

General Information

Members of the MRC Memphremagog boating safety patrol are designated as enforcement officers for the purposes of pleasure craft regulation (*Canada Shipping Act 2001*), and authorized by the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions of Quebec to issue violation tickets, concerning the following regulations :

- ▶ Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations ⁽¹⁾
- ▶ Small Vessel Regulations ⁽¹⁾
- ▶ Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations ⁽¹⁾

(1) These by-laws are based on the Canada Shipping Act 2001 under federal jurisdiction.

This brochure contains an overview of legislation.

For complete regulations, see the following site (and links):
www.mrcmemphremagog.com/pt_nautique.html

As a boater, you are required to know the rules & regulations that apply on the waterways you frequent.

1 800 267-6687 (*Transport Canada*), or visit the Website
www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm

Regulations concerning noise



The Memphremagog Regional Police and the Provincial Police SQ would like to inform users of small craft that regulations exist concerning noise on the lakes which they patrol.



These regulations are intended to ensure a tranquil environment for the whole population. We ask for the cooperation of all those using the lakes to ensure tranquility on the lakes especially when boats are anchored in a bay. Persons found contravening noise regulations will receive a fine.

Important Telephone Numbers

Ambulance - Fire department	911
Memphremagog Regional Police.....	819-843-3334
Sherbrooke Police.....	819-821-5555
Provincial Police SQ.....	819-564-1212
Sherbrooke Weather Station.....	819-564-5702

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Phone : **819-620-6884**

Pleasure craft – Duty to assist

The owner, person in charge or person on board pleasure craft shall give an officer or inspector all reasonable assistance and produce any document, or provide them with any information, required for the administration of the regulations listed below.

Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations

Covers speed limits and other use and safety restrictions on lakes and rivers including Lake Magog and its tributaries. **Please see the map on the back of this notice for the restrictions that apply.**

THE BY-LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU:

- ▶ comply with each section of the by-law.

In addition to the restrictions shown on the map, this by-law enacts as follows:

- ▶ no one under 16 years of age is permitted to drive a watercraft;
- ▶ certain restrictions apply, related to the age and horsepower of the motor.

Small Vessel Regulations

Outline the minimum safety equipment that must be on board (and copy of licence). A pleasure craft must be operated safely.

THE FOLLOWING CAN BE CHARGED UNDER THE BY-LAW:

- ▶ any person who does not respect any section of the by-law, specially operating pleasure craft in a careless manner, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons;
- ▶ any person who operate a pleasure craft that does not have all the required equipment on board or if it is not in good working order;
- ▶ any person on board who does not have a Canadian-approved, appropriately sized flotation device, in good condition;
- ▶ any person operating pleasure craft to tow a person on water or in air without a person other than the operator on board keeping watch on the person being towed.

Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations

Since September 2009, any person who operates a pleasure craft must have prescribed competency and proof of competency on board (Pleasure Craft Operator Card).

Fine amounts

The fines vary according to the offense.

Website:

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/SOR-96-313/index.html>

(Schedule I.1)

Information concerning the protection of waters from discharge from pleasure craft

The popularity of pleasure boats and the improvement of equipment on such boats has led to increased "discharge" problems on our lakes. This *discharge*, called **pollution**, must be stopped in order to preserve the quality of our lakes; these lakes being the source of drinking water for many citizens. It is, therefore, extremely important to note the following: the term "**discharge**" refers to all organic or inorganic waste, whether liquid or solid, such as lubricants, oil, paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal, fecal matter, containers, cans and bottles.

The owner of a boat equipped with a non-portable or portable toilet shall ensure that the boat has a watertight holding tank. The holding tank should be emptied only at a shore-based emptying station (including a septic tank or a municipal sewer system). All emptying into the lake is called "**pollution**".

* Note - cyanobacteria:

Toilet, kitchen and laundry waters contain organic matters and phosphorus that pollute and contribute to the apparition of cyanobacteria blooms (blue green algae). Those blooms are usually colourfully green, turquoise or red. They may look like paint, pea soup or scum. Cyanobacteria blooms may be dangerous for users since toxins, invisible to the naked eye, can be released into the water.

If you observe a blue green algae bloom, avoid any contact with contaminated water and keep pet away from it.

Report the situation as soon as possible to the regional direction of ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (working hours : 819 820-3882, others : Environment-Emergency 1 866 694-5454).