

Delavan Lake Improvement Association



Help Us Help the Lake!

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New Slow No Wake Buoy Guideline for the 2025 Season

To improve safety and consistency on Delavan Lake, new "Slow No Wake" buoy placement guidelines have been established for the 2025 boating season. These guidelines were developed through collaboration between the Town of Delavan Board, Lake Committee, and Town of Delavan Police Department.

Currently, buoys are placed anywhere from 50' to over 300' from shore, making it difficult for boaters to understand where "Slow No Wake"

2025 Carp Bounty Program

With the arrival of warm weather the carp in Delavan Lake have started to spawn. Boats registered in our carp bounty program will be on the lake soon. Registered boats are required to use battery-powered LED lighting in order to avoid the loud noise associated with on-board electrical generators. As lights are needed during night fishing, lake residents will see lights from the boats during this period.

Partnering with Lakeside Bait & Tackle, the DLIA has sponsored a carp derby. Since 2019 anglers have removed more than 2000 carp resulting in less sediment disturbance which is good for game fish and traps phosphorus.

zones actually begin. The new guidelines will help create a clear, consistent and enforceable boundary all around the lake.

New Buoy Placement Rules

- Buoys must be placed between 190–210 feet (66.66 yards) from shore.
- Homeowners with buoys outside this range will be notified and given 2 weeks to comply.

Tip: Use a distance rangefinder to measure from your shoreline.

The Town will lend rangefinders upon request — or borrow one from a local golfer!

The Town of Delavan will work patiently with homeowners, but failure to meet guidelines may result in fines, buoy removal and revocation of buoy permit

Buoy Permits must be renewed every 3 years. The Wisconsin DNR does not support arbitrary buoy placement by individuals.

For additional information, please contact the Town of Delavan at (262) 728-3471

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