

BOATING CODE OF CONDUCT

To promote goodwill among all of our lakes' users, we encourage boaters to abide by the following code of conduct.

- **Slow down** as you approach the shore and as you leave it.
- Travel at less than **10 km/h** when you're within **30 metres** of the shore.
- Respect **swimmers** and **non-motorized watercraft**. Stay as far away as you can from them.
- **Do your cruising at least 30 metres from shore**, leaving the area closer in to bathers and non-motorized craft.
- Avoid abrupt turns.
- Avoid prolonged spinning in one spot.
- Do not throw garbage into the lakes.
- Go to **deeper areas to water-ski**.
- **Keep the volume down** on your sound system. Remember that you're sharing the lake with other boaters and with shoreline residents.
- Use your **horns and sirens** only for emergencies.



SAFE-BOATING TIPS



Be aware and careful when you hit the water!

- Make sure you have all of the **required documents** on board with you: pleasure-craft operator card, personal identification and pleasure-craft permit.
- Provide a **PFD** or an approved life-jacket **for every person** on board.
- If you're **towing someone** on water skis, a wake board or an inflatable tube, **you must have an observer on board** who keeps watch over each person being towed and notifies the operator in case of problems.
- Your pleasure craft **must have a seat for all persons being towed** in case they need to come back on board.
- Towing is **prohibited** after sunset.
- Tubers, water skiers and wake boarders **must all wear a PFD** or an approved life jacket.
- **Do NOT drink alcohol** when you're operating a pleasure craft.

CONSULT TRANSPORT CANADA'S WATER-SAFETY GUIDE FOR AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF TIPS AND RULES.

Safe-boating guide

Sharing our lake, our common wealth, in mutual respect...



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BOAT LAUNCHES

The following information comes from By-law 777-16, adopted on April 5, 2016. The text of the By-law itself, which is available at our municipal offices, takes precedence over the excerpts provided below (French version only).

Access to Lake McGregor

Parc écologique Pélissier EcoPark
2 Pélissier
Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 4G3

Access to Lake Saint-Pierre

Lake Saint-Pierre landing
2048 Principale
Val-des-Monts, Québec J8N 2E2

Access period (article 10.2)

Val-des-Monts' boat launches are available from roughly April 20 (trout-fishing season) to October 31 every year.

Period	Days	Hours
From April to the Sunday before the Journée nationale des Patriotes	Sunday to Saturday	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
From the Journée nationale des Patriotes to Labour Day	Sunday to Saturday	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
From Labour Day to September 30	Sunday to Saturday	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
From October 1 to Thanksgiving	Sunday to Saturday	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
From Thanksgiving to October 31	Saturday and Sunday only	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sea-dos, jet skis and wakeboats are not allowed on boat launches. (article 3.6)

Fees (article 8.5)

The resident and taxpayer rate applies only to citizens on the tax roll who own their watercraft.

All required documents must be in the name of the person who owns the pleasure craft or watercraft.

To get the full-season voucher for residents and taxpayers, you must provide all of the following **documents** (article 7):

- proof of residence, such as a driver's license, a lease or a municipal tax bill
- pleasure craft / watercraft permit issued in the owner's name by Transport Canada (9 hp motors and above).

- CASH ONLY -

Resident and taxpayer-FULL-SEASON voucher

Non-motorized watercraft	Free
Motors up to 9.9 hp or up to 0.3 litres	\$5 / season
Motors from 10 to 50 hp or from 0.31 to 0.81 litres	\$20 / season
Motors from 51 to 100 hp or from 0.82 to 1.6 litres	\$40 / season
Motors over 101 hp or over 1.61 litres	\$60 / season

Non-resident – DAILY rate

Non-motorized watercraft	Free
Motors up to 9.9 hp or up to 0.3 litres	\$10 / day
Motors from 10 to 50 hp or from 0.31 to 0.81 litres	\$40 / day
Motors from 51 to 100 hp or from 0.82 to 1.6 litres	\$80 / day
Motors over 101 hp or over 1.61 litres	\$120 / day

PROTECT OUR LAKES

Visual inspection of watercraft by boat-launch attendants (article 4) :

- Attendants must inspect all watercraft that use a boat launch.
- The inspection is designed to detect potentially harmful plant and residue traces on or in the watercraft, on its motor or on its trailer.
- The inspection also allows attendants to check if the craft is indeed allowed on the launch and, where applicable, to confirm the validity of its voucher.

If the watercraft is dirty or if it's unauthorized under By-law 777-16 (wakeboat, sea-doo, jet skis, etc.), the attendants must deny access to the boat launch.

Protect against invasive species (article 5) :

- Before you launch your watercraft, you must thoroughly wash it, along with its trailer.

PROTECT OUR SHORELINES!

Waves from power boats and other motorized watercraft increase shoreline erosion, which in turn undermines water quality in our lakes.

Be aware of the harm that waves from your boat can cause to shorelines.

If you're within 30 metres of the shore, slow down to under 10 km/h.

Let's work together to preserve the health of these shared treasures