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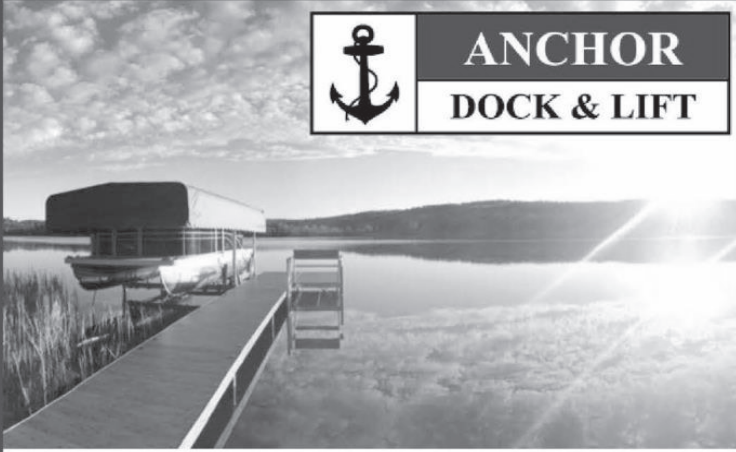
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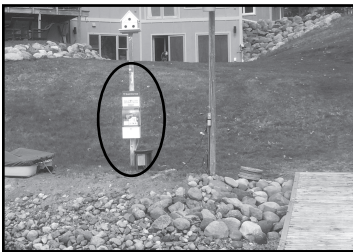
