

Safety: What are the most important issues of safety concerning non-motorized boaters for access, in-water activity, facilities and infrastructure?

Motorized wakes/boats	Ramp Areas/Docks/Parking	Life Jackets	Floater/Drinkin	Questions Asked
Wakes	launch at water activity education	PFD regulation and enforced	Inexperience inebriation	Broader PFD application: 1) Is this anticipated?; 2) What have other meetings said?
Fishing boats - predictability	Docks and calm water.	PFD's!	Alcohol use	Do or how to contact waterfowl hunters? Can we get information from them?
Power boaters need to go to a class to get a boating license. Could you include an education component in the class about how to be aware of non motorized boats needs i.e. wake, launching, right of way?	They have mentioned a separate staging area where they don't have to rush to get out of the way of the other boaters,	Correct usage of PFDs	Most danger I see is alcohol consumption on the water. Drunk floaters and boaters impairing their judgement, making bad judgements.	Lots of obstruction on waterway. How does OSMB deal with it?
Motorized speed limits around swimmers on Tualatin, also wildlife on banks and motorized wakes, birds, beavers, otters. Speed limit signs at launch places for motorize boats.	Safety and access at the various ramps i use.on the siuslaw after high water,access is horrible.mud needs to be removed with a bobcat or whatever.a four wheel drive should not be mandatory,especially.with all the fees.we pay	Wearing life jackets, but enforcement is unrealistic. A great program on the McKenzie has children's life jackets available for free at many convenient locations, so simply advertise this, or expand it to adult life jackets as well.	Drinking and floating on inner tubes.	If duck hunter runs into log on Lake Ewauna – Is it his risk?
I have seen some pretty crazy situations here out of Newberg, Oregon Roger's Landing. Ski boats running all over and then a bass boat does 60 mph, pretty fast if not right, right through all of the ski boats. Along comes this lady in a green Kayak and all the colors nothing bright. She was heading right into the mess down river. Ski Boats also need to have a regulated area where they don't endanger others on the water. Too many people in a small area and they all want to go fast. Also anchored boats, ski boats cut right by them. A friend had his boat put up on the bank by a Wave boat that left a big wave looked like an ocean wave. All three had to get out and managed to get the boat back in the water.	Ease and safety entering the water. And of course a place to park.	Wear PFD's at all times on the water	Other boaters who are under the influence of alcohol	Definition of boat – Boy Scouts had a log race – How does that fit with definition?
Some non-motorized just don't have the education or experience and make the situation worse based on lack of knowledge and skills	Infrastructure - dock that are too high to safely lower yourself into your kayak, tidal currents that can pull kayak under dock.	None other than common sense like wear a life preserver	Education re: alcohol	Swim toy – how to educate?
Motorized boats not slowing down or giving way. Most do but some need to be reminded that drift boats can't always move out the way as quickly.	Secure parking near remote launch sites.	Life jackets must fit and be worn AT ALL TIMES in or around the water.	Inexperienced people who have no idea about the power of moving water and river hazards. and launch with pool toys or other inadequate equipment.	Education requirement to obtain boater card?
Interactions with powered boats	Safe lighted area to launch. Restroom facilities.	Boaters who are not wearing Personal Floation Devices (PFDs).	Alcohol. Its a waste of time and money to police its use. It will still happen. The individual needs to know the risks since they are their own.	How do you contact LE on the water? What communication needs for contact for issues on the water?
Waiting to take out at big launches like Willamette Park or Hagg Lake that are used mostly by power boats. The person who stays with the drift boat sometimes finds it difficult to have room to row up to the trailer when power boats are parked along the sides of the dock so that a boat can't be walked along the dock. Not safety so much as worry about moving a 5' wide boat with 10' oars through a narrow space without touching any of the power boats tied up.	There is quite a bit of motorized traffic when using either ramp, we would love to be able to either mark the channels a little better or move the undeveloped ramp to somewhere with less traffic.	Wearing a life jacket which is already required is the most important issue	The most important safety issue is education on the hazards of boating while drinking. More public outreach.	Standup paddleboarders should not be required to carry PFD's. Windsurfers are exempt why not paddleboards? So what if the US Coast Guard call SUP's vessel? Oregon Marine Board and Sheriffs can reverse their policy. Ask the police the logic for the requirement of PFD? They don't like enforcing it.
