

ON THE WATER LAWS AND RULES IN MINNESOTA

It's against the law:

- To operate a watercraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- To operate a watercraft so its wash or wake endangers, harasses, or interferes with any person or property.
- To operate a watercraft so it obstructs ordinary navigation.
- To operate a watercraft within an area legally marked off as a swimming area, or within 150 feet of a diver's warning flag
- To ride or sit on the gunwales, bow, transom, or decking over the bow, sides or stern of any motorboat while underway, unless it is equipped with an adequate railing. It is also illegal to operate a motorboat while any person is riding or sitting in a manner as just listed.
- To chase wildlife with a motorboat, or operate a boat where it is prohibited—including marked spawning beds. Avoid traversing any emergent or floating vegetation, if possible.
- To intentionally obstruct a seaplane.
- To attach a watercraft to any buoy, except a mooring buoy, or to tamper, remove, or destroy a navigational aid.
- To deposit or leave refuse in or upon the waters of the state or at public access areas. From the MNDNR 2023 Boating Guide