

WHILE SHARING OUR RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AND NATURAL TREASURES:

Leave nothing but footprints

Observe safe speeds on island roads

Don't feed or move wildlife

Take nothing but pictures

Share the interior lakes and shorelines with nesting birds

Know Michigan laws

Exploring Awareness: Cell tower service challenges, changing trails, if calling 911 there is a delay up to 15 seconds – do not hang up, personal emergency locators use for kayakers and hikers, use trail maps



Public Safety Community Forum

A community discussion regarding public safety issues on Beaver Island

Sheriff Deputy Joe Callian

DNR Conservation Officer Chad Baldwin

St James Township Supervisor Bobbi Welke and Board

Peaine Township Supervisor Doug Tilly and Board



Welcome/Introductions

- Opening/Introductions
- Agenda:
 - Second Deputy
 - ORV/ATV Use on the Island
 - Inland Lake Boating
 - Island Public Health and Safety Advisory Committee
 - Emergency Operations Planning & Exercise



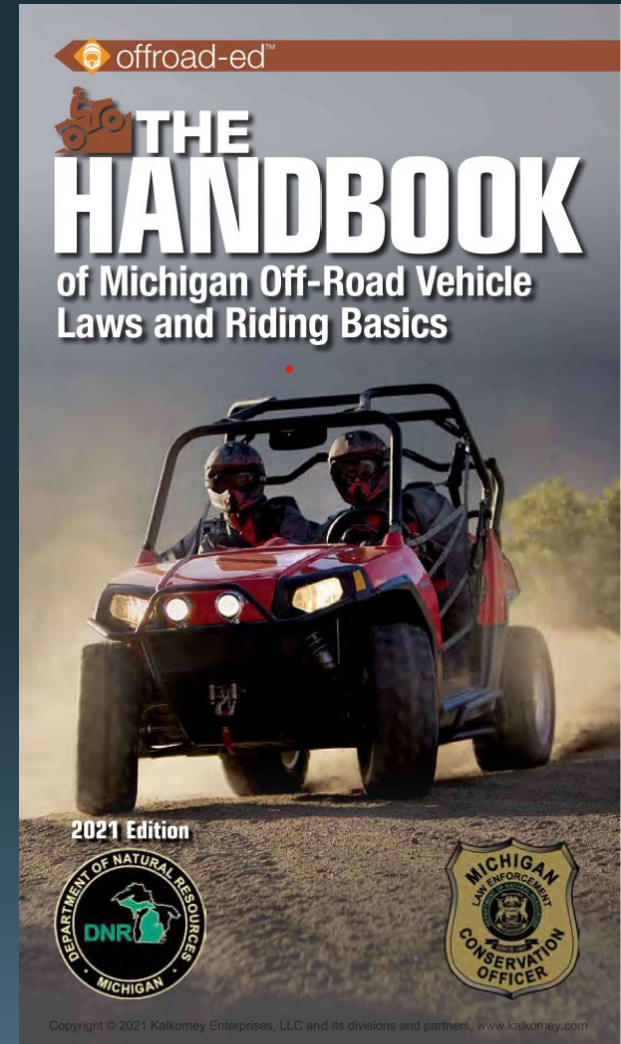
Second Deputy

- Need
- Island Candidate
 - Training in Winter 22/23 to become law enforcement officer
 - Law enforcement support from Charlevoix County Sheriff, school and follow up training
 - Travel support from Island Airways
 - Will be qualified May 2023
- Funding Issues
- Public Input

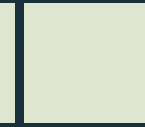


ORV/ATV Use

- **Illegal and/or Unsafe Usage**
 - Self Policing
- **Reporting illegal/unsafe usage**
 - Deputy
 - 949-381-9071
 - DNR RAP Line
 - 800-292-7800
- **Public Input**



RAP LINE CALL



What was the violation?

When and where did it occur?

What weapons or equipment were used?

What vehicles or crafts were used? Registration numbers and descriptions are important!

How many people were involved?

Describe the people, including their physical description and clothing

What evidence is still at the scene?

Did the violator(s) take evidence of the crime with them?

Which way or where did they go and how?

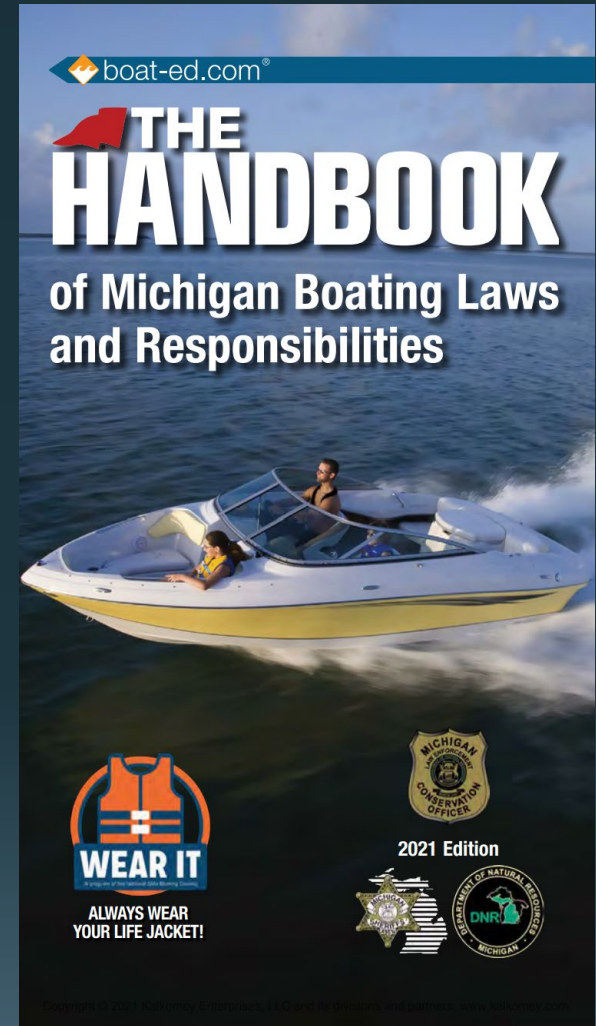
Inland Lakes: Wave runners and high-speed boats

