

Lake Use Survey:

Additional Comments

- Seems very unsafe for boaters on small lake.
- Too much wake on the lake
- It seems to me that our lake is far too small to allow this activity. It already is very rough when there are skiers and wake boarding. This will only make it rougher.
- Lake not big enough for wake surfing, just like jet skis
- We bought our boat specifically for wake surfing 4 years ago and live on the lake.
- Fishing, too
- There are enough regulations in place.
- Fishing, also.
- Wake surfing creates tremendous waves that endanger people, rocks, and boats at marinas
- I also participate in sailing, barefooting, and floating
- Lake Lure is changing - not any consideration for residents - too many boats, marina is crowded and very unattractive
- You forgot Fishing in the list.
- My pontoon boat has been damaged by a wake boat coming close to my dock in Lake Lure Village Resort
- Disappointed in large pontoons breaking wake and speed limits. Too many boats on our lake now.
- At times, it is difficult to enjoy lake due to being tossed around by waves of boats pulling tubes. Nearly been thrown overboard many times.
- Firmly oppose wake surfing and the damage the large wakes creates.
- Our lake is a bit tight for wake surfing. It is ripe for an accident from a sudden stop
- Lake is not wide enough or big enough for that. Too disruptive for leisurely boating.
- Would like to see some entertainment, as we had the El Tango years ago that had Tams, Drifters, and local bands on weekends.
- The wakes created by tubing, wake boarding, and wake surfing are dangerous and disturbing.
- The lake is too small and crowded at times to allow wake surfing.
- Do NOT attempt to make Lake Lure a pontoon-only lake.
- Lake is very mall and dangerously overcrowded in summer.
- If you cancel wake surf boats because of waves, then you have to cancel the Town tour boats that create as big of wakes.
- Wakes damage seawalls.
- Surfing wakes are created at a slower speed and thus create no more impact on the shoreline than faster traveling craft. Surfers stay directly behind the boat - which is safer for them and all other boat traffic.
- I think the lake needs to maintain its serene atmosphere.
- Perhaps you could provide guidelines for wake surfing for permit holders. There are many ways to wake surf responsibly.
- You charge a lot of money for the "privilege" of using this small lake. Lake James is calling us or Lake Bowen - much cheaper, bigger, and less restrictions.
- Fishing.
- Thank you for inquiring and getting feedback.
- I participate in fishing.

- I only fish.
- Lake is very congested with tubes, skiing, and pleasure boating, while fisherman and kind of left out.
- Fishing, also. Boats with big waves affect fishing boats and small boats, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, and rowing.
- Wake surfing is destructive to shorelines, huge waves, Lake Lure is too small.
- I just fish, any decision is ok with me
- Lake is too small for wake boats. Presents dangers to smaller vessels.
- Mainly fishing
- Thank you for considering our opinions in this matter.
- Fishing, also. I have a 14-ft Jon boat and it can be difficult when there is a lot of wake.
- Fishing only
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- It is difficult to support a recreational activity that so adversely impacts anyone on the lake, nearby, and virtually all property, docks, boathouses, seawalls, shoreline, and beaches.
- I feel that if you would cut back and limit the amount of lake permits you are extending to non-property owners of Lake Lure you wouldn't be having to address this issue. The lake is too crowded.
- I like to paddle board early in the morning and almost always lose my balance due to the wake the wake boarding boats create - no fun.
- No PWC! No jet ski! Lived on a lake that allowed them and they were a nuisance. They never respected other boaters.
- We only fish on leisure boat rides - hoping this won't limit the size of boat motors on the lake.
- The Town Council should be ashamed of themselves for putting this out with such a short timespan to return it. It's a one-sided survey.
- The wake in Lake Lure is already too much on weekends. I think limiting motor boats in general is a good next step.
- Our lake is too small for these activities - if allowed, it should only be in certain areas.
- We are fine with wake surfing, but do know it creates a lot of waves. If it's causing erosion, then we support restrictions.
- Boats should not be allowed to broadcast loud music while operating on the lake.
- Lake Lure is too small for wake surfing. Wakes are too big.
- Lake is not large enough for boats that generate large wakes - whose wakes create erosion.
- I own a wake boat that I bought specifically for Lake Lure, as my mother has a house on the lake. My kids enjoy surfing over wake boarding given the slower speed. Hopefully, they will be able to continue having fun.
- Add fishing to the list of activities.
- Lake is too small for wake surfing. We have seen it on much larger lakes.
- I believe that wake surfing would create too much wake and therefore make it unsafe for paddle boating/canoeing/kayaking.
- Fishing, too
- Lake is not large enough for wake surfing
- The Town needs to focus on the real issues of the lake. The dam and sewer needs to be addressed.
- These wake surfing boats create huge waves that damage onshore facilities and shoreline and disrupt normal traffic. Lake is too small and narrow for these boats.
- Fishing is an important lake activity that is dramatically affected by wake surfing and should be considered a part of question 2.

