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TOP 10 GUIDELINES FOR PWC SAFETY

Unlawful operation of Personal Watercraft (PWC) presents an acute safety risk on the water. The TLTA presents the following Top-10 Guidelines for Personal Watercraft (PWC) Safety on Tennanah Lake. Please also refer to our more detailed [Guidelines for Safe Lake Use](#) as well as the [New York State Boater’s Guide](#).

If you see unsafe activity, take a minute to talk to the operator/homeowner, it may save a life!

- 1. All PWC operators and passengers must wear life jackets, regardless of age**
- 2. Limit PWC use to the hours between 12:00 Noon and 6:00PM**
- 3. Always travel counterclockwise around the lake, look before you turn, and do not cut off other watercraft**
- 4. Look forward in the direction your PWC is traveling and do not tow skiers or tubes behind your PWC without an observer**
- 5. Maintain a safe, minimum distance from the shoreline, swim floats and other obstacles (200 ft or more)**
- 6. Do not follow too closely behind other watercraft. If you must pass, do so on the left (towards the middle of the lake). Give right away to non-power boats, people in the water, or boats towing skiers, wake boarders or tubes**
- 7. No wake jumping**
- 8. Do not ride with children on the seat in front of you or allow children to ride if their feet do not reach the deck**
- 9. Do not circle repeatedly in the same area or otherwise loiter in front of homes**
- 10. Tennanah is a small lake for PWCs—use common sense, courtesy and extra caution when traffic is heavy , limit PWC use whenever possible**

Tennanah Lake Guidelines For Safe Watercraft Use are NO SUBSTITUTE for New York State Boating Laws which are paramount and must be followed at all times. A copy of “the New York State Boater’s Guide” is included with these guidelines and available at anytime from the TLTA or by visiting <http://nysparks.state.ny.us>; Tennanah Lake Guidelines for Safe Watercraft Use updated June 2016.