



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:47-5-04 Regulations prescribed for the use of watercraft on Berlin reservoir, situated in the counties of Mahoning, Portage and Stark.

Effective: June 30, 2024

(A) The water of Berlin reservoir is divided into five designated areas:

- (1) Area one includes of the waters lying between U.S. route 224 and the dam.
- (2) Area two includes the waters lying between U.S. route 224 and the "N.Y.C. railroad" bridge.
- (3) Area three includes the waters lying between the "N.Y.C. railroad" bridge and state route 14.
- (4) Area four includes the waters lying between state route 14 and state route 225.
- (5) Area five includes the remaining waters not described in paragraphs (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), and (A)(4) of this rule that are westward of state route 225.

(B) In area one, it is unlawful to:

- (1) Operate permit the operation, or otherwise willfully or negligently allow a watercraft within five hundred feet of the intake tower and crest gate in the dam at Berlin reservoir.
- (2) Operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a motor, other than an electric motor, to propel a boat within two thousand feet of the dam at Berlin reservoir.
- (3) Engage in water skiing or aquaplaning within two thousand feet of the dam at Berlin reservoir.
- (4) Operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within one hundred fifty feet of any undeveloped shoreline in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size or force to cause discomfort, injury or damage to any person, watercraft or property.
- (5) Operate a vessel at greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake within three hundred



feet of any marina, boat docking facility, boat gasoline dock, launch ramp, recreational boat harbor, or harbor entrance.

(C) In area two, it is unlawful:

For any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within one hundred fifty feet of any undeveloped shoreline in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size and force to cause discomfort, injury or damage to any person, watercraft, or property.

(D) In area three, it is unlawful:

For any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within one hundred fifty feet of any undeveloped shoreline in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size and force to cause discomfort, injury or damage to any person, watercraft, or property.

(E) In area four, it is unlawful:

(1) For any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within one hundred feet of any undeveloped shoreline in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size or force to cause discomfort, injury or damage to any person, watercraft or property.

(2) For any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within the area from state route 14 to a line of buoys located at the area known as Treasure Cove in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size or force to cause discomfort, injury to damage to any person, watercraft or property.

(F) In area five, it is unlawful:

(1) For any person to operate, be in physical control, or manipulate any water-skis, or aquaplane, or for any person to operate a watercraft towing any person using waterskis, aquaplane or similar device at any time.

(2) For any person to operate or permit the operation of a watercraft within one hundred fifty feet of any undeveloped shoreline in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size to cause



discomfort, injury or damage to any person, watercraft or property.

(G) It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operations of a watercraft within one hundred feet of any bridge in such a manner as to cause a wake of sufficient size and force to cause discomfort, injury, or damage to any person, watercraft or property.

(H) A "wake" as used in this rule is defined as a track left by a watercraft in the water causing waves or swells.

(I) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.

(J) It is unlawful for any person to operate a watercraft at a speed greater than ten miles per hour from sunset to sunrise local time.