

## 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**