Speed is safety; but lack of knowledge from boater	Separate access facilities from motorized boaters	Education - PFD's	Intoxicated boating. County law enforcement has a big role to play.	Only concerned with species you can see...What about microbes? - Ballast water concerns
In water - high speed jet skis, power boat operators, large wakes, more law enforcement.	For access, safe launch and exit locations. For infrastructure, I believe little is needed other than perhaps improved launch and take-out at some locations with higher use.	Education re: PFDs	Most danger I see is alcohol consumption on the water. Drunk floaters and boaters impairing their judgement, make bad judgements	

Motorized boats	The most pressing issues would be a very busy access location at certain times of the year with motorized and non motorized activity. It is a cramped spot in which there is opportunity for someone to potentially be injured with the frequency of mixed use.	Most fatalities are caused by flush drowning, often when the person is not wearing a life jacket or the river is a flood stage. These are both preventable through common sense /education and better availability of flow information and flow predictions.	Tubers, swimmers don't know how to handle a boat coming their way – lack of education and understanding on boating (use)	
Recognition of non-motorized right to access at high traffic motor boat access sites would be good.	Access	Raise awareness of need to WEAR the PFD at all times. And, raise awareness of need for appropriate immersion protection when the water is cold, as it is almost every month except August. These are issues which longtime paddlers harp on constantly, but we reach only our own corps of companions. Some publicity and signs at launch points could help. The recent tragedy at Hagg Lake when an entire extended family drowned, while WADING the shoreline, illustrates the problem.	Drinking	
For in-water, the activity of other boaters.	Plenty room for vehicles to properly move around	For the WW kayaking community in general overall we are pretty safety oriented w/ classes available and clinics throughout the year. The recreational boaters are more of the concern - people picking up IKs at a local store or an inner tube and heading down rivers w/ no PFDs or appropriate clothing. But sometimes this is Darwin @ work! However when you see kids w/ out this and/or adults who are not wearing a pfd who our taking kids down - just not responsible. For major high use boating areas where this is more likely to happen education about river safety (PFD's, proper clothing, not drinking, etc.) signage would be helpful - or better yet - develop a small packet that is sold w/ every boat or oar in Oregon on these things.	Re-evaluate the definition of a boat - exclusion of pool toys is still a problem – if on moving water should be considered a boat	
Motorized boats	Prefer ramp rather than dock launches. Restrooms large enough and clean enough to change clothes in are always nice	Wearing of PFDs	The casual user – need to be addressed – tubers	
Having an area where motorized watercraft are not causing a safety issue.	Safety access: Put-in / take out with manageable grade at the shore with good clearance. Facilities & infrastructure: Secure and clean changing / WC facilities	Life jackets		
Motorized boater speeds around launch sites. Most folks are great-then there are the stinkers.	Ease of access and launch area away from fast water to make launching easier.	Public awareness/information campaign - Wear your PFD!		
Power boats and wave runners often don't care about impacts on paddlers. No wake zones and noise levels from motors and music can be a big detriment.	Well maintained facilities.	People who don't wear PFDs while on the water.		
Notice to motorized boaters about non-motorized boaters, wake zones where appropriate.	Maintenance of existing sites and adequate parking	I'm sure you feel that long words justify your salary and this whole business. Truthfully, people should just wear life jackets, period. Very few people ever come to serious injury or fatality on a river with a life jacket on.		
Low speed for motor boats near non-motorized boats.	Access points located where current is slower and there are not obstructions in the water is good. Docks for motorized boats are not ideal for non-motorized boats; they need a different design.	The most important safety issue is education on the importance of wearing PFDs. OSMB should actively promote PFD wear through schools, WearIt signage, and more public outreach.		