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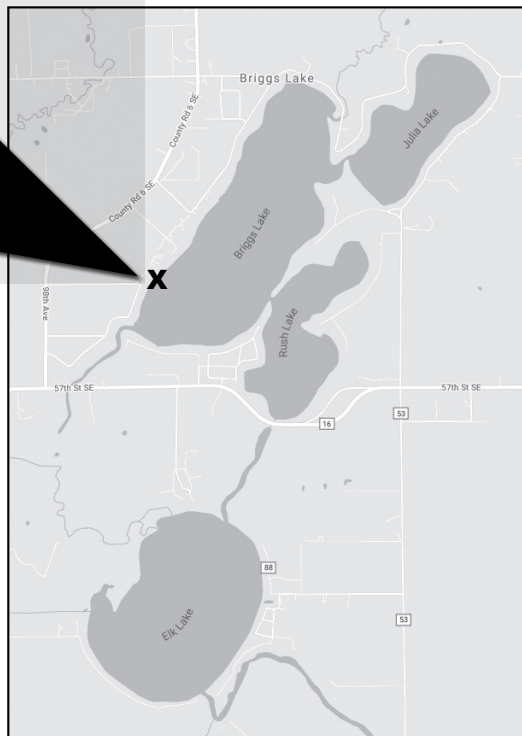
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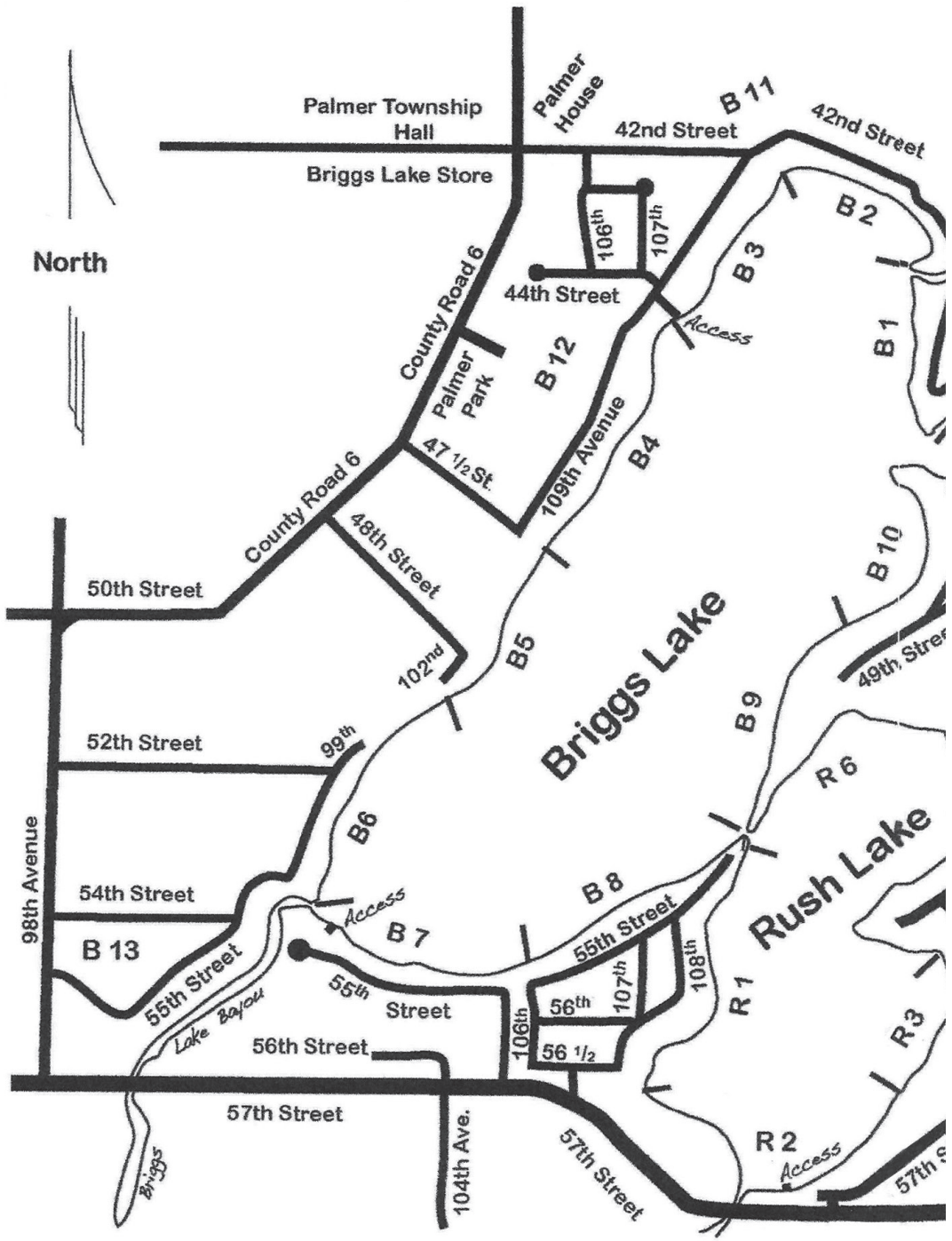
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