

## For Renters on Rainbow Lake

On behalf of the Rainbow Lake Association, please read the following information on maintaining the quality and purity of our lake environment. Also, please remember to be respectful of the owners on our lake who come here to enjoy the peace, quiet and serenity of this beautiful setting.

We hope you enjoy your stay here and love our lake as much as we do.

Thank you,

*Rainbow Lake Association, 2024*

**RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION: Working together to protect Rainbow Lake**

Welcome Rainbow Lake owners and guests!

Your stewardship ensures the continued quality of Rainbow Lake. We hope this information increases your knowledge of what you can do to care for our lake.

We hope you will share this information with guests and renters to help support our lake quality while they are here.

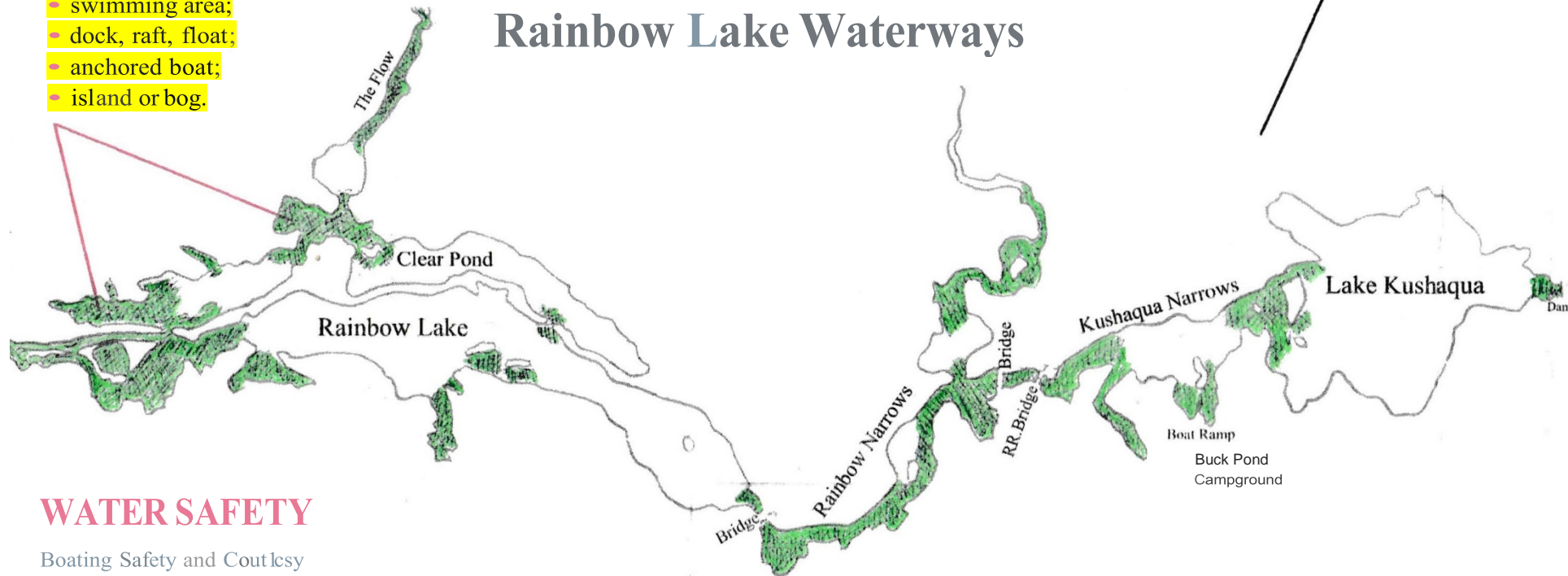
**Visit the Rainbow Lake Association website: [www.rainbowlakeassn.org](http://www.rainbowlakeassn.org)**



## ALL Shaded areas:

### NO WAKE ZONE/CAUTION:

- 100 feet from shore OR NEAR
- swimming area;
- dock, raft, float;
- anchored boat;
- island or bog.



## WATER SAFETY

### Boating Safety and Courtesy

Operate all watercraft in accordance with state law, in a safe and courteous manner that will protect persons and property and enhance the enjoyment of all those who live on and use the lake.

Be aware of areas which are environmentally sensitive and/or may present hazards.

Use extreme caution and go very slowly through cuts and under bridges. Cut speed when nearing or passing canoes, rowboats, kayaks or fishing activity.

Except for access, limit jet craft and water skiing to the middle part of the lake, away from shorelines, swimming areas and docks.

State law requires that a spotter at least 10 years of age be present in any boat towing a tuber or skier. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to operate a motorized craft unless (1) that individual has a state-approved boating safety certificate or (2) is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.

Do not exceed 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, a bog or island, dock, raft, float, or anchored craft.

Do not operate motorized craft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR GUESTS AND FAMILY ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES AND COURTESIES.

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## **BOATING SAFETY**

**BE SURE THAT YOUR GUESTS AND FAMILY ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING RULES AND COURTESIES:**

**Operate all watercraft in accordance with New York State law, in a safe and courteous manner that will protect persons, wildlife and property. This will enhance the enjoyment of all those who live on and use the lake.**



- Do not exceed 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, a bog or island, dock, raft, float, or anchored craft. Your map of Rainbow Lake shows clearly marked no wake zones.
- Cut speed when nearing or passing canoes, rowboats, kayaks, or fishing activity.
- Limit jet craft and water skiing to the middle part of the lake, away from shorelines, swimming areas and docks.
- Be aware of areas which are environmentally sensitive.
- Use caution and go very slowly through cuts and under bridges.
- State law: A spotter at least 10 years of age must be present in any boat towing a tuber or skier.