- I do not appreciate how this matter was handled by our Town Council. Something this impactful should not be handled as a non-agenda topic, ignoring the Lake Advisory Board recommendations, using a slanted survey, with inaccurate information, provided to a select group of residents, with poor delivery and extremely quick turnaround time for decision making data. Not good legal practice.
- My 14-year-old son asked if he could learn how to wake surf this summer and I look forward to teaching him.
- The LAB was asked to provide their recommendation to the Marine Commission on what to do about wake surfing. The LAB provided a unanimous recommendation to allow as long as it happens at least 200' from shoreline or structures. The recommendation was completely disregarded as the Town Council has predetermined the direction they would like to go, which is to ban it.
- Wake surfing damages the shoreline and lake bottom. It also interferes with the safe operation of licensed non-motorized watercraft including SUP's. It will get worse.
- No new restrictions are necessary and certainly not for lake property owners. I own 2 homes on the water.
- Small lake warrants some safety measures.
- Lake Lure is such a small lake and wake destroys our shorelines - too much wake and traffic already on the lake.
- Lake Lure is too small for wake surfing - destroys shoreline, huge waves, etc.
- Fishing only
- Fishing, too
- I would like to understand more about erosion impacts of wake surfing vs other motoring activities.
- Fishing is my only activity. Kayakers and paddle boaters need to have lights and flags. Can't see in rough water.
- The Marine Commission has already limited the weight of boats. I've never had an issue with wake surfers. I have had issues with tour boats coming within 5 feet of boat while anchored up fishing with grandkids at the western point of Firefly Cove. The guy who drives the little yellow hybrid car with the chops was driving. I should've reported him and the people on his boat were shocked at how close he came.
- Wake surfing is much less of an issue than tubing.
- Limit non-resident boats. Require boat driving course for anyone driving/renting boats.
- Fishing only. The tour boats all need to be at idle speed, they make waves as big as wake boats.
- The size and empty weight of the surf boats needs better review before being allowed on the lake. Even when their tanks are not filled and are not being used for surfing, they are putting out large wakes.
- Wake surfing is safer and less impactful on environment than water skiing, tubing, wake boarding, and tour boats. You should be attacking those activities before attacking wake surfing. First, water skiing and tubing are done at speeds of 20-30 mph. Additionally, the rider is more than 50 feet behind the boat. Moreover, they are usually outside of the boats footprint which creates even more danger. The boat usually needs to swerve side to side to make the ride better. Finally, the rider is usually attached to the board, so when they fall, they could break a leg or foot. In contrast, wake surfing is done at only 10 mph. The rider is usually only 10 to 15 feet behind the boat which has a propeller well under the boat for safety. Additionally, they do not go beyond the footprint of the boat. The rider is also not strapped to the board, so when they fall they won't break their foot or leg.
- Bass Fishing
- Large wakes will cause shoreline erosion! Large wakes are needed to wake surf, this is not a good idea.
- Yeah, get Jews out of the media and politics - save America
- Non-motorized boats should have the right-of-way. Limit boats horse power. No water skiing.
- Many other vessels on the lake are impacted by the larger waves, making it more difficult.

