

# **WATERCRAFT ETIQUETTE -** **BE RESPONSIBLE - BE CONSIDERATE**

## **Respect Your Neighbours**

- Sound travels easily over water. Loud music, loud engines, loud voices "etc." are not welcomed by all. Many come to the lake for peace and tranquility.
- Operating your watercraft near docks and beaches could intrude on the safety and privacy of property owners.

## **Bridge and Channel**

- While travelling under the bridge, remember it is a *No Wake Zone* due to the boat launch.
- Moving through the east and west channels is restricted to a maximum of 10 km/hr (6 mph) to protect the shoreline, moored boats and docks and wildlife.

## **Pass Slowly and Be Aware of the Effects of Your Wake**

- Slow down and take a wide berth around other watercraft, especially small, non-motorized ones, so that you don't rock them.
- Slowing down just a little causes a more disruptive "plowing wake".
- Maximum legal speed within 30 metres (100 feet) of shore is 10 km/hr (6 mph) to protect shoreline vegetation, moored boats, docks and wildlife (see Transport Canada [www.tc.gc.ca/eng/menu.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/menu.htm)). **You are legally responsible for damage caused by your wake.**

## **Always Be Respectful of Wildlife and Natural Vegetation**

- Allow wildlife, such as loons, a wide berth.
- Leave bedding fish alone and always keep ecosystems intact.

## **Keep It Clean**

- Take your litter home. Please do not dispose of it in the lake or at the boat launch.
- To prevent the introduction of invasive species, clean your boat, trailer and all equipment before placing it in a new body of water or returning it to your home lake,.
- Ensure you handle gasoline carefully in order to keep it out of the lake.

## Be Cautious of New Areas

- Take your time when you are in areas with which you are unfamiliar. Areas marked on the map below indicate dangerous submerged rock shoals or stumps that we have encountered on Kennebec Lake, but **they may not be all that are out there.**
- If you are aware of any other hazards, please contact our webmaster via our website [www.kennebeclake.ca](http://www.kennebeclake.ca) .