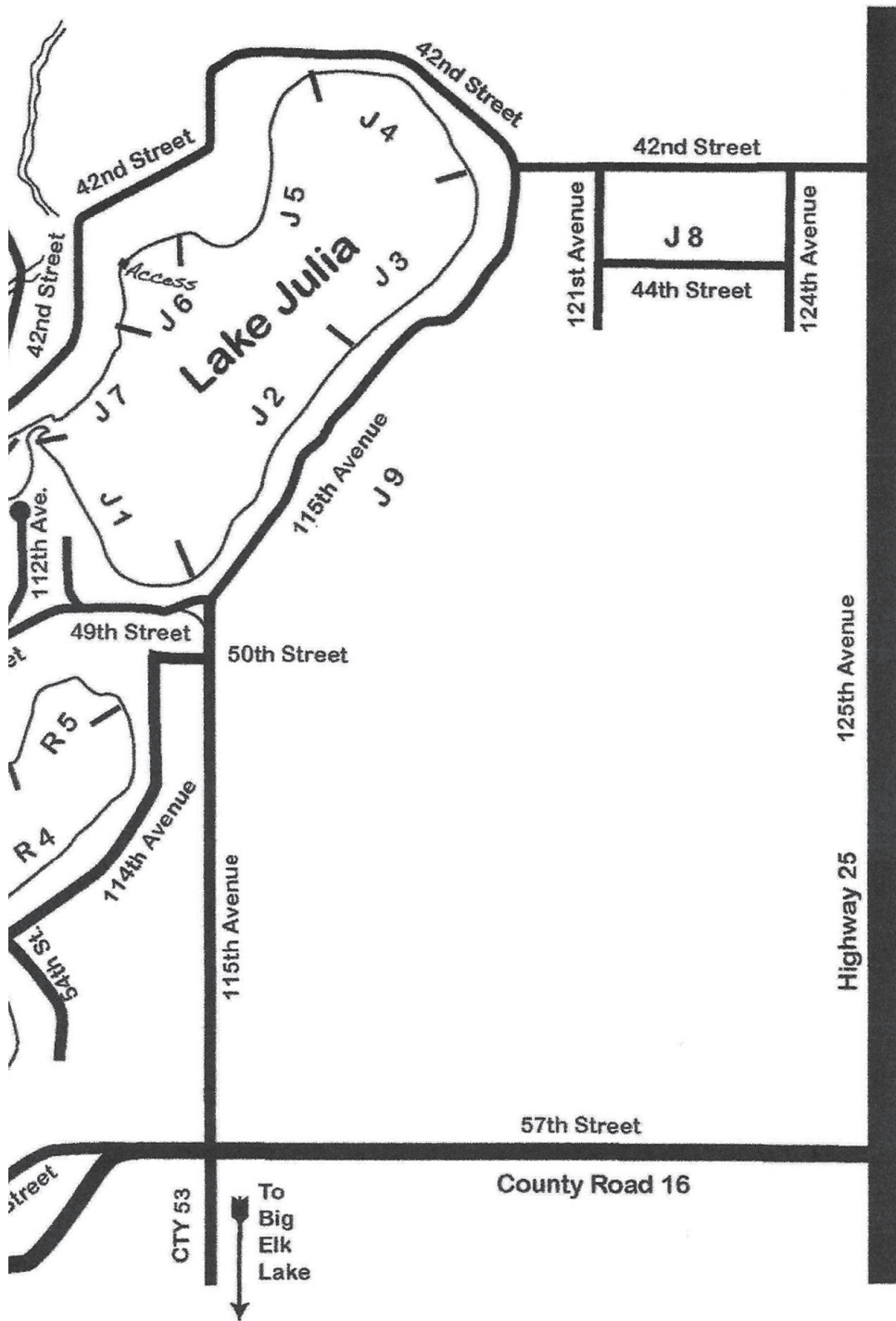
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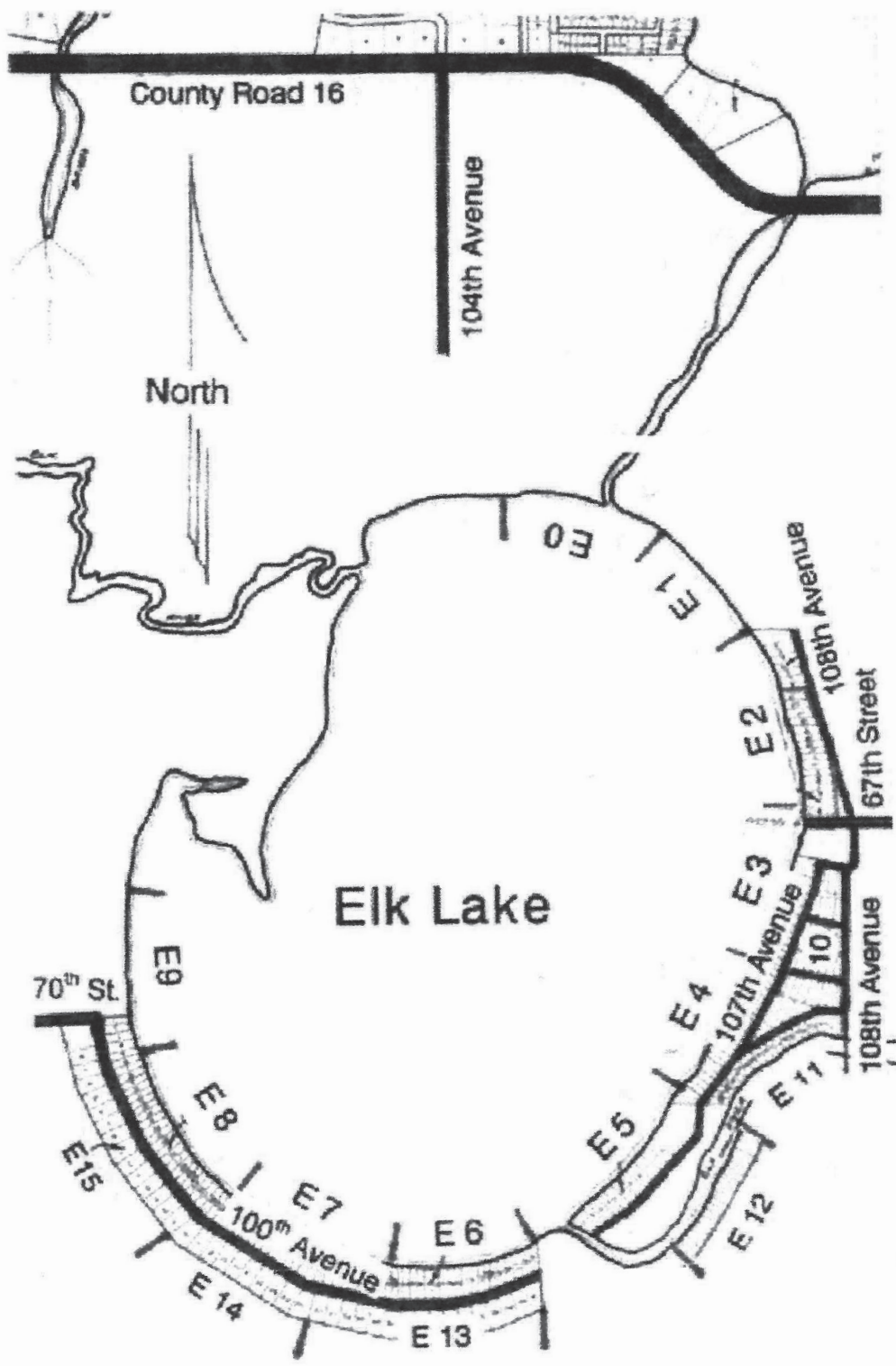
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The Briggs Lake Chain Association (BLCA) provides this booklet to help your transition to the wonderful world of lake community living. It is one of many community projects that the BLCA undertakes.

