

## Chapter 134

### BOATING

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Hustisford 3-28-1994 as Title 10, Ch. 6 of the 1994 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Parks and recreation — See Ch. 236.

#### § 134-1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in this chapter:

**MOTORBOAT** — All types of watercraft propelled in whole or in part by steam, gas, gasoline, naphtha or any other combustible chemical element or atomic substance, regardless of whether such craft is propelled directly or indirectly by electricity, engine, or water jet or whether it is air driven or is a hovercraft.

**VILLAGE CHANNEL** — The bed of the Rock River extending from the dam upstream 1,260 feet to the north side of Lot 101.

**VILLAGE LIMITS** — All of the waters of the southern end of Lake Sinnissippi within the boundaries of the incorporated limits of the Village of Hustisford, a distance of 2,174 feet upstream from the concrete dam.

#### § 134-2. Applicability.

This chapter shall apply only to the waters of the Rock River and Lake Sinnissippi which exist within the Village limits and the local Village channel in particular as herein defined.

#### § 134-3. Rules and regulations.

- A. The speed limit of all boats or jet-driven personal watercraft shall be five miles per hour at all times while operating within the Village channel and whenever within 100 feet of any shore within the corporate limits of the Village of Hustisford.
- B. No person shall drive, operate or cause to be operated any motor- or jet-propelled boat or jet-driven personal watercraft within the Village limits in such manner as to unreasonably annoy, unnecessarily molest, frighten or endanger the occupants of other boats, swimmers or shore fishermen using the same waters.
- C. It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat or jet-driven personal watercraft while under the influence of liquor or while intoxicated or in any careless, negligent or reckless manner which endangers the lives of others or which endangers or destroys the riparian or personal property of others or which disregards the safety and

peaceful enjoyment of all others in the area and those using said waters.

- D. No person shall engage in or conduct any racing, aquaplaning or waterskiing within the Village limits at any time.
- E. No person shall operate any motorboat or jet-propelled or jet-driven personal watercraft boat which does not have a muffler in use, or said muffler which is not capable of preventing excessive and unusual noise.
- F. No boat other than an authorized police or patrol boat shall use any horn, siren, or whistle while using water covered by this chapter.
- G. No person shall operate a motorboat within 50 feet of any shore or any fishermen's lines within the Village channel or within 200 feet of any shore or fishermen's lines within the Village limits except for the bona fide purpose of directly launching or docking a boat.
- H. Rowboats, skiffs, and canoes propelled by means of paddles and sailboats propelled by sail or paddles shall have the right-of-way over all other boats. Vessels leaving a dock or pier shall have the right-of-way over all other vessels.
- I. All rafts and stationary platforms, buoys or markers of any kind shall be painted white. All markers shall be removed before freezeup. This subsection does not apply to docks or piers extending less than 50 feet from shore and attached thereto.
- J. Lights.
  - (1) All motorboats shall be equipped with the following lights and shall use them continuously while propelled by motor and traveling on the waters within the Village limits from 1 1/2 hours after sunset to 1 1/2 hours before sunrise:
    - (a) Stern: white light visible from all points.
    - (b) Bow:
      - [1] Green light visible only from directly ahead to about 20° abaft the beam on the starboard side.
      - [2] Red light visible only from directly ahead to about 20° abaft the beam on the port side.
  - (2) All rowboats, canoes and sailboats propelled manually shall use a clearly visible white light while anchored or moving during the hours indicated. Searchlights may be used only for landing or in emergencies.

**§ 134-4. Violations and penalties.**

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the fines and penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, § 1-3 of this Code.

**§ 134-5. Boat landing fee.**

The owners of all boats and watercraft using the Village's boat landing shall pay the

required launching fee prescribed in the Village Fee Schedule.<sup>1</sup> Failure to comply shall result in a penalty pursuant to Chapter 1, § 1-3 of this Code.

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1. Editor's Note: See Ch. A330, Fees.