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# District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

## June

## 2023

### New Water Patrol Chief

The Town of Randall has a new Water Patrol Chief, Dave Ferber. The Town Enforcement Officer is Linda Brand. Serious boating violations or littering can be reported to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Non Emergency number 262-605-5100 and will then be reported to the Water Patrol.

### DNR Boat Safety Class

<https://townofrandall.com/2023/04/14/dnr-boat-safety-class/NR Boat Safety Class>  
Click above link to register.

June 23 5PM – 8 PM

June 24 9AM – 2PM

Town of Randall Fire Station #2

### Town of Randall Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9 am - 12 noon

1 pm - 5 pm

Phone: (262) 877-2165

### Meet your neighbors, the Martins:



Whether going down a road or from the water, you have probably seen a high extravagant complex with many compartments each with a tiny balcony. These houses belong, almost exclusively, to the Purple Martin, a native bird that spends its summers in North America. Just like people, they thrive in colonies, and choose to live in pre-made houses.

The males are distinguished by their entirely black, glossy bodies with a steel blue sheen. The female is a light-brown creature, yet she still retains some of that purple-blue sheen that gives the Purple Martin its name. Together the male and female make a monogamous pair.

The Purple Martin is the largest North American swallow and is noted for diving at great speed, with extreme flight agility. These birds are also aerial insectivores that can catch insects in mid-flight.

After winters in Brazil and surrounding areas, early returnees are known as "scouts". However, these birds are not sent ahead to find prime nesting for their colonies. They are typically older males, ahead of the game; looking for prime real estate for themselves. They spend the spring and early summer in WI breeding. A couple works in tandem to build the nest and after the chicks hatch, both parents work to feed the young for about 6 weeks. In WI, they are totally dependent on humans for their supply of nesting sites. The lack of these sites is causing a decrease in the population despite this decrease, there is no program being given to martins in WI. Therefore, it's up to compassionate individuals to take it



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**Elected Commissioners:**  
Neal Kuhn, Chair  
Ken Vesely, Secretary  
Dave Anstett, Treas.  
Lou Manfredini  
Jim Michels

**Appointed Commissioners:**  
Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.  
Julie Horbach, Randall Twp.

upon themselves to become independent martin landlords and caretakers. For information, check out [www.purplemartins.com](http://www.purplemartins.com)

### Another Reminder

Please remember to use phosphorous free lawn fertilizer. Most soils in Wisconsin naturally provide all the phosphorus your established lawn needs. Much of the phosphorus (phosphate) you apply actually runs off the lawn before penetrating the soil. Runoff into our lake could contribute to algae bloom and undesirable aquatic plants. Check the second number on the package formula. 15—0—10, for example, means zero phosphate. The first number is the nitrogen content, the middle number is the phosphorus content and the last number is the potassium content. Make sure the middle number on the bag is 0 indicating it is phosphorus free. If you use a lawn service, ask your applicator service not to use phosphorus on your lawn. If they are unwilling to do this, contact another provider or consider applying the no-phosphorus fertilizer yourself.

### DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

- To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;
- To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and
- To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.

### Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake. [www.districtofpowerslake.com](http://www.districtofpowerslake.com)



### Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Randall town Hall, 35430 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. The Annual Meeting will be August 4, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Randall town Hall, 35430 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. This meeting and others are open to the public.

## WATER SKIING

Applies to all *watercraft* towing a person on water skis, aquaplanes, tubes or similar devices.

- Tow boat must have a driver and a competent observer on board.
  - Prohibited before 10:00 am and after sunset.
  - Prohibited at all times within 200 feet of shore.
  - Prohibited within 100 feet of any swim area, raft, pier, buoyed area, PWC, skin diver's flag or any occupied, anchored boat.
  - Must operate in a counter-clockwise pattern in the traffic lane.
  - Persons being towed shall wear a USCG approved PFD of Type I, II, III or V.
- A maximum of 2 persons may be pulled behind a boat.**
- No more than 2 tow lines per boat; no more than one person per tow line for water-skiing or similar sport. An exception is allowed for 2 persons on one tow line when using a device designed to carry 2 or more people.
- Tow lines may not exceed 100 feet.

## PARASAILING or PARAGLIDING

Are prohibited without a special permit.

