

Just wanted to add my voice to those concerned about the no wake zone issue.

I have boated on the lake since the early 90's and lived on my boat in Bayview since '03. During that time I have seen people swim, kayak, row, use paddleboats, dinghies, and race sailboats in the bay. On holiday weekends there is a lot of this type activity all going on at once. I believe safety should be the prime concern in any discussion of no wake regulations. Over this time period I have never seen nor heard of any accident and most definitely none that were serious. Those who are coming to Bayview to launch their boat are probably the most interested in a change in the rules and they are exactly the ones who are most unfamiliar with the local conditions and the types of activities that they will encounter as they progress out to more open waters. Why would we permit them to drop a boat in the water and then roar out of the bay at 60 miles/hour (as some will no doubt do) creating great risk to those on the water and merely saving themselves a few minutes of time which they can probably use storing fenders, lines, etc. I feel the same about those who will be purchasing the new housing now being built in Bayview. Again these folks will most likely not be in Bayview for great periods of time so again will be in a big rush to get out on the lake w/o taking the time to consider safety. Now for sure everyone is not going to act like this, however, it only takes one to cause a serious accident and that would be a tragedy. On a lesser note I have enjoyed the peace and quiet of the bay for many years and I am sure I am not alone in hoping that this tranquility will not come to an end just so a few minutes can be saved.

Regards, Jim Burcham