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**Boating Safety & Etiquette Brochure
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Boating Safety Tips & Etiquette

Enjoy Cruising Silver Lake – Travel counter clockwise & be courteous to all users

Follow No Wake – Help Prevent Erosion

- Slow/no wake within 100 feet of shore
- **Wake Boats – Follow DNR guidelines: operate 500 ft from shore and in water > 15 ft deep in loaded mode. See Map.**

Keep Safe Distances

- All users be mindful and courteous of others (fishing, swimming, kayaking, skiing, etc.)
- PWC must not cross within 150 feet behind another non-PWC vessel

Help Protect from Invasive Species

- Keep boat / trailer clean & free of aquatic materials
- Make sure all water drains are empty (wells, bilges) before launching & leaving the lake



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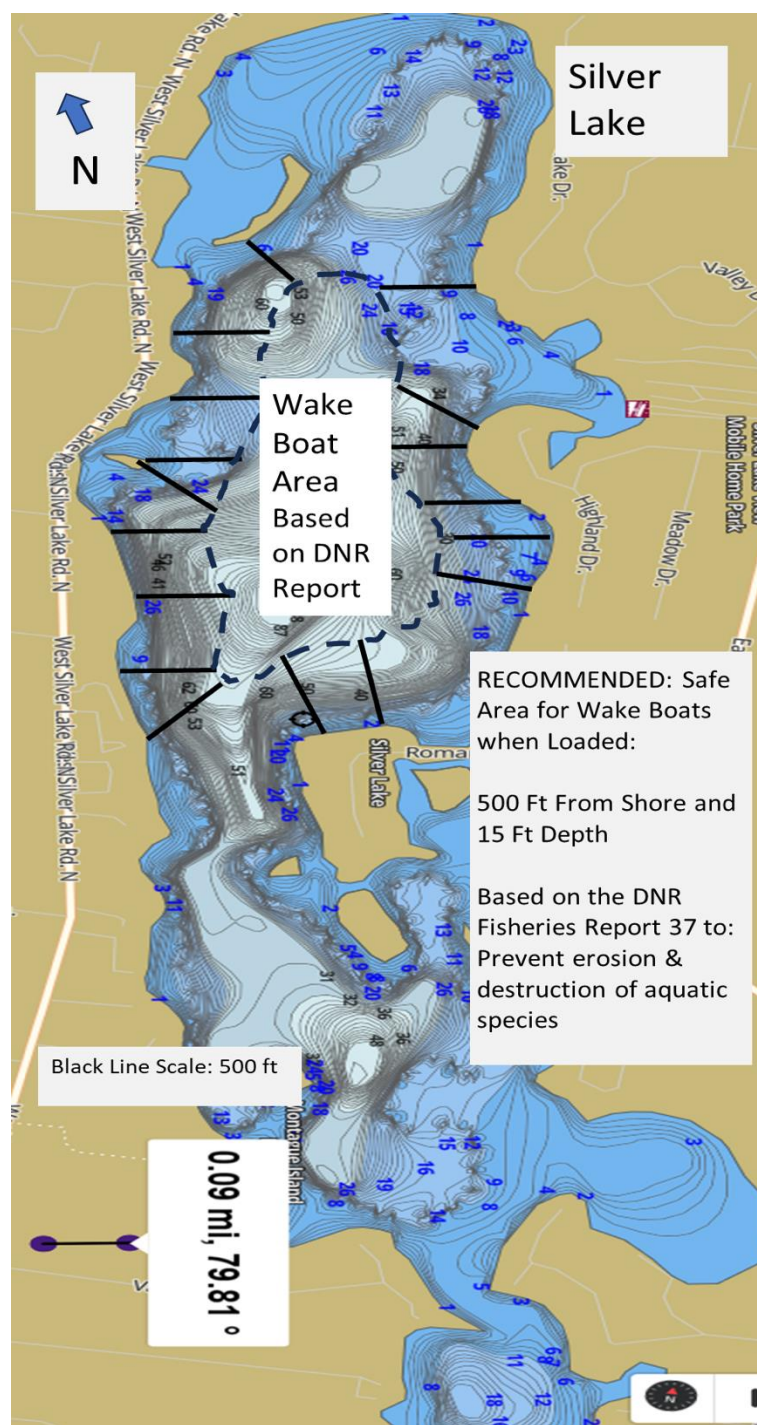
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WHO DO YOU CALL

- **Life threatening or dangerous violations: call 911**
- **Boating or PWC violations, wildlife harassment, launch site violations, call Sheriff: 231-922-4550, provide the boat MC number**
- **Lake or Marine questions, call Sheriff's Marine Division at 231-922-2112**
- **Boating Safety Handbook:**
www.Michigan.gov/DNR
- **DNR Traverse City Office: 231-922-5280**
- **Lost and Found:**
TC.SilverLake.Association@gmail.com
- **SLIA Website: www.silverlaketc.org**

More on Boating Safety

- **Vessel Operation** - proper distance for operation of a vessel is 100 feet from the following:
 - Shoreline
 - Any moored or anchored vessels
 - Docks & rafts
 - Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water
- **Wake Boats** – operate 500 ft from shore and > 15 ft water depth due to potential shoreline erosion and aquatic habitat destruction. See map outlining the center area of Silver Lake as the only safe area based on the DNR recommendations.
- **Personal Watercraft (PWC)** – Legal operation of a PWC is from 8:00 a.m. until sunset. "Sunset" means that time determined by the National Weather Service
- **PWC Operation Distances:** keep 200 Ft from shore and at least 150 Ft from another vessel when crossing their wake



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