- As of May 2014, all individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are now required to successfully complete an approved course in **boater** education in order to operate a motorboat.
- No one under the age of 10 is permitted to operate a motorized craft unless that individual is accompanied by a person 18 years of age.
- As of January 1, 2009, to operate a (PWC) Jet Ski you must be 14 years of age and have completed the NYS Boating Safety Course. A copy of the certificate must be on board the PWC.
- Do not operate motorized craft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

As of January 1, 2020, New York will begin a phase-in-by-age law that will require a new age group to become certified each year, requiring all motorized boat and PWC operators to pass a boater safety course and to carry a New York boater card by January 1, 2025. All motorized boat operators born on or after January 1, 1993, will be required to carry the New York boater card by January 1, 2020.

<https://www.boat-ed.com/newyork/>

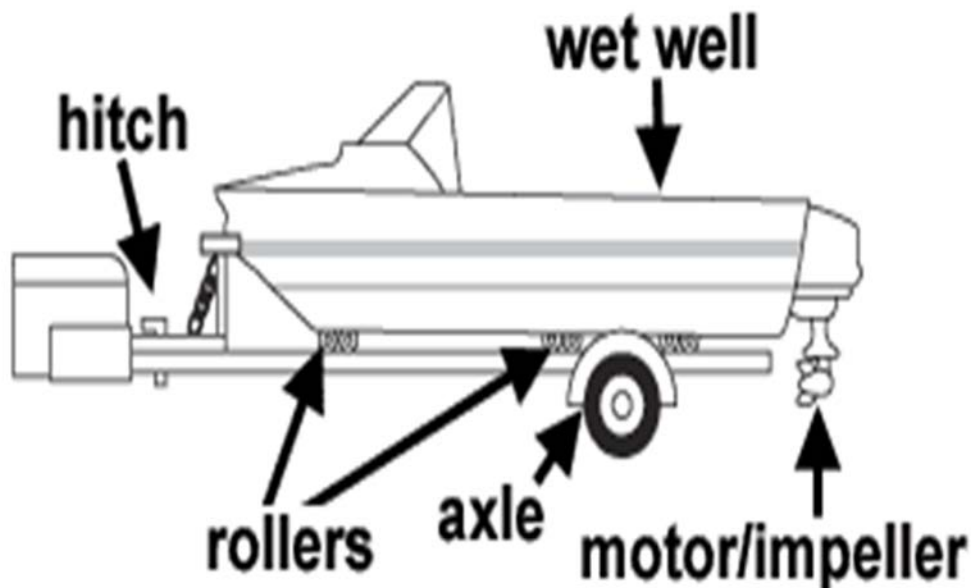
## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

A number of invasive species are destroying waterways and the swimming, boating and fishing we enjoy today. One is Eurasian Milfoil, a non-native invasive plant. Milfoil's aggressive growth clogs waterways and chokes out native plants. With less food to eat and less open water, fish populations decrease. Rainbow Lake Association volunteers are among the stewards who help inspect boats at the boat launch and survey the lake annually for signs of Eurasian Milfoil. Today we are among very few Adirondack lakes that have no Eurasian Milfoil. Keep the lake safe!

To prevent introducing Eurasian Water Milfoil into our lake, do the following:

- Remove all plant materials from your boat, anchor, trailer and anything that entered the water after you take the boat out of the water, and before you leave the boat access area. Drain live wells and bilge water before you leave the boat access area.
- Make sure your bait bucket does not have any plant material in or on it. Empty your bait bucket on land -- never dump live fish from a bait bucket into a body of water.
- Wash down your boat, trailer, and tackle with hot water when you get home to kill any invasive hitchhikers that could be transported into other lakes.

**check these locations of your boat**





# HELP PROTECT LOONS !

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR  
LAKES AND WILDLIFE**

**Loons and other aquatic wildlife can successfully  
share a lake with people if we respect their needs:**

**Please keep your distance from nesting loons or loons with chicks.**

Motorboats, personal watercraft, canoes, and kayaks can flush loons from their nests, leaving eggs vulnerable to predators, chilling, overheating, or abandonment. Loon nests are right on the water's edge, and can be flooded by boat wash. Boats and other watercraft can disrupt parental care and feeding of young. ***Please enjoy and respect this symbol of wilderness by staying as far away as possible. Leave them more room if they vocalize or show other signs of fear.***

**Please use alternatives to lead fishing sinkers and jigs.** Loons and other waterbirds swallow pebbles to help grind up and digest food. Unfortunately, they can also swallow lead tackle among stones on the lake bottom, or attached to a fish that has broken free from an angler's line. ***Swallowing a single lead sinker or jig can kill a loon or other waterbird.*** Please use non-lead sinkers and jigs!

**Please do not leave fishing line behind.** Loons and other waterbirds can become entangled in monofilament line leading to permanent injury or death. When you leave, please take your fishing line with you!

**While enjoying this lake, please take care and help  
protect wildlife by allowing them the space they need.**

**Loons are a Species of Special Concern in New York State. Loons, their chicks,  
and nest sites are fully protected by state and federal laws. If you observe a loon  
being harassed or injured, please contact:**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

During Normal Business Hours:

or Wildlife Office - Ray Brook: (518) 897-1291  
Wildlife Office - Watertown: (315) 785-2261

After Hours or On Weekends:  
(518) 897-1304

**For more information visit the Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program website:**

[www.adkscience.org/loons](http://www.adkscience.org/loons)

*The Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program is a partnership of the Wildlife Conservation Society,  
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