Largest safety concern is other motorboats on the water.	Parking, safe path to the water	Lack of life jackets – 84% no PFD		

Having others aware that we are on the water.	Access to the Yamhill River is nearly impossible for paddlers due to the steep stream banks and heavy vegetation. The boatramp at the Kiwanis Marine Park in McMinnville has been closed to all use due to unsafe conditions caused by washout of the boatramp. The only currently viable access on the Yamhill River is at Dayton Landing, and upstream paddling is not possible past the lock structure at Lafayette (Yamhill) Locks County Park.	Life jackets could be rolled out like ATV to make mandatory use more palatable – phase-in		
Respect by powered boats for non-powered vessels has improved, but further respect needs to be done.	Vehicle breakins.	Life jackets – people (kids & casual users) not using them – need signage (e.g.- Class IV rapids)		
Education - how should non-motorized and motorized interact on the water.	Sharp objects, broken glass at water entry area, muddy shoreline (as opposed to sandy beach)	Most issues seem like no PFD, BUUI		
Motorized boaters are hazard	Secure parking. P.S. Forgot to mention garbage service is super nice to have. It also just gives one more reason to clean up and recycle at facilities.	New boaters – Life vests – need clearer rules regarding safety devices		
Speed boats on the lower santiam. the sheriffs boat came within 5 ft of hitting me.	Slipping and falling while trying to access put in points	Keep PFD loaner stations		
Motorized boats (sadly mixed with alcohol too)	Safe access, i.e. graded and easily walkable.			
Conflicts between motorized and non-motor specifically speed differences.	Lack of sufficient launch sites in Youngs Bay, and on the Columbia between Astoria and Wauna forces users to attempt hazardous launches and retrievals off rocky areas. Some potential for injury results. Ironically, access has been improving on the WA side of the lower Columbia, with one added site, and improvements at Oneida on Deep River.			
Most power boaters are great, we are all sharing the water. Some are rude, don't know how to educate those kind of people.	Also, the long distance from the boathouse to the lake, even at higher water levels, requires carrying boats over a long distance, increasing chances of injury.			
Motorized boats are the biggest safety concern for non-motorized boats. limit or prohibit their access.	West fork of the Hood needs a put in and take out above and below Punch Bowl falls. A better put in is required at Dee and a way to get by the fish wheel (couldn't figure out word)			
Slow motorized boat traffic near the boat ramp. Slow vehicle traffic near ramp. Motorized boater recognize non-motorized craft have right of way.	Cars getting broken into and thing stolen at put-ins and take-outs is #1 problem off-water. 3. Tweakers. Grrr.			
It would help if speed boats drivers realized that passing close to rowers has a distinct possibility of swamping the shell and the waves they generate often cause a ceasing of rowing until the waves abate.	Theft from cars can jeopardize safety by allowing identity theft.			
In water: visibility for or courtesy from speed boats are a concern.	No wake zones needed around loading areas, law enforcement, safe areas to leave cars/bikes, etc while on the water, restrooms.			
During peak evening hours in the summer, motorized boat traffic is so heavy that non-motorized boating becomes hazardous. Speed boats and jet skis use the rowing dock, often landing in the middle of the non-motorized boats that are launching and landing. Teenage rowers require launch supervision and the motor boat launch ramps are a good distance away from the rowing launch dock. Being able to launch the safety boats and the rowing shells from the same dock would improve the supervision.	Generally I feel like the safety ethic of the whitewater community is very strong. There are times though that I feel like just accessing the river is the biggest risk of the day because of lack of established put-ins and take-out points (except for at a handful of the most popular runs).			
Motorized boats that don't pay attention to buoys or the traffic pattern.	Access area, parking and vehicle security. These shouldn't be target areas for hoodlums.			

