

# Sylvia Lake Health and Safety Guidelines



**EMERGENCY ~** Call 911. Don't forget to post your 911 address in a prominent location on your property and camp. Be sure you are registered... call the 911 operator from your camp phone to verify the directions to your place. Tell them "This is not an emergency..." then give them your location information.

**NEW YORK STATE BOATING RULES OF THE ROAD ~** DEC officials and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Dept. regularly patrol Sylvia Lake. Some general rules of the water are:

- You may not ride within 500 feet of a marked swim area except when going directly to or from a launch site. Speed is restricted to 10 MPH.
- In New York State, speed is limited to 5 MPH when within 100 feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft, float, or an anchored or moored boat.
- A PWC (jet ski) is subject to all the laws that motor boat operators must follow. Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators are required to have a boating safety certificate.
- New law requires everyone born on or after 5/1/96 to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat.
- You may not ride between sunset and sunrise and times of restricted visibility.
- Weaving in and out of traffic, jumping boat wakes, splashing others is dangerous and illegal.
- You must have and carry your boating safety certificate on board.
- One life saving device for each person aboard.
- Use lights after dusk
- Be wise and carry an extra line, paddle and anchor.

**SWIMMING ~** Swim with a buddy, have a boat with you when swimming long distance. Look before leaping. Do not wash your hair/body/clothing in the lake unless you use environmentally neutral soap.

**SUBMERGED ROCKS AND DEBRIS ~** Be aware of their locations. Water level changes, storms and ice break-up create new hazards every year. Some hazards may not be marked.

**AVOID GAS AND OIL SPILLAGE ~** Check your motor for leaks. Fill up the tank away from the water.

**CAMP ROADS ~** Use slow speed (15 mph is recommended) Please be courteous, ATV riders please use good judgement and avoid roads where you may be considered a nuisance. If you think violations have occurred, identify the violator and call the sheriff or state troopers. Call parents when appropriate. Please remind family and guests to not use the woods to discard bottles, cans and garbage. Be a good neighbor and keep the woods beautiful.



**OUR PETS & OWNERS ~** The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. Dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, or chase or intimidate any person. Complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Fowler Dog Warden, Dan Moyer : 315-528-7988

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ~** Watch for suspicious activity, trees falling, evidence of broken pipes or anything unusual. Be aware that smoky campfires can drift through neighbor's windows. Be considerate, noise carries over water... so remind your guests or renters of the "quiet time." We share this beautiful space and each of us enjoys different ways to recreate. Have a great season!

**Suggested "quiet time" around the lake is from 10:00 PM until 10:00 AM.**