- Fishing, too. Wake board riders have less control of their direction, therefore more dangerous.
- The wakes, especially from ballast boats, are detrimental to the lake and erosion.
- While kayaking, these waves threaten to turn you over. Even in the pontoon boat, the waves they make are terrible and we always take on water.
- We don't see a major difference in the waves of various water sports by the time they reach the shore.
- Thank you - you're doing a great job.
- More "no-wake" zones and slower speeds on the lake
- If changes are going to be made and there is an opportunity to grandfather certain types of boats, it would be great to know ahead of time.
- We have enough rules now. Not any more are needed.
- The heavy boats on this small lake should be addressed immediately. Is there a weight regulation including adding water?
- I don't feel Lake Lure is a large enough lake for wake surfing. Too much shoreline damage.
- I do not believe one lake activity should take precedence over the other. If someone wants to seek smooth, undisturbed waters for fishing, kayaking, etc. then they can find that in the early morning every day. Moreover, wake surfing is performed at low speeds (10 mph) and the wakes produced are extremely similar to wake boarding; one could argue that due to the lower speeds, it may be a safer activity to participate in on busy days.
- Would like to see another public access for boats other than the Marina and ABC Store.
- 2 years ago, I spent \$5,000 shoring up my seawall and piers. I feel like a lot of the damage was caused by large wake action.
- My biggest concern is the large wake produced by the boat that causes terrible issues with sea walls. If restricted to some distance from shoreline, it is acceptable.
- Should consider only allowing wake surfing for a limited number of operators and regulate areas/times.
- We moved to this lake because it was quiet, no large boats, no new jet skis allowed.
- I've wake surfed since 1963. It's the ballast boats that are the issue.
- Please, acknowledge those already on the lake with lake-surfing capability. In some way, this should be grandfathered.
- Minimize wakes; definitely don't have activity that amplifies them
- Stop the tubing
- Wake boarding is safe as long as riders have appropriate PFD. It should be limited to an area.
- The lake Lure Police have been very friendly and polite whenever our boat has been stopped to check permits and fire extinguishers.
- Still see 3-4 people being towed. Paddle boards, canoes, and kayaks do not stay within "No-wake" zones, as required.
- Possible answer to #1 is "A" but seems too restrictive.
- This needs to stop - causing thousands of dollars in damage to seawalls.
- The weights in the stern of the boat puts the boat so low that the waves are huge.
- I don't want to stop someone from enjoying the lake, but as a kayaker, I'd like to not have to deal with boaters creating big wakes that would prevent me from enjoying my activity.
- Thanks for asking - we just spent over \$10,000 due to the much larger wakes now coming from larger and fully weighted boats. Had to rip rap entire shoreline. 2 years ago, we had a 20' beach.
- I paddle board on big lakes with wake surfing. It is loud and most of the time, sends me swimming. Lake Lure is just too small a lake.
- I will be extremely upset if the Town does anything that materially restricts my ability to use my boat for activities for which it was designed and allowed by Lake Lure.

