

Minong Town Lakes Committee



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A sanctioned committee of the Town of Minong, Wisconsin with an overall objective to promote communication, convey important lake management information and encourage networking between eight lakes within the boundaries of the Town of Minong: Big Bass, Gilmore, Horseshoe, Kimball, Minong Flowage, Nancy, Pokegama, Sand

Regarding:

Mid-Winter Update

- **Wake Enhancement Restrictions**
- **New AIS Boat Launch Coordinator**
- **Save the Date: April 26th**

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The Minong Town Lakes Committee (MTLC) officers felt a mid-winter update would be a good idea at this time. In the past, the first few months of a calendar year are pretty quiet for our committee but 2025 has proven to be quite different.

Please read through the information below. If you are your association leader or liaison, at your discretion, please feel free to post this information on your association's website for your members to read or forward this email to others in your lake community. Its simply intended to maintain an overarching effort to share information with the 8 Minong Lakes supported by our committee and a few of our nearby lake neighbors as well. If questions, concerns or ideas arise - feel free to contact me at your convenience. If I can't answer your particular question, I'll locate someone who can.

Enjoy the rest of the winter - spring is just around the corner!

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1) Wake Enhancement Restrictions on area lakes. This has been a hot topic at many meetings over the past few months. At the Minong Town Board meeting on February 10th, the Minong Town Board has decided to table the wake boat - wake enhancement restrictions ordinance proposal for all lakes within the Minong town borders and will wait for a Wisconsin state-wide regulation. No further action to be taken. Note: Per Wisconsin statute - if a lake straddles the border of two towns, both towns must have ordinances that are similar and enact both on the same day. For the Minong Flowage and No Man's Lake, this means that even if Wascott and Blaine pass ordinances restricting wake enhancement boating, these shared lakes must be carved out of their ordinances because Minong has no corresponding ordinance.

2) New CBCW Boat Launch Coordinator For the 2025 boating season the MTLC officers brought on a new coordinator of the boat launch AIS inspector program funded by Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) DNR grants. His name is Patrick Peterson. He is replacing Elayna Armstrong and had worked for her as an inspector for the past five boating seasons. He is responsible for training the inspectors, scheduling and assigning them to the 8 boat launches (on our MTLC supported lakes), and collecting valuable data from the inspectors that the MTLC officers need to validate the grant dollars used. Welcome Patrick!

3) Next MTLC Board Meeting - April 26th Please reserve the date of Saturday April 26th on your calendar for the next MTLC quarterly meeting. Reminder: we require two representatives from each of our 8 supported lakes to be present at the Board meeting to learn about the activities and vote on motions. For the smaller lakes with no official association, one person as a liaison is acceptable. The agenda is still being drafted but for sure we will be reviewing the 2024 boat launch data as we prepare and forecast for 2025. You can meet & greet Patrick Peterson, Will be an update of the latest wake enhancement restrictions. By the date of our meeting we should have our new MTLC website ready and will demo to attendees. 9:00AM coffee and donuts 9:30AM meeting called to order. Location TBD. The agenda will be distributed one week prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there!