

**By-law concerning the protection of Lake Massawippi
and intended to prevent
infestation of zebra mussels**

This by-law is intended to prevent the infestation of Lake Massawippi and its tributaries by zebra mussels. Any watercraft (motorized or not) must go through a washing station before launching.

→ Any boat owner must be able to present a **\$200**
valid washing certificate or user
certificate

**Information concerning the protection of waters from
discharge from pleasure craft**

This by-law is intended to prevent water pollution by boats on Lake Massawippi and its tributaries and adjacent bays. Any **discharge** from a pleasure boat constitutes an infraction; organic, liquid or solid, but excludes kitchen and laundry waste water ("grey water")* and the wastes from the boat's motor.

For any boat equipped with a toilet fixed or portable, the owner should ensure that it contains a watertight holding tank. The tank should be emptied to an emptying station located on land (includes septic tanks and municipal sewer systems).

***NOTE cyanobacteria:**

Toilet, kitchen and laundry waters contain organic matters and phosphorus that pollute and contribute to the apparition of cyanobacteria blooms (blue green algae). Those blooms are usually colorfully green, turquoise or red. They may look like paint, pea soup or scum. Cyanobacteria blooms may be dangerous for users since toxins, invisible to the naked eye, can be released into the water.

If you observe a blue green algae bloom, avoid any contact with contaminated water and keep pet away from it. Report the situation as soon as possible to Environment-Emergency 1-866-694-5454.

Regulations concerning noise



The Memphremagog Regional Police and the Provincial Police SQ would like to inform users of small craft that regulations exist concerning noise on the lakes which they patrol.



These regulations are intended to ensure a tranquil environment for the whole population. We ask for the cooperation of all those using the lakes to ensure tranquility on the lakes especially when boats are anchored in a bay. Persons found contravening noise regulations will receive a fine.

Lake MASSAWIPPI

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**Boating safety patrol
MRC Memphremagog**

819-620-6884

**As a boater, you are required to know
the rules & regulations that apply on
the waterways you frequent.**

(Transport Canada) 1 800 267-6687 or visit the Website
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm>

General information

This brochure contains an overview of legislation.

For all purposes of interpreting and applying the regulations, the official version shall prevail.

See the following site (and links) - complete regulations:

www.mrcmemphremagog.com/HTML/Patrouille_nautique_Mandat.html

Members of the MRC Memphremagog **boating safety patrol** are designated as **enforcement officers** for the purposes of pleasure craft regulation (*Canada Shipping Act 2001*), and authorized by the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions of Quebec to issue violation tickets, concerning the following regulations :

- ▶ *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations* ⁽¹⁾
- ▶ *Small Vessel Regulations* ⁽¹⁾
- ▶ *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations* ⁽¹⁾

The boating safety patrol is also authorized to enforce the following by-law through delegation of authority by the municipalities bordering Lake Massawippi:

- ▶ *By-law concerning the protection of Lake Massawippi and intended to prevent infestation of zebra mussels* ⁽²⁾.

(1) These by-laws are based on the *Canada Shipping Act 2001* under federal jurisdiction.

(2) This by-law is under municipal jurisdiction; the municipalities bordering on the lake having all adopted similar nuisance by-laws.

Enforcement on the Water

The owner, person in charge or person on board pleasure craft shall give an officer or inspector all reasonable assistance and produce any document, or provide them with any information, required for the administration of the regulations.

You should also know that some boating offences can result in fines to both the operator of the boat as well as to the person (owner) who allowed the operation of the boat.

Important Telephone Numbers

Ambulance - Fire department 911
 Memphremagog Regional Police..... 819-843-3334
 Provincial Police SQ..... 819-564-1212
 Sherbrooke Weather Station 819-564-5702

Regulations – Offences – Fines

Here is a summary list of some boating offences along with the associated fines (not including administrative charges)

Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations

Covers speed limits and other use and safety restrictions on lakes and rivers including Lake Massawippi and its tributaries. See the map on the back of this notice for the restrictions that apply.

- Operating a power-driven boat (or electric) in excess of the maximum **speed** authorised **\$200**
- Operating a power-driven boat **without the required age** **\$100**
- Allowing a person **without the required age** to operate a power-driven boat **\$250**

Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations

Since September 2009, any person who operates a pleasure craft must have prescribed competency and proof of competency on board (Pleasure Craft Operator Card).

- Failing to have **proof of competency** on board **\$250**

Small Vessel Regulations

Outline the minimum safety equipment (and others) that must be on board. A pleasure craft must be operated safely.

- Failure to have the required **pleasure craft licence** on board **\$250**
- Operating a vessel with **safety equipment** not in good working order or not readily accessible and available for immediate use **\$200**
- Operating human-powered pleasure craft without **personal flotation devices** or lifejackets of appropriate size for each person on board (**plus \$100 for each PFD or lifejacket missing.**) **\$200**
- Operating a power-driven vessel:
 - without a **muffler** that is in good working order **\$250**
 - equipped with a **muffler not conform** **\$500**
- Operating a vessel **to tow a person** on water or in air **without seating space** on board for every person being towed **\$250**
- Operating a vessel **to tow a person** on water or in air without a person on board other than the operator **keeping watch** on every person being towed **\$250**
- Operating a boat in a **careless manner**, without due care and attention for others **\$350**