- If Lake Lure were larger, I would not have an issue with wake surfing. Safety is my major concern to surfer and boats.
- In my opinion, the lake is not big enough to support this activity and still be safe for leisure boats.
- Also, floating in the lake around my dock
- Wake surfing would make the lake very dangerous for small watercraft and accelerate erosion.
- All wake boats should be banned. They create erosion and unpleasant boating conditions.
- Wake surfing needs to stop. The size of the waves has grown tremendously over the last couple of years. Wake surfing and tour boats. Slow tour boats down.
- There is too much traffic to allow towing sports.
- Our biggest damage to our shoreline is from the tour boats. They need to slow down and stay in the center of the channel.
- Wake surfing damages seawalls, stirs up the water. The lake is too small. Go to bigger lakes to do this.
- We often watch and enjoy all the different activities from our lake front property.
- Boats large enough for these size wakes will make it difficult to paddle board.
- Being a kayaker, the less powerboats, the better.
- Based on my observation, none of the current boat regulations are being enforced.
- The waves created by wake surfing just pummel any boat just drifting or fishing.
- Used to be a quiet, peaceful lake. Too much fast annoying boating and surfing.
- Wake surfing should not be a problem by regulating times/locations.
- As much fun as it looks, the sport further encourages large wakes. Lake Lure is too small for this level of activity.
- All "wake" activities are similarly disruptive and destructive to the shoreline. Lake's wave "acoustics" are wrong for this type of use.
- Wake surfing causes shoreline erosion and damage to people's docks, boathouses, and parked boats.
- I'm not a fan of any water skiing type activities, but this does not seem worse than the others.
- We also support prohibiting wake boarding activities, altogether.
- The large wake can cause damage to seawalls.
- Lake is too small, very destructive to seawalls and has torn a support that a boat was tied to, has caved in a boathouse door.
- There was no chatter or conversation when several docks were installed at marina and leased to outside residents. Terrible move for the town. Someone is going to get hurt/killed very soon - too many boats.
- Swimming, also.
- Wake surfing negatively impacts all the above listed activities due to large wake created in a narrow lake.
- Enjoy watching those who ski, boarding, surfing, and tubing.
- I think additional waves will wash my wall away. I already had to ad rock barrier. We live on the main channel.
- This survey is not clear. Are you regulating "wake-surfing" or the boats?
- Regulations should be considered for tubing if considered for wake boarding.
- Also fishing
- Fishing
- The boats that wake surf cause congestion due to slow speed and massive wake. Not good for high traffic days.
- The wake is very destructive to our seawall. We have noticed deterioration due to wake surfing.
- I don't think the wake that is generated by a boat designed for wake surfing is healthy for the shoreline or the properties on the lake.

- If you have a friend visiting and has his boat tied to your dock and a wake surfing boat comes by, your friend's boat might get yanked off/away from the dock.
- Please allow wake surfing anytime
- Wake surfing boats move slowly, obstructing other traffic. The powerful wakes disrupt kayaks/canoes and shorelines. Lake Lure is too narrow for the wave to dissipate adequately.
- Boats are going so fast the waves break my seawall. I love and support water sports, but want participants to respect the lake and home owners on the lake.
- We need another fueling station on the lake, at least during the summer months.
- We see no problems with wake surfing. We had best be careful when trying to place restrictions.
- Fishing, too
- We have seen a huge increase in boat activity the last 2 years - difficult to kayak at times with wake.
- We purchased our boat for wake surfing only. To limit now is not fair to those that spent over \$85,000 on a boat.
- Fishing
- Lake Lure is far too small to accommodate large boat wakes.
- Please allow people that want to wake surf to continue to do that. We are being regulated to the point of being excessive while raising the rate of living here.
- This is a small lake surrounded by mountains which amplifies loud noises. The commission should do more to protect activities such as fishing, canoeing, and kayaking which have less impact on the lake.
- I think with the amount of skiers and boats circling to pick them up, we don't need surfing.
- Large waves threaten boater safety and do greater harm to shoreline and seawalls! Wake surfing is hazardous to surfer who is not accompanied by boater and subject to other boat traffic. Our lake is too small and narrow due to boat density.
- We are very concerned and disappointed over how this issue is being handled by the Town Council. There is nothing in the April agenda addressing wake surfing, which makes it appear that council has already made a decision based on "back room politics" with no transparent discussion. The biased wording of the survey leads boat owners to choose between allowing wake surfing restrictions or prohibiting, and didn't even include a choice to fully support wake surfing. In addition, we received our survey in the mail April 26th with a due date of April 30th, which is a unrealistic short response time for a survey.
- Allow as much freedom as possible as safety allows.
- Too much wake on lake now.
- Regulate speed of boats on the lake!
- Discourage amplified/recorded music in all spaces adjoining the lake and teaching about how sound carries
- Small lake. I recommend lake surfing early morning hours.