

CODE OF ETHICS FOR USE OF AND NAVIGATION ON LAC QUENOUILLE
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Federal regulations in force - reminder

Federal regulations adopted years ago remain in force on lac Quenouille, as follows:

- Speed on the lake, within 200 feet (60 meters) of the shore, is no more than 5 km/hr. This restriction does NOT apply for boats pulling a water-skier perpendicular to the shoreline.
- Speed in the Baie du P'Tit Bonheur is no more than 10 km/hr
- Speed elsewhere on the lake is no more than 55 km/hr

Please refer to the document “Lois et règlements sur la navigation” for more information on federal and provincial regulations that are generally applicable on Quebec lakes.

Code of ethics

The code of ethics does not replace, but rather is complementary to laws and regulations in force. The code is not law, but rather relies on the goodwill of all those who use the lake to follow what is outlined below.

Boat launch practices

Motorized watercraft from elsewhere should not be put into lac Quenouille using private lakefront access. The exception to this would be those watercraft that belong to people who are renting properties with lake access. Renters should be informed by property owners about this code of ethics (in fact, renters should be provided with a copy of this document, see below).

A visually inspection of all boats (boat, canoe, kayak, etc.), trailers and equipment (anchors, buoys, diving or fishing equipment, etc.) should be made prior to putting these into the lake, to look for any plant fragments or other materials. Any such fragments or materials should be removed prior to launching the watercraft or putting equipment into the lake.

Draining of a boat's engine water should occur at some place far enough away from the lake to avoid contamination of the lake.

Zones

Do not navigate in areas where Eurasian Water Milfoil is present, especially in Baie Charron or other areas highly contaminated with this plant (This and what follows would also apply in the future, if another invasive plant were to be discovered).

Respect the buoys and signs indicating where this plant is located, by staying away from those areas.

Those who access the lake in Baie Charron, or other infested areas, can continue to access the lake, but with extreme caution to avoid this plant.

Turn off a boat's engine where the lake is less than 1 meter deep (see the attached map), unless the boat is being driven from the shore in a perpendicular direction towards the middle of the lake, and cannot be done so manually.

Avoid navigating any watercraft near the rainbow smelt spawning ground located in Baie Desjardins Bay (and elsewhere, if applicable).

Boating practices

Avoid driving motor boats in circles, as the waves generated from this activity can disrupt the lake floor's sediment, and lead to erosion of the shoreline.

Generate the least amount of waves possible. Pay particular attention when cornering, and drive slowly especially when recovering a skier, wakeboarder, etc., and when changing direction.

Minimize the use of ballasts or other equipment that generates big waves in shallow areas and near the shoreline.

Time of use

Reduce noise before 8 a.m., specifically:

- Reduce all noise-making activities.
- Limit the speed of motorized watercraft on the lake to 10 km/h.

Noise

Limit the volume of music (or other noise) on watercraft so as not to disturb local residents, especially within 200 feet (60 meters) of the shore.

It is undesirable at any time to use a high volume sound system.

Types of motor

At the time of acquisition of a new or replacement motor, the use of 4-stroke engines, or electric motors, is favoured over 2-stroke engines, which have more chance of being polluting.

Number of watercraft

It is suggested that waterfront owners or residents/tenants have a maximum of two motorized boats per residence, on the lake.

Communication of the code of ethics and of the federal regulations

All visitors and renters (seasonal or otherwise) should be made aware of all regulations, and of the code of ethics, as well as proper practices to follow on the lake.

Property owners who rent out or lend out their property to others should post the code of ethics in/on their property, or attach it to other printed instructions provided to the user of their property.

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