



Boating Lake Chelan

Common Citations

- ❖ Excess speed in the no wake zone (boat speed restrictions: \$267). Within areas identified by no-wake buoys or anywhere within 100 yards of any shoreline, dock, or swim area vessel, speed should not produce a wave, generally 5 mph or less.
- ❖ Expired registration decal, no numbers displayed (operation of unregistered vessel: \$190).
- ❖ Vessels that are 'documented' must still display a valid decal, the vessel name in 6" letters on the stern, as well as the name of the vessel's home port.
- ❖ Inadequate muffler. The maximum decibel limit in Washington is 88 db; use of baffle bypass switches is illegal. *This will be waved during certain weekends with proper event registration. These include Lake Chelan Hydrofest and Antique Hydro Demonstrations.*
- ❖ Lifejackets - Vessel must carry adequate lifejackets for everyone on board. On vessels less than 19 feet, all children age 12 or under must wear a pfd (\$76 fine per person).
- ❖ Must be of required age and have proper identification as set forth by Chelan County. Operator must carry photo ID (\$267 Fine).
- ❖ Operation of PWC after sunset is illegal (\$250 criminal citation).
- ❖ Passengers must stay within proper seating areas, no bow riding. Carrying passengers in unsafe manner (\$128 fine.)
- ❖ .08 alcohol limits apply to boats too! B.U.I. (\$250 criminal citation).
- ❖ Skier down flag (red or orange 12"x12" flag) must be displayed whenever anyone from a vessel is in the water (\$76 fine).
- ❖ Any vessel operating faster than no-wake speed must stay 100 feet away from any other vessel. Neglectful operation of a vessel (\$333 fine).

For additional information on boating regulations on Lake Chelan, contact the Sheriff's Dept. at (509) 682-2888.