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RULES:

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RULE TITLE: Boat Operations on the Willamette River in Clackamas County

NOTICE FILED DATE: 12/14/2020

RULE SUMMARY: Restricts wake surfing and other boating activities in close proximity to docks between Portland and Willamette Falls.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) A person must not operate a motorboat in excess of 10 MPH between the southern shore of Hog Island and the mainland.
- (2) A person must not operate a boat:
 - (a) Downstream from Oregon City Falls in an area from the base of the falls to a line across the river between the northeast corner of the West Linn Paper Company Mill A Grinder Room on the west bank of the river to the southwest corner of the previous power plant associated with the previous Blue Heron Mill on the east bank of the river as marked;
 - (b) In the area commonly known as the "cul-de-sac" or the West Linn Paper Company tailrace; beginning at the mouth of the tailrace on the south bank then extending across the tailrace following the line established by the bridge across the tailrace to the north bank, then in a westerly, southerly, and easterly direction around the bank of the tailrace to the place of beginning.
 - (c) Exceptions:
 - (A) Boats of any federal, state, county, or local governmental agency, Portland General Electric Sullivan Plant and West Linn Paper Company maintenance crews may operate in the closed area when on official business;
 - (B) Boats used in taking lamprey under a permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife may operate in the closed area subject to the conditions specified in the permit.
 - (C) Holders of a Ceremonial Harvest Permit may operate a boat for activities conducted in accordance with OAR 635-041-0610 as adopted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- (D) To operate in the closed area under special permits as prescribed in sections (2)(c)(B) and (2)(c)(C), each operator must hold a valid Oregon Boater Education Card and each boat must pass an inspection by a Clackamas County Marine Law Enforcement officer for compliance with Oregon boating safety statutes and administrative rules.
- (3) A person must not operate a motorboat in excess of a "slow-no wake" speed on the following waters:
- (a) Cedar Island lagoon;
 - (b) From the north point of the eastern spit of Cedar Island 100 yards due north and then due west to the shore line;
 - (c) Within 200 feet of a designated public launching ramp or marked swimming area;
 - (d) Within 200 feet of shore adjacent to George Rogers Park (Lake Oswego), from the southern bank of Sucker Creek north along the west bank of the Willamette, to a point 200 yards north of the boat ramp, as posted;
 - (e) From the I-5 Boones Bridge west approximately 1,700 feet to the Railroad Bridge.
- (4) A person must not operate a personal watercraft in continuous operation on the Willamette River between Hog Island and the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge during the period from May 1 through September 30, except to transit through this zone.
- (5) A person must not operate a motorboat between river mile 30 and river mile 50:
- (a) In excess of "slow-no wake" speed within 100 feet of a private dock, boathouse or moorage legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.
 - (b) For the purposes of wakeboarding within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands, except as specified in (5)(e).
 - (c) For the purposes of wake surfing within 300 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands, except as specified in (5)(e).
 - (d) In excess of "slow-no wake" speed for the purposes of towing an inflatable device within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands, except as specified in (5)(e).
 - (e) If the river is too narrow in a location for a motorboat to remain the specified distances in (5)(b-d) from a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home on both sides of the river, then the person shall operate the motorboat no closer than the river centerline.
- (6) A person must not operate a motorboat for the purpose of either wake surfing or maintaining a speed between "slow-no wake" and planing, where a motorboat operated at planing speed is riding on or near the water's surface as a result of the hydrodynamic forces on the motorboat's hull or other surface, within the following areas as marked:
- (a) Between river mile 30 and river mile 31.8
 - (b) Between river mile 33.2 and river mile 46.
 - (c) Between river mile 47.6 and river mile 50.
- (7) A person must not operate a motorboat for the purpose of any towed watersport, with the exception of wake surfing, between river mile 31.8 and river mile 33.2 as marked.
- (8) A person must not operate a motorboat for the purpose of any towed watersport, with the exception of wake surfing and waterskiing, between river mile 46 and river mile 47.6 as marked.
- (9) Except for the purposes of fishing, a person must not anchor a motorboat from May 15 to September 15 between river mile 30 and river mile 50 further than 100 feet from the shoreline during the following times:
- (a) Between the hours of 3 p.m. and sunset Monday through Friday.
 - (b) Between the hours of 12 noon and sunset on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.
- (10) A person must not operate a boat within a 150 foot semi-circle extending outwards toward the river channel from the southernmost end of the Sportcraft Marina dock from September 1 through May 31.
- (11) A person must not operate a motorboat on the Willamette River from the southernmost moorage of the Waverly Marina upriver to Willamette Falls:
- (a) In excess of "slow-no wake" speed within 100 feet of a private dock, boathouse or moorage legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.
 - (b) For the purposes of wakeboarding within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted

