

## Transport Canada Water Safety Rules & “Mazinaw Etiquette”

### For motorized boats:

- The law states that you must not exceed 10 km per hour when you are within 30 metres (100 feet) of shore.
- Always be cognizant of the wake you are creating and try to minimize it around paddlers (canoeists, kayakers, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs)).
- Always be on the look out for paddlers, swimmers. This is especially true when pulling a skier or a tube in the area marked by the circle. Pull them in the less congested areas away from the Bon Echo Park (outside of the red circle).
- Operating a boat in an unsafe manner (e.g. not paying attention to others using the waterway) can lead to a charge of ‘careless operation of a vessel’ and a \$450 fine.

### For paddlers:

- When motorized boats are trying to go through the channel (in the circled area noted as ‘the Narrows’), clear it quickly – do not linger or use it as a photo op spot! It can be a major point of congestion.
- Wait until it is safe to enter the channel (do not pass in front of a boat that is already in the channel). There are rocks on both sides of the buoys to shore. It is difficult for a boat going slow to maneuver around you at the last minute!
- When in a canoe, face forward (the front seat has a larger spot for your feet); remain seated, face into the waves.
- Enjoy your time on the water. Please be vigilant and safe.  
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