WATERVILLE LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD

WATER SAFETY GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

In an effort to promote safety on Waterville Lake, these guidelines have been developed by your board with the intent that they would serve as a means of educating all lake owners as to the importance of consistency and fairness in how the lake is used. It is necessary that each owner accept responsibility for informing their guests about the nature and importance of these guidelines.

I. BOAT RESTRICTIONS

A. Use of waterway-all boats should adhere to the defined and approved traffic flow pattern as distributed at the lake association meeting. Only when hazardous conditions prevail should this traffic pattern be altered (e.g. When too many boats are in one area it would be safer to cautiously break from pattern by turning around and away from the area of congestion).

B. No more than 5 boats (or 3 boats pulling skiers) should be in operation at one time. When power boats are in use, all other watercraft and swimmers must stay near shore. Jet skis are considered a boat.

C. **JET SKIS** - Should follow the same traffic flow pattern as noted above. Conducting multiple circles ala 'doing multiple donuts' is not permitted at anytime.

D. Wisconsin boating safety laws must be known and adhered to by all boat drivers. Boat safety courses are strongly recommended. Youth given driving responsibilities must have attended such a course if under the age of 17.

II. BOAT LIMITS

1. Size – No longer than 20 feet; no more than 2500 pounds. Cabin cruisers and jet boats are prohibited.
2. Speed – 45 mph maximum whenever any other watercraft is present. To minimize shore erosion, speeds between 6 – 16 mph must be avoided, as well as doing multiple circles at turn around points.
3. Number – No one lake property owner may operate more than one boat at a time when two other boaters are present on the lake.
4. Grandfathering – All lake association members current boats will not be subject to such limits of size.
5. Guests – The property owner must be present when their guests are using the lake to reduce trespassing and to ensure these guidelines are followed.

III. ENFORCEMENT:

A. The intent of these guidelines is to educate all lake users about the need for courtesy and consistency in the use of watercraft. The board is not interested in policing such guidelines, but is quite interested in having all aware of the need for common expectations especially as the lake becomes more heavily used and congested (holiday weekends).

B. Gross negligence and careless behavior brought to the attention of the Board will result in a written notification to the property owner as an attempt to further enhance educational efforts about safety. If issues continue a decision will be made after hearing both sides of the complaint.

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IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The board should ensure that the following mechanisms are in place:

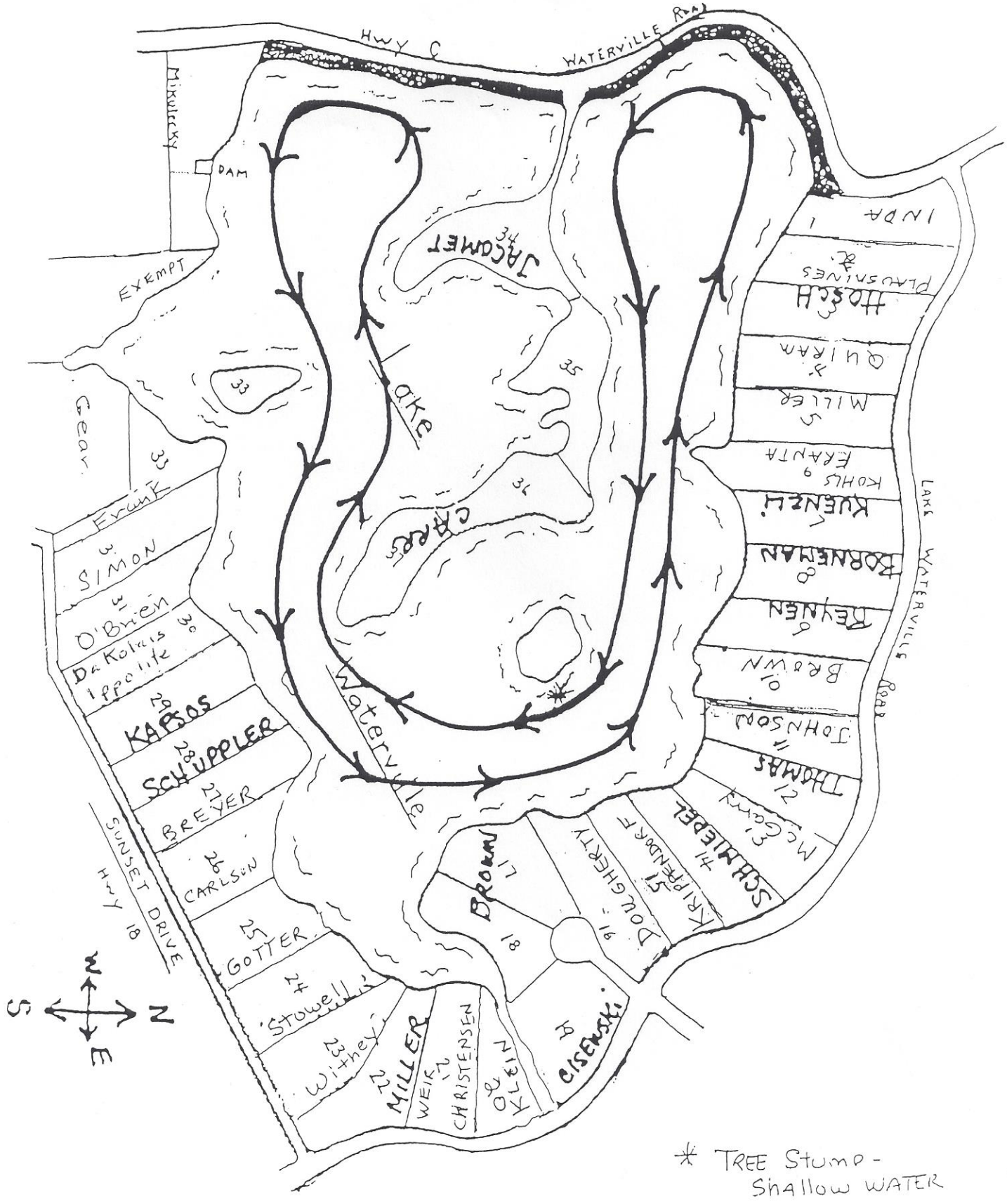
A. Bouys marking shallow or dangerous waterways (DNR approved)

B. Traffic flow pattern map (including demarcation of dangerous areas) available to all property owners (handed out at yearly association meeting and mailed by May 1st with safety guidelines attached).

C. Brochures for water safety courses handed or mailed out to all property owners before May 1st.

D. Management of complaints of unsafe or negligent behavior – the Board will respond to such complaints within one week by written notification of concerns cited to the property owner emphasizing the need to follow the established safety guidelines. This letter will come from the Board president and a copy shall be kept on file by the board secretary for future reference if the Board concludes that such incidents are dangerous and verifiable. The property owner will be notified of this decision after the board has heard both sides of the complaint.

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* TREE Stump - Shallow WATER