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## Rideau Wash & Wake Public Safety Zones Review



Parks Canada held a meeting on March 30, 2011 on Rideau Waterway Risk Assessment. Two members from the MVCA attending this meeting.

Mary Ann Stienberg, Prevention Coordinator in the Eastern Ontario Field Unit of Parks Canada sent out a [meeting summary](#) and the [working group recommendations](#) arising

from this meeting

Coming into the meeting, participants were asked to review a number of documents including:

- Parks Canada Agency [Recreational Activity and Special Event Assessments](#)
- [Objective of Workshop](#): Review impacts and consequences of wash and wake in the Rideau Canal National Historic Site
- [Risk Assessment of the Rideau Canal System \(Northern Sector\)](#)
- [Wash& Wake Northern Sector Mapping](#)
- [Jan 12, 2010 Historic Canals Regulations \(SOR/93-220\)](#)
- [Fines for Contravention of Historic Canals Regulations](#)
- [List of Confirmed Participants](#)

- April 2, 2012 - [Boating safely Consultation letter from Parks Canada](#)

August 11, 2011 [Boating Safely Campaign 2012 Public Consultation Area](#)

August 11, 2011 [Boating Safely Campaign Focus 2012](#)

- August 11, 2011 - [Parks Canada Media Bulletin](#)



There will be another Media Bulletin soon to follow regarding the new no wake zones and the existing no wake zones that have been improved with additional signs, including arrow signs at the beginning and end of the zone to clearly delineate the zones.

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Whether there is a wake zone or not, boat operators should be aware of the speeds at which their boat produces a maximum and minimum wake. When cruising close to shore, in narrow channels, near other boats, swimmers or docks, to operate as close to dead slow as possible while maintaining control of their vessel. There are two publications available at lockstations that new boaters may find particularly useful. One is **Boating Safely** and the other is the **"Watch Your Wake"** brochure that has some great information.

- [Development in the Village](#)
  - [Official Plan-Rural Component](#)
  - [Rideau River Issues](#)
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- On November 8, 2011, Parks Canada hosted an open-house at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority building in Manotick  
People who would like to comment on the “no wake” zones but could not attend the open house are encouraged to send their comments to the Rideau Canal Headquarters by email, regular mail or via Twitter.

[Details of meeting in English](#)

[Details of meeting in French](#)

- New Documents from Parks Canada posted on December 9, 2011

[Public Consultation Update](#)

[Capacity Assessment Criteria](#)

[Maps showing No Wake Zones](#)

- Plans for a public consultation have been cancelled until further notice
- Historic Canals Regulations ([SOR/93-220](#)) - Restricted Activities and Areas

Except at times and in areas designated by means of a sign or notice, no person shall

- (a) in a navigation channel or within 100 m of a structure in a historic canal, water-ski, ride a tube or kneeboard, engage in any activity that involves being towed behind a vessel or operate a vessel towing a water-skier or person riding a tube or kneeboard;
- (b) dive, jump, scuba-dive, swim or bathe in a navigation channel or within 40 m of a lock gate or a dam in a historic canal;
- (c) dive or jump from a bridge over a historic canal, or from the abutments of such a bridge; or
- (d) operate a vessel within 40 m of a dam in a historic canal, unless the vessel is in the navigation channel.

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