Harbor Speed Restrictions in Effect for Air & Water Show

Event triggers “no wake” ordinance for outer harbor

A now permanent “no wake” boating ordinance will be in place for this Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, for the air and water show along the lakefront. The ordinance restricts the speed of boats in the outer harbor during special events such as fireworks displays and air shows, requiring boaters to slow to 5 mph with no wake rules applying two hours before, during and two hours after an event.

Alderman Tony Zielinski and Alderman Terry Witkowski co-sponsored the ordinance, which seeks to prevent damage and injury when large numbers of boaters in the harbor are tightly anchored near one another to watch festivities.

The Milwaukee Police Department’s harbor patrol will announce the ordinance on marine radio prior to the events and notices to boaters will be distributed at launch ramps.

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