Please read about our lake association. Hopefully, you will choose to join us as a sponsor. Simply fill out the application below, or print one from our website and mail it to the BLCA - Box B, 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake, MN 55319.

We have tried to anticipate your questions or concerns. For further information you may contact any of our board members listed in this directory.

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BLCA Lake Conservation Program – History

*** Gentle Footprint Conservation and Native Plant Program ***

Program and Projects to date:

The BLCA has promoted lake improvement and supported conservation efforts for a long time. We have used our own resources in addition to obtaining grant funding from other agencies to help property owners pay for lakeshore restoration and runoff control projects. This work began in 2000 with a total of 60+ projects completed on the four lakes so far! These have included shoreland restorations, run-off control, and rain gardens. Funding sources have included the Minnesota DNR, Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District, and Elk River Watershed Association in addition to projects funded solely by the BLCA. We also developed a Plant Bank program to provide replacement plants for property owners who have lost native plants through erosion or winter kill.

All projects have used native (deep-rooted) plants to slow the flow of rainwater and allow it to absorb into the soil to reduce pollutants and nutrients flowing into our waters.

2023-24 Program

Last year in addition to the BLCA-funded Gentle Footprint Program, we were able to partner with the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in a combined SWCD Cost-Share/BLCA Gentle Footprint program. The SWCD has said they plan to continue the Cost-Share program in the future.

The "Class of 2023-24" consisted of twelve projected projects on Briggs, Elk, Julia and Rush Lakes – some of which will have joint funding and some are BLCA funded only. Detailed planning is occurring now with planting to follow in early summer of 2024. See future issues of The Lake Report and the BLCA website for updates on these projects.

BLCA Lake Plant/Conservation Program - Future

2024-25 Programs

We want to hear from property owners who would like to do conservation projects with planning activities in the fall of 2024 and winter of 2025 and planting in the spring and early summer of 2025. Three funding options are available.

Option One: SWCD & BLCA Cost-Sharing Program

- SWCD will pay up to \$5,000 with 65% match plus BLCA will pay up to \$1,500 with 30% match.
- Visit www.sherburneswcd.org for more details.
- Contact Shelly at 612-283-8362 or sdreimer@frontier.com with questions and indicate interest.

Option Two: BLCA Gentle Footprint Program

- BLCA will pay up to \$1,500 with 50% match (in-kind labor allowed at \$15/hour).
- Contact Shelly at 612-283-8362 sdreimer@frontier.com with questions and indicate interest.

Option Three: BLCA Healthy Lakes Plant Bank Program

- BLCA will pay up to \$200 for each grant which can be used to purchase native plants or seed mixes from our partner, MN Native Landscapes (MNL) (www.mnlcorp.com).

Which program to choose?

It depends... Talk with Shelly and we will compare the two programs and determine which is best for you and your project.

Please note that:

- Participants must be BLCA Sponsors.
- All plant materials must be native species.
- Projects may be rain gardens, shoreline restorations and/or other run-off control and must improve water quality by controlling erosion and reducing sediment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FEBRUARY
Ice Day

AUGUST
BLCA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
Second Saturday in August

MAY
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JUNE
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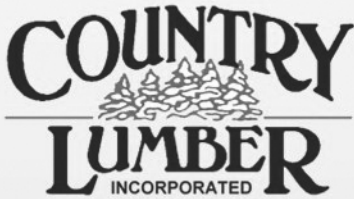
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CONSIDERING A HYDRAULIC JET?

Know the rules

- **Legal:** Blowing away floating surface debris and algae, if lake bottom is not disturbed. No permit is needed.
- **Not legal:** Using a hydraulic jet in any way that disturbs the lake bottom or uproots aquatic plants. Illegal use of hydraulic jets may result in a citation, restoration order or both from a state conservation officer.

Consider fish, water quality and neighbors

- **Illegal use:** Destroys fish habitat and clouds the water.
- **Improper use:** Creates mats of vegetation and unnatural sediment berms that reduce enjoyment of the lake.

Hydraulic jet brand names examples include: HydroSweep Pro, Aqua Thruster, Aquasweep and Aqua Blaster.

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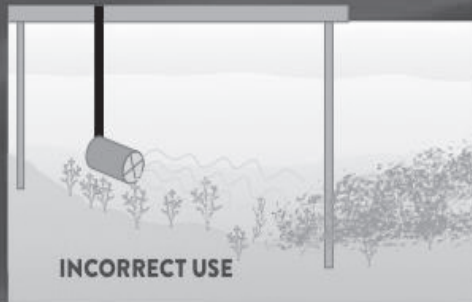
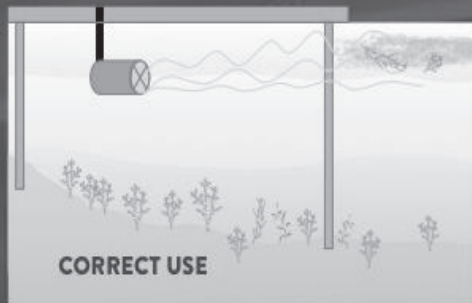
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What can I do about the lake weeds?

