

Code nautique volontaire du Lac de la Grise

Conseil fortement d'éviter l'utilisation :

- D'embarcation à propulsion fossile
- D'embarcation motorisée à force supérieur de 7.5kW



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ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Lac de la Grise voluntary nautical code

For the preservation of a peaceful, ecological and non-motorized lake

Wishing to maintain the peaceful, clean, ecological, and safe quality of Lac de la Grise, this voluntary nautical code strongly encourages avoiding the use of fossil-powered or motorized boats with a power greater than 7.5 kW on Lac de la Grise. This nautical code does not replace the laws and regulations related to embarcations and nautical safety, it rather aims to encourage behavior that maintains harmony with the environment and other users of the body of water.

The reasons for this nautical code are as follows:

- Lac de la Grise has always been considered by residents, both permanent and seasonal, as a haven of peace, and they wish to preserve this feature for future generations;
- Lac de la Grise is the habitat of several wildlife and aquatic species;
- Water from Lac de la Grise is one of the sources of drinking water for owners and residents of waterfront properties;
- Gasoline, diesel or other fuel engines constitute a risk to the cleanliness of the lake water and can cause deterioration of its natural state, due to the fact:
 - 1) that they discharge hydrocarbons and other pollutants into the water, thus causing water pollution and bad odors,
 - 2) that their propellers can disturb lake bottom sediments, which can cloud the lake water, release phosphorus into the water column, which can subsequently promote the emergence of algae and invasive aquatic plants species such as cyanobacteria and Eurasian watermilfoil, harming the habitats of aquatic species, and possibly harming the operation of source water supply pumps,
 - 3) that the waves associated with this type of boat can cause shoreline erosion;
- The use of motorboats would cause serious inconvenience to residents of Lac de la Grise, particularly in terms of:
 - The acoustic nuisance caused by the noise of engines, exacerbated by the presence of mountains around the lake which bring repercussions of noise, harmful to the tranquility of the surroundings,
 - The risk of accidents associated with the presence of motor boats, with propellers and/or which move at high speed in the lake, for swimmers, including children and people with reduced mobility;
- The report Consultation Committee on Boating Safety and Quality of Life on Quebec's Lakes and Waterways (1999) with the following recommendations source:

- “That on lakes of less than 1 km² and on lakes of less than 4 km² serving as a reservoir of drinking water, gasoline-powered boats are prohibited”,
- “That the restriction limiting the speed of boats to 10 km/h up to a minimum distance of 30 m from the banks be adopted, and this, on Quebec territory...[and] that the protective strip where speed is limited be widened possibly 50m”,
- "That in the case of lakes of less than 4 km², the speed be limited to 30 km/h" in areas other than the protective strip".
- To restore the key principles of By-Law No, 58 regulations, put in place in 1962 which stated the following article: “The use and operation of all embarkations powered by gasoline engines is absolutely prohibited ” and which was revoked without public consultation and without notice, on an unknown date;
- A voluntary nautical code developed by and for lake residents, and which is adhered to, avoids the pursuit of more onerous regulations through the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR) .

Additional information

The municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac provides a boat washing station, located at 628, chemin de la Gare (behind the municipal garage), whose ultimate objective is the increased protection of all plans of water in the municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac. Boat washing is necessary to obtain a sticker from the municipality before launching the boat. Washing does not apply to shoreline residents whose boats remain on their property (or in their boathouse) all winter and who never sail in other bodies of water. For more information, see:

<https://ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca/lac-manitou-et-autres-plans-deau-environnement/>