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

jet skis, Wave Runners, or any type of personal watercraft must adhere to the same rules as other watercraft plus the following:

- See Age Restrictions on front page of flyer.
- All persons riding a PWC must wear a USCG approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
- May never be operated within 100 feet of a boat, person or tow rope of a motorboat engaged in towing a person on water-skis, aquaplanes, etc.
- Must operate at Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of any other boat or PWC.
- May never be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- Must be designed to seat 3 people to allow towing a person on water-skis, aquaplane, tube, or similar device.



## SWIMMING

**Swimming is permitted more than 200 feet from shore from sunrise to sunset if it is:**

- Within 25 feet of a manned unanchored boat or
  - Within 50 feet of a manned anchored boat.
- Swimming is prohibited:**
- More than 100 feet from shore or more than 50 feet from any pier, raft or wharf, unless within marked authorized swim areas.
  - From unmanned, unanchored boats.
  - More than 200 feet from shore during the hours from sunset to sunrise.

## MARKING BUOYS

- It is unlawful to tamper with, move, or anchor to any marking buoys.

## HIGH WATER— SLOW-NO-WAKE

- No Wake restrictions will be posted when necessary.
- The first level of restriction will be a 400 foot Slow-No-Wake lane around the entire lake.
- The second level of restriction will add all of Jefferson Bay as Slow-No-Wake.

## PIERS, RAFTS, and MOORING BUOYS

All piers, rafts, mooring buoys, and any watercraft attached to them must be within the riparian zone of their property owner.

### Piers

- Piers may not exceed 100 feet in length.
- Piers must be 12.5 feet from the property line and the riparian line. exception: piers existing without change prior to 1993.

### Rafts

- Rafts must be located within 100 feet of the shoreline.

### Mooring buoys

- Mooring buoys must be located within 150 feet of the shoreline.



This brochure has been provided by the Powers Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to help encourage safe and harmonious enjoyment of our lake. We have only included a summary of some water regulations and safety guidelines. For a complete list see Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 30 and the Town of Randall Ordinance Chapter 20 which is available in the Town Hall, posted at public launches, and on the district website—

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# POWERS LAKE

## 2023

### Boating & Lake Rules Summary

## HOURS & SPEED LIMITS

- SUNSET\* to 10:00 AM is always Slow-No-Wake.
- The speed limit is always Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of the shoreline.
- The speed limit is always Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of any other boat, marked swim area, raft, pier, buoyed area, or skin diver's flag.

\*Note: See Sunrise/Sunset schedule in the booklet of Wisconsin Boating Regulations supplied with your boat registration. Sunset does not mean "dark."

## GENERAL MOTORBOAT OPERATION

- The traffic lane includes all waters of Powers Lake greater than 200 feet from the shoreline or as posted by navigation aids or identifying buoys.
- Operating a motorboat repeatedly in a circuitous course within 200 feet around any other watercraft or person swimming is prohibited.
- All boats operating from sunset to sunrise or when weather conditions require must use required lights.

## AGE RESTRICTIONS (Motorboats & PWCs)

### Who May Operate a Motorboat

- No one under the age of 10.
- 10 & 11 years may operate a motorboat (not a PWC) with parent or guardian on board.
- 12 to 15 years may operate a motorboat if, either:
  - Accompanied by a parent or guardian on board
  - or they have a Boating Safety Certificate.
- Anyone born on or after 1/1/89 and over 16 years old may operate a motorboat only if they have completed a DNR approved boating safety course.

### Who May Operate a Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- No one under the age of 12
- Anyone born on or after 1/1/89 and over 12 years old may operate a PWC only if they have completed a boating safety course accepted by the DNR.

**Boater Safety Certificate must be on board.**

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**Know  
your  
buoys**



**Shoal, Rock Bar, or other Hazard** — indicates a shallow area or submerged hazard in the vicinity. Buoy may be marking a single small hazard or a large area — up to a 100 foot radius around the buoy. Some hazard buoys are in groups to indicate a series of submerged hazards.



**Slow-No-Wake** — is defined as that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steerage control.

**Slow-No-Wake Bays** - marked bays.

**Swim Area** - no boats allowed within roped area. Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of a marked swim area.

It is unlawful to move a buoy or moor a boat or raft to a buoy or its attached lines



**Enjoy —  
Don't Destroy**

# Powers Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

## Randall Ordinance re: Ski Pattern

Boats towing a skier or towed water device must follow the counter-clockwise pattern around the lake. They must be at least 200 feet from shore and 100 feet from any other boat.

**OPTIONAL:** You may follow the pattern into Jefferson Bay or cut across the mouth.