interaction with motorboats/jet skis/ water skiers	Bathrooms that are open at put in/take outs.			
Without a doubt fast boats used for skiing, fishing, wake boarding and jet skis. They have no traffic pattern, no apparent speed limit and often do not honor the rule to stay 200 feet from other craft. We are often harassed by these boaters who create wakes that swamp us.	Room to gear up at river ramps and launches, Not the drag down banks many Washington rivers offer			
Motorized craft are not always respectful of keeping a safe distance from rowing shells is the main problem. The public docks are great for them, they seem to have priority so that non-motorized craft are launching from the muddy shore OR the Rowing Club's privately maintained dock. Which is fine - it's irritating when motorized craft use OUR dock so they don't have to pay the entry fee to the park for their whole boating party.	Not enough access to getting in and out of the boats			
Safety: sharing the water with motorized users who are not paying attention...	I would like to feel my vehicle is safe when I paddle overnight on the Willamette River and have to leave my vehicle parked at the boat ramp.			
Motorized Boaters not complying with No Wake Areas -- especially on the Willamette River near downtown Portland.	I think it is important to provide separate areas for motorized and nonmotorized users. I like that some lakes prohibit motors. Others limit speeds to 5 mph or limit to electric motors. Others allow any motorized boat. Mixing motorized and non- motorized use can lead to safety issues, conflict, and a degraded experience, especially for the nonmotorized users.			
Interactions with motored boats				
Sometimes motorized boaters don't realize how fast they're going and cause problems for non-motorized boaters.	Easy walkable access to the water that does not include rip-rap is my only safety concern for facilities. Distance for heavy uses motorized boat traffic is another concern.			
On some water bodies, irresponsible motorized craft can create a hazard.	Safe parking areas			
The most important safety issue is non- motorized boaters being over run or bullied by motorized boaters who are aggressive and intimidating.	Lack of safe place to park while removing kayaks/canoes from roof racks. Lots of smaller and less-popular rivers have this issue. In particular, launching on the Tualatin River from Roy Rogers Road is extremely dangerous.			
Motorboats on the Willamette should be made to slow down and reduce waves. Its busy in the summer and they zoom up and down the river, some boats are huge and make large waves.				
I worry about power boats. So no-wake areas and enforced speed limits for power boaters are very important.				
Holding up motorized boaters from launching and returning at very busy launch sites.				
Motorized boating conflict traffic.				
Most of the kayakers I paddle with are self- reliant. The biggest safety issues is motorized craft that are unaware of kayakers.				
Limiting beer goggles on power boaters.				
Motorized boats!!!!				
Motorized boats at same location				
Availability of lakes and rivers with speed/wake rules.				

Speed boats on Lake Lytle make it difficult to safely use lake. There are also noisy and interfere with the enjoyment of the birds and solitude of the lake.				
The hazardous operation of motor craft are the main safety concern.				
Power boaters are often not very willing to share launch facilities. PWC operators and wake boarders come too close at high speed.				
Wake of motorboats – lack of education of motor boats on the impact to paddlers (rowers)				
Motorized user lack of understanding on wake/wave impact to dock at rowing facility				
LE boat wake at rowing facility and near Norwood Island				
Jet boats can't slow down at Norwood Island – no water – paddlers need to understand also				
Mutual lack of understanding by motorized and non-motorized of impact of wake/wave – sometimes if motorboat slows, makes bigger wave/wake				
LE jet boats in low water, harder to slow down when passing – sometimes limited choice to stay on plane, collide or wreck/ground				
Holgate Channel wake zone – still was waked				
Frustration with wakes. Motorized boats look ahead and don't watch what their wake does				
User conflict on the water – inattentive boaters				
Wakes – causes safety hazards – more enforcement presence on sunny days – more education to motorized boaters				
Concerns with water skiers spraying kayakers				
There are courteous motorized boaters – but not all are – some will slow while they pass but this can cause bigger waves.				
Wake concerns, boaters just don't know how their wake responds to non-motorized				