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Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:35 PM
To: City Manager <citymanager@DouglasMI.gov>
Subject: Kalamazoo Lake No Wake Zone Request

Dear Ms Nocerini:

Singapore Yacht Club (SYC) is working in cooperation with other yacht clubs and marinas on Kalamazoo Lake to request a change to make the entire Lake a “no wake zone”. On behalf of the board of SYC, we respectfully request the City Manager and City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas support the request making Kalamazoo Lake a no- wake zone Lake.

Over many years, members of SYC have suffered from the impact of wakes from large and small vessels on the lake and the impact these wakes make upon member boats and club docks. It is not uncommon for wakes to cause boats properly tied to the docks at SYC to be impacted by significant rocking and movement, sometimes into pilings or the permanent dock and pier, causing damage and potential harm to those on board. You can only imagine what it feels like to be inside a boat or begin to step onto a boat at the dock and then have it rock unexpectedly, causing the person to find anything to hold onto in hopes of not falling. In addition, loose items in the boats are regularly caused to fall or come loose from wakes, causing additional damage to the item itself as well as anyone on board.

Recently, we were informed the City of Saugatuck will be meeting to review this request in early March and decide whether to move forward with a public hearing. If approved they would then file a resolution with the DNR to move forward with a further study. In this regard, they have recommended we contact the City of the Village of Douglas with the same request and inquire as to your process for reviewing and moving this request forward. We would be interested in attending any hearings and testifying as to the impact that wakes make on members safety and the potential damage to vessels.

Please let us know if you are willing to take this request under consideration and the process for moving it forward. You can reach me at t.doyal@comcast.net or by phone at [REDACTED]

Thank you

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