by the Oregon Department of State Lands.

(c) In excess of “slow-no wake” speed for the purposes of towing an inflatable device within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.

(d) For the purpose of either wake surfing or maintaining a speed between “slow-no wake” and planing, where a motorboat operated at planing speed is riding on or near the water’s surface as a result of the hydrodynamic forces on the motorboat’s hull or other surface.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 830.175, ORS 830.110

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 830.175, ORS 830.195

AMEND: 250-020-0280

RULE TITLE: Boat Operations in Multnomah County

NOTICE FILED DATE: 11/20/2020

RULE SUMMARY: Creates a pass-through zone for motorized boats on the Willamette River in the vicinity of Ross Island and adds additional regulations for certain boating activities between downtown Portland and Willamette Falls.

RULE TEXT:

(1) No person shall operate a boat in excess of 5 MPH:

(a) In North Portland Harbor (Oregon Slough):

(A) From the east end of North Portland Harbor (Oregon Slough) to a point 800 yards west of the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge, as marked;

(B) Within 200 feet of a launching ramp, moorage or houseboat from the east end of North Portland Harbor (Oregon Slough) eastward along the south shore to the Lower Airport wing dike.

(b) Within 300 feet of the entrance to and in Rooster Rock boat channel;

(c) Within 200 feet of west shore, as buoyed, between the southern boundary of Willamette Park Launch Ramp and the northern boundary of the Willamette Sailing Club;

(d) Within Hayden Bay. The Bay is considered to be all waters south and west of a line 200 feet north of the Northeast point of Hayden Island and 200 feet north of the Northwest point of Tomahawk Island as marked;

(e) Within 200 feet of the Oregon Yacht Club floating home moorage as buoyed (a distance of approximately 1,500 feet);

(f) Within 200 feet of houseboat moorages in the Government Island South Channel;

(g) No person shall operate a boat in excess of a "slow-no wake" speed on the Columbia River south of the buoys along the northern shore of Government Island in the waters adjacent to the I-205 Bridge, commonly referred to as Commodore's Cove, as marked;

(h) Within 100 feet of the Landing Boat Club at RM 15, Willamette River.

(2) No person shall operate a watercraft in excess of a "slow-no wake" speed in:

(a) The Ross Island Lagoon; and

(b) The Holgate Channel from a line extending due east from the northern tip of Ross Island upstream to a line extending from the southern tip of Ross Island due south to the Oregon Yacht Club.

(c) This restriction does not apply to:

(A) Federally documented commercial vessels required to be inspected under Federal law, including those operated for sand and gravel operations, with the exception of passenger vessels of less than 100 gross tons, which are subject to the restriction;

(B) Safety launches while accompanying an organized rowing or paddling program, club or school.

(3) No person shall operate a boat in excess of a "slow-no wake" speed on the Columbia River within 300 feet of shore between the Big Eddy Wing dike and the wing dike east of the entrance to the Chinook Landing boat Basin and within the Chinook Landing Boat Basin, as marked.

(4) A "Pass-through" zone is established in the following areas. In these zones, no person shall operate a motorboat pulling a water skier or towed device, or engage in wake surfing as defined in OAR 250-010-0010. Additionally, no person shall operate a personal watercraft, as defined in OAR 250-021-0020, in continuous operation above 5 MPH in pass-through zones, except to transit directly through them.