To keep nutrients, which can feed weed and algae growth, from entering the lake

- Minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizer on your lawn.
- Maintain a vegetative buffer along your shore, it captures nutrients before entering the lake and prevents erosion.
- Clean up after your pet (in your yard or on the ice). Pet waste is a major nutrient source.
- Take care when mowing or blowing leaves that debris does not get in the lake.

Using an herbicide without a DNR permit is a misdemeanor and may result in a citation.

What can I do without a permit?

- You may cut or pull submerged vegetation, such as Elodea, without a DNR permit under certain conditions:
 - The area to be cleared must be no larger than 2500 sq. ft.
 - The cleared area must not extend more than 50 ft along the shoreline, or ½ the length of your shoreline, whichever is less.
 - The 2,500 square foot area may also include a boat channel up to 15 feet wide, and as long as necessary to reach open water (the boat channel is in addition to the 2,500square feet allowed). The cutting or pulling may be done by hand or with hand-operated or powered equipment that does not significantly alter the course, current, or cross-section of the lake bottom. Such control cannot be done with draglines, bulldozers, hydraulic jets, suction dredges, automated aquatic plant control devices, or other powered earth-moving equipment.
 - In floating-leaf vegetation, a lake shore property owner may maintain a channel 15 foot wide extending to open water *by mechanical means without a permit. Any other destruction of floating-leaf vegetation requires a permit.*

After you have cut or pulled aquatic plants, you must dispose of them on land to prevent them from drifting onto your neighbor's property or washing back into the lake. If you plan to dispose of aquatic vegetation someplace other than on your property, you will need to download the aquatic plant transport authorization form from the MN DNR website. See www.dnr.state.mn.us

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New BLCA website <https://briggslakechainassociation.com/>



BOAT RESPONSIBLY

Never boat under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating fatalities.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHILE BOATING.

86% of people who drowned in a recreational boating accident were not wearing a life jacket.

Always wear a life jacket!

TAKE A BOATING SAFETY COURSE.

In accidents where the operator's instruction was known, 77% of fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received any boating safety instruction.

GET A FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK EVERY YEAR.

These checks have revealed life-threatening problems even on boats owned by safe, responsible boaters.



OPERATION DRY WATER

Law enforcement agencies are participating in Operation Dry Water, an intensified effort of detection and deterrence aimed at boaters who are operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (BUI)

is not only illegal, it is dangerous. If you boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol you are endangering your life and the lives of others.

**BOATING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE IS AGAINST
THE LAW.**

**OPERATION
DRY WATER**



OPERATION DRY WATER

is a nationwide outreach and enforcement campaign with the goal of raising awareness of the dangers of **BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (BUI)** and providing heightened enforcement of boating under the influence laws through the efforts of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.



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NATIONAL BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AWARENESS & ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN





FACTS ABOUT BUI

Alcohol can impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. It can increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion.

Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion — "stressors" common to the boating environment— intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs, and some medications.

Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boating deaths.

Alcohol use is dangerous for passengers, too. Intoxication can cause slips, falls over board and other dangerous accidents.



BUI ENFORCEMENT

Operating a recreational vessel with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 or higher is against state and federal laws.

The U.S. Coast Guard standard for determining if a boat operator is intoxicated is when the effect of an intoxicant (alcohol or drugs) on the person's manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance or behavior is apparent by observation and/or through the administration of a chemical test.

If you boat under the influence your voyage may be terminated, the boat may be impounded and the operator may be arrested.

Penalties vary by state but can include fines, jail and loss of boating or even driving privileges.



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