



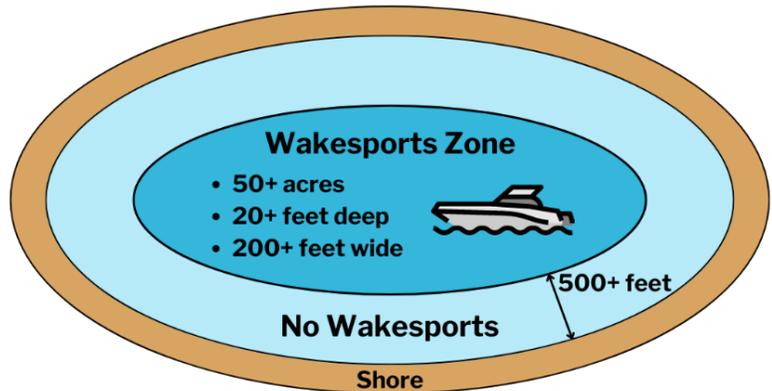
# Ready to Use, Rent, or Buy a Boat? Know Before You Go!

## New Wakeboat Rule Takes Effect for the 2024 Boating Season

### What is Vermont’s new wakeboat rule and who does it apply to?

Starting April 15, 2024, wakesports using a wakeboat shall **only** occur in wakesport zones of Vermont’s inland lakes.

A wakesport zone is an area of 50 acres that is over 20 feet deep, at least 200 feet wide, and over 500 feet from shore. A wakeboat is a motorboat with design features like ballast tanks that can create large waves or “wakes” for wakesports (wake surfing, wakeboarding, etc.).



### Where can wakesports occur?

Wakesports can occur in the wakesports zones of 30 inland lakes. Wakesports can also occur on Lake Champlain, Lake Memphremagog, the Connecticut River reservoirs, and Wallace Pond (all of which **do not** have a wakesports zone).

### Wakeboat Decontamination Requirements

When moving between lakes, all wakeboats must decontaminate or clean their ballast tanks. Find a list of lakes with wakesport zones, download wakesport zone maps, and learn more at [bit.ly/VT-Wakeboat-Rule](http://bit.ly/VT-Wakeboat-Rule) (or scan the QR code on the right).



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