(a) In the south channel of the Columbia River, adjacent to McGuire Island between the east end of Big Eddy Marina and the west end of McGuire Point Marina as marked.

(b) In the Willamette River from the Hawthorne Bridge upriver to a line extending due west from the southernmost moorage in the Waverly Marina. This pass-through zone is in effect from May 1 through September 30.

(5) No person shall operate a boat in excess of 3 MPH in Rooster Rock Boat Basin.

(6) The following locations are designated racing motorboat testing areas:

- (a) On the Willamette River in Swan Island Lagoon. Testing is limited to the hours of 3–6 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays;
- (b) On the Columbia River between the county launching ramp at 43rd Street and Buoy #18 (NOS Chart #18531). Testing is limited to the hours of 8 am–12 noon, Tuesday through Friday.
- (7) No person shall operate a motorboat on Benson Lake.
- (8) No person shall operate a boat for any reason within any restricted area at any time without first obtaining permission from the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, or his duly authorized representative.
- (9) At Bonneville Dam.
- (a) The Waters restricted to only Government vessels are described as all waters of the Columbia River and Bradford Slough within 1,000 feet above and 2,000 feet below the powerhouse. The restricted areas will be designated by signs;
- (b) No person shall operate a boat, including a commercial recreational tour boat subject to inspection and licensing by the U.S. Coast Guard, within the Boating Restricted Zone located below Bonneville lock and dam bounded by a line commencing from the westernmost tip of Robins Island on the Oregon side of the Columbia River and running at a South 65 degrees West direction a distance of approximately 2100 feet to a point 50 feet upstream of the Hamilton Island Boat Ramp on the Washington side of the Columbia River, as marked.
- (10) No person shall operate or anchor a boat in the following described zone in Oregon Slough (North Portland Harbor):
- (a) Commencing at the northwesterly corner of that tract of land described in a Bargain and Sale Deed to RHODIA, Inc., recorded as Document No. 98028586, Multnomah County Deed Records; Thence, along the northeasterly line of said tract, S 47°46' E, 513.54 feet to the northwest corner of the Alexander Brown Donation Land Claim; Thence, along the north line of said Claim S 48°30' E, 764.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the SITE AREA being described herein; Thence, N 29°58'25" E, 133.84 feet; Thence, S 62°44'22" E, 461.47 feet; Thence, S 29°58'25" W, 227.76 feet to the northeasterly line of said tract; Thence, along said northeasterly line, N 61°15' W, 60.85 feet; Thence, along said northeasterly line, N 52°30' W, 115.5 feet; Thence, along said northeasterly line, N 48°30' W, 291.49 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING as marked.
- (b) This area of land contains 2.0 acres (87,008 sq. Ft.), more or less.
- (c) The intent of this description is to describe a line that surrounds the limits of the sediment cap location, plus a buffer zone.
- (d) Bearings based on Document No. 98028586, Multnomah County Deed Records.
- (11) No person shall anchor a boat at approximately River Mile 7 of the Willamette River in Multnomah County described in Department of State Lands Easement No. 31530-EA, Exhibit A — Legal Description — Permanent Easement.
- (12) A person must not operate a motorboat on the Willamette River from the southernmost moorage of the Waverly Marina upriver to Willamette Falls:
- (a) In excess of “slow-no wake” speed within 100 feet of a private dock, boathouse or moorage legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.
- (b) For the purposes of wakeboarding within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.
- (c) In excess of “slow-no wake” speed for the purposes of towing an inflatable device within 200 feet of a dock, boathouse, moorage or floating home legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.
- (d) For the purpose of either wake surfing or maintaining a speed between “slow-no wake” and planing, where a motorboat operated at planing speed is riding on or near the water’s surface as a result of the hydrodynamic forces on the motorboat’s hull or other surface.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 830.110

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