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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of East Haddam as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

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ARTICLE I
Lake Hayward
[Adopted 8-20-1964]

§ 171-1. Use of boats powered by internal combustion engine prohibited.

Under authority of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the use of any boat powered by an internal combustion engine, whether inboard or outboard, is prohibited on Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake), East Haddam, Connecticut.

§ 171-1.1. Speed limits. [Added 10-28-2021]

Except for motorboats that are being operated solely under sail, no person shall operate a motorboat in excess of Slow-No-Wake, where the definition of motorboat shall be as stated in Section 15-127 of the General Statutes and the definition of "Slow-No-Wake" shall be as stated in Section 15-121-A1 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies.

§ 171-2. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 3-28-2018]

Any person or persons violating this article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding $250.

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ARTICLE II
Bashan Lake and Moodus Reservoir
[Adopted 6-30-1966]

§ 171-3. Speed limits. [Amended 3-28-2018]

From 8:00 a.m. through one-half hour after sunset, there shall be a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Bashan Lake and Moodus Reservoir, but not over eight miles per hour within 75 feet of any canoe, rowboat, sailboat, or any other vessel, or any float dock or the shore, unless approaching said float dock or shore to take off or land water skiers.

§ 171-4. Speed limit after dark. [Amended 2-25-1997]

No person shall operate a vessel at a speed greater than six miles per hour from one-half hour after sunset to 8:00 a.m.

§ 171-5. Restricted operation of motorboats.

There shall be no operation of a motorboat while persons or a person is on the deck, bow, or gunwales of a motorboat.

§ 171-6. Water skiing. [Amended 2-25-1997]

(a) No person shall tow more than two waterskiers simultaneously. Any person who tows a waterskier shall proceed and operate in a counterclockwise traffic pattern.

(b) On the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir, the following additional rules shall apply:
1. No person shall use any device or method intended to increase or enhance the wake of a motorboat that is underway.
2. No person shall surf on the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir.
3. No person shall operate any motorboat in such a manner as to allow a person to wake surf on the waters of Bashan Lake and/or Moodus Reservoir.
4. For the purposes of this section the term “wake surf” means to surf the wake or attempt to surf the wake created by a motorboat while connected to, or disconnected from, said motorboat. The term “motorboat” shall mean the same as in Connecticut General Statute Section 15-127.

§ 171-7. Ski jump areas; regattas.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam shall designate ski jump areas and shall control regattas.

§ 171-8. Operation of boats with toilets prohibited.

No boat shall be allowed on said lake and reservoir with a flush or portable toilet.

§ 171-9. Overnight camping prohibited.

There shall be no camping overnight in a boat.

§ 171-10. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 3-28-2018]

Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any of the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than $250 for each offense.

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