Unlawful and Dangerous Operation

Michigan law designates these dangerous operating practices as illegal.

- **Reckless Operation** of a vessel or reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is defined as operation which disregards the safety or rights of others or endangers the person or property of others. Some examples are:
 - Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
 - Jumping the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is restricted
 - Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel
 - Causing damage from the wake of your vessel
- **Failure to Regulate Speed** is operating a vessel at speeds that may cause danger to life or property of any other person or at speeds that will not permit you to bring your vessel to a safe stop. It is illegal to operate a vessel:
 - In excess of 55 mph unless you are at least one mile offshore on the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair
 - At greater than **“slow, no wake speed”** when a person is in the bow of a vessel without proper seating
 - Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, vessel traffic, etc.)

“Slow, No Wake Speed” means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal.



Call the RAP Hotline

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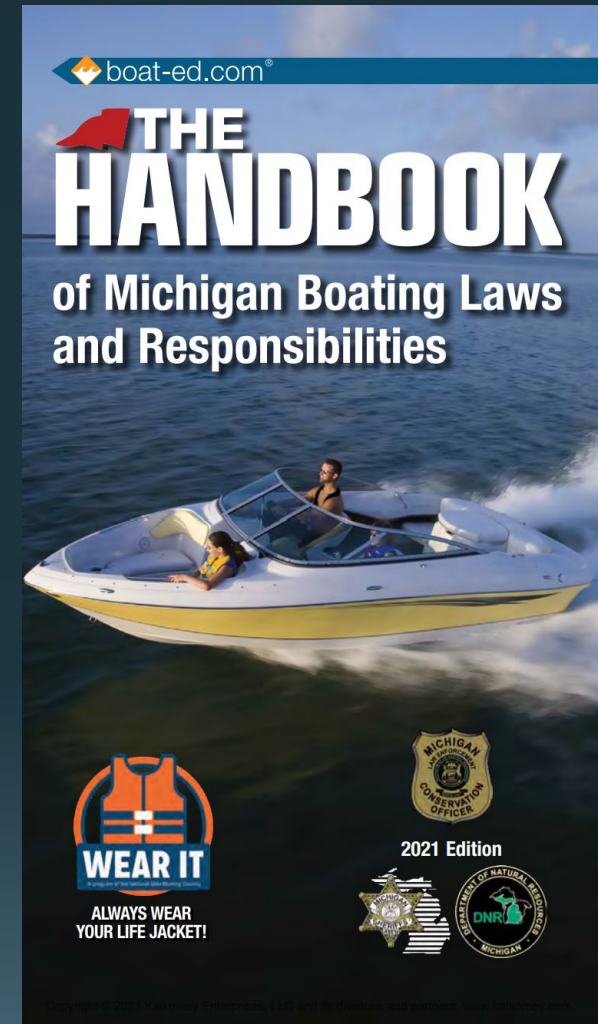
Environmental Considerations

When operating your PWC, consider the effect you may have on the environment.



- Make sure that the water you operate in is at least 24 inches deep. Riding in shallow water can cause bottom sediments or aquatic vegetation to be sucked into the pump, damaging your PWC and the environment.
- Avoid causing erosion by operating at slow speed and by not creating a wake when operating near shore or in narrow streams or rivers.
- Do not dock or beach your PWC in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments.
- Take extra care when fueling your PWC in or near the water. Oil and gasoline spills are very detrimental to the aquatic environment. Fuel on land if possible.
- Never use your PWC to disturb, chase, or harass wildlife.

Public Input



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Island Public Health & Safety Advisory Committee

- New committee of representatives of Fire Dept, EMS, BIRHC, Sheriff Dept, Medical Air Evacuation, two townships' supervisors
- Meeting quarterly
- Purpose: 1) advise both township boards regarding public health and safety operations/issues and 2) develop interlocal relationships, including:
 - Advise townships on service operations.
 - Development of interlocal operational improvements and training.
 - Address on-Island Emergency Operations planning, preparedness, and operations in relationship with the Charlevoix County Emergency Management Office.
 - Address other public safety issues that may arise within the townships.
- Public Input



Emergency Operation Planning & Exercise

- Charlevoix County Sheriff's Emergency Management Coordinator
- County Emergency Operations Plan and Beaver Island Evacuation Amendment (BI Emergency Ops Plan)
- Quarterly Hazardous Mitigation Planning Meetings for Networks Northwest to develop a plan
- Island Public Safety and Health Advisory Committee
 - Address on-Island Emergency Operations planning, preparedness, and operations in relationship with the Charlevoix County Emergency Management Office.
- Island-based Emergency Exercise in May 2023
- Public Input



Moving Forward

- Expect three public safety forums each year
- How do we safely share our rich cultural heritage and natural treasures with our visitors, new residents, and islanders?

