are most of the high speed motorboat activities	2/2/2024 10:00 PM
213	The water quality for swimming is more of our concern. And the health of the lake for birds and fish is key.	2/2/2024 9:26 PM
214	I strongly believe wake boats should not be allowed to use wave enhancing devices	2/2/2024 9:22 PM
215	Thank you for the steps you are taking to help protect the lake we grew up on. Please don't pander to, or be bullied by the homeowners around the lake that think they own the waters as well.	2/2/2024 8:35 PM
216	The boat traffic on Lake Waramaug is incredibly light compared to other lakes. There is no environmental impact. Re safety, it wouldn't hurt to have "a public safety" boat monitor the lake on weekends.	2/2/2024 8:08 PM
217	Imperative to sustain good water quality.	2/2/2024 7:59 PM
218	Thank you for this effort and working to keep the lake safe and clean for future generations.	2/2/2024 6:12 PM
219	See # 15. I am very concerned and upset by this trend.	2/2/2024 5:27 PM
220	Animals with flea and tick treatment should be kept out of the water. No dumping into water.	2/2/2024 4:50 PM

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221	Enjoy renting kayaks and canoes at the State Oark concession in Kent	2/2/2024 4:48 PM
222	Problems with the geese	2/2/2024 4:45 PM
223	Thanks	2/2/2024 4:44 PM
224	No motors	2/2/2024 4:42 PM
225	In general it seems those enjoying the lake are thoughtful and considerate of the lake, but I hope that ever increasing populations coming from the city, especially those just coming for the day or weekend, will also respect the lake and it's residents. I have seen issues at other state parks in CT and hope the lake does not end up facing these same issues.	2/2/2024 4:41 PM
226	We don't boat on the lake, but do appreciate your addressing the concerns the boats cause. Thanks!	2/2/2024 4:20 PM
227	We don't wish to restrict our neighbors fun; but they must be thoughtful and aware. Too close to shore is destroying the banks of the lake.	2/2/2024 4:18 PM
228	We love lake waramaug!!!! It is the most magical place to be. Our kids will have core happy memories of tubing, fishing and swimming. When they are older we hope they love skiing! We are so lucky to live on the lake.	2/2/2024 4:05 PM
229	Practice good judgement and be respectful to other boaters.	2/2/2024 3:57 PM
230	Hooray for the Task Force	2/2/2024 3:49 PM
231	Water quality is paramount	2/2/2024 3:09 PM
232	I would estimate if 200 people a weekend use the lake on some type of pwc/boat, I would estimate that 150 of those people are on a wake surf boat. Hence the majority of people are enjoying their time on wake surf boats. Rules and times enforceable by law would be the proper course of action instead of an all out ban.	2/2/2024 3:06 PM
233	reduce the number of houses. enough already.	2/2/2024 2:53 PM
234	While I don't use the lake, I think it is very important to keep it healthy and beautiful. I appreciate your conducting this survey.	2/2/2024 2:46 PM
235	Stop the building of more and larger houses. It is now an eyesore. More people more danger to the lake.	2/2/2024 2:41 PM
236	I think we should permit water skiing and wake boarding but with hour restrictions — only between 10 and 4/ after noon on weekdays for example	2/2/2024 2:40 PM
237	Police boat needs to be every weekend	2/2/2024 2:32 PM
238	The Task Force is really working to stay on top of the lake care.	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
239	We actually used to own a wakesurfing boat. It was lots of fun, but we did not feel comfortable with the disruption to others on the lake - especially canoes, paddleboarders, and other human-powered craft. We got rid of it and have not looked back	2/2/2024 2:29 PM
240	Less motor boats the safer it is for swimmers	2/2/2024 2:25 PM
241	People still come racing into the Washington town beach dock. They don't abide by the no wake zone in that area.	2/2/2024 2:24 PM
242	The Lake is a treasure and should be treated like one. Noise, pollution and fast boats and jet skis don't help people or animal life. Boats like you describe below should not be allowed on our small, precious Lake Waramaug.	2/2/2024 2:21 PM
243	Boats from outside the lake should be inspected for invasive before entering the lake	2/2/2024 2:17 PM
244	Thank you for your efforts—please let's keep it clean and quiet! Hi impact vessels have a big area on Candlewood	2/2/2024 2:16 PM
245	I know a few people that kayak or paddle board who feel that jet skis and motorboats towing tubers or skiers are not paying attention to smaller/non-motorized boats. Not as unsafe as say Candlewood but still a concern with young children.	2/2/2024 1:48 PM
246	The majority of Kent residents do not have direct access to Lake Waramaug, unfortunately, as	2/2/2024 1:44 PM

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they do not own waterfront or water adjacent properties (and the Town of Kent sadly does not own publicly accessible waterfront property like the other towns do). It makes sense to have those that use the lake most often-and therefore directly impact the health of the lake-contribute more to the keeping the lake healthy. Ultimately, a healthy lake benefits everyone in the surrounding towns, but it benefits certain groups more.

247	Lake Waramaug is a gem in Litchfield County. Anything that needs to be done to keep it's beauty, health and safety for all should be enacted!	2/2/2024 1:38 PM
248	environmental issue..the geese	2/2/2024 1:17 PM
249	Wish there were more kayak/canoe on top of car launch areas. The lake being so big you can't paddle the entire lake. But it would be nice to launch at either far ends and coves. Example a launch but lake waramaug country club area. Another over by Hopkins inn side in Warren.	2/2/2024 12:49 PM
250	None	2/2/2024 12:48 PM
251	As a lake owner , but not a boater I understand the desire for regulation, but I strongly oppose any ordinance or rules beyond what we already have.	2/2/2024 12:39 PM
252	Like I said, I'm more interested in maintaining it as a nice place to walk.	2/2/2024 12:39 PM
253	A comprehensive study of all variables impacting water clarity would be far more valuable than simply scapegoating wake boats. In addition, the LWTF no longer disseminates the results of its long going water clarity survey using Seechi disks. That transparency would help property owners and visitors understand the urgency of the issue. As a last note, there appears to be slow creeping increase in the amount of shoreline is sea walled. Sea walls are extremely damaging to lake ecosystems in part because they reflect waves back out to the lake rather than absorbing/ breaking them up like a natural shoreline	2/2/2024 12:35 PM
254	I have noticed a number of properties on the lake that have lawn care. It would be nice to know that fertilizer from these lawns are not getting in the water and effecting the environment	2/2/2024 12:26 PM
255	Kent residents should be able to use Warren and Washington town beaches for the same price as residents of those towns since we don't have a town beach.	2/2/2024 12:19 PM
256	No.	2/2/2024 12:17 PM
257	1. goose shit 2. goose shit 3. goose shit 4. sometimes dog shit	2/2/2024 12:12 PM