



## Piedmont Region

Lake Maggiore Natural Parks and Reserves Organization  
(Special natural reserves of Fondo Toce and Dormelletto Reed Beds)

### Caution !!!

If you want to sail safely and happily on Lake Maggiore, without causing damage or danger to yourself, other people and the environment around you (and also... ..to avoid being fined!) you should observe some simple rules...

#### SPEED AND GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOR MOTORBOATS

**Do not sail within 150 m from the shore**, except for authorized fishing activity: when leaving and coming back pass very slowly (less than 10 km/h around 5 knots) through this 150m zone, only in a perpendicular direction.

Never exceed the limit of 45 km/h for the rest of the lake (around 27 knots)!

However, always adjust your speed in order not to cause danger to other people, considering the traffic, the visibility and the lake conditions!

Under 16 years old is not allowed to drive any kind of motor boats.

Do not cross public service courses!

Do not hinder professional fishing activities!

Never enter areas where people are swimming!

Do not go any closer than 50 m to buoys indicating the presence of subacqua divers

It is forbidden to discharge in the water or on the banks oil, fuel and any polluting substance.

The motor should be kept perfectly efficient to avoid oil or fuel leakages.

The operations of supply and maintenance should be made avoiding the leakage of oil, fuel, and any other liquid (ex. shampoo and similar).

#### SHIPPING UNITS

A new legislative provision (law 15/11/2011 n°203) let compulsory for all the boat longer than 2.50mt, with motors (also outboard), that navigate on lake Maggiore and lake Ceresio-Lugano, to have on the board an identification license plate. This plate will be issue after being register to provincial's nautical list.

For the registration on provincial's nautical list and issue of the plate number is to necessary present a special request enclosing the application forms.

The cost is of € 30.00 to be paid by Italian post or by bank deposit.

The application forms you can request by the reception or download it by this web site (see the link).

The registration's request has to be present at the provincial's office in Gravellona Toce via Industria n° 25 or by mail to [nautica@provincia.verbania.it](mailto:nautica@provincia.verbania.it)

A copy of the application must be kept on board and show as demonstration of requesting.

The plate number will be issue direct from the provincial's office or send it within 30 days after the date of requesting.

The plate number could be shipping also by post, after request, the shipping costs are charged to the receiver.

## **WATER-SKIING**

Only ski from 8.00 in the morning to sunset, when the weather is fine!

Never enter the 150m zone from the shore!

Do not waterski in the zone around Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori and the shore!

Besides the driver, always take a person who can supervise the tow rope and the water skier!

Never leave or come back if someone is bathing nearby!

Observe a distance of at least 12 metres between the skier and motorboat!

Your boat must have a reverse gear, neutral, a first aid kit and a rear view mirror

Equip your motorboat with reverse and neutral gear, a first aid kit, a rear-view mirror and a lifebelt for the skier!

Always keep at least 50m from other boats!

Wear a lifejacket when skiing!

Never exceed the speed limit of 45 km/h (around 27 knots) !

Make sure you have a boat licence (regardless of the type of boat!).

On board there must be no more people than the number allowed for the boat, including the water skier.

## **TOWING OTHER THAN WATER SKIING (“BANANA BOATS”, “RINGS” ETC)**

This activity may be carried out only between 8 a.m. and sunset when the weather is fine.

Never less than 150 m from the shoreline!

It is prohibited between Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori and the shoreline

Besides the driver, always take a person who can supervise the tow rope and the person/s being towed!

Never leave from or return to the shore if people are swimming!

Between the person/s being towed and the boat there must be at least 12 m

Equip your motorboat with reverse and neutral gear, a first aid kit, a rear-view mirror and a lifebelt for the person/s being towed!

You must always keep at least 100 m away from other boats.

The person/s being towed must wear a lifejacket.

The maximum speed laid down for the craft being towed must not be exceeded, and in no case may 45 km an hour (around 27 kn) be exceeded.

The driver must have a boat licence (irrespective of the type of boat!).

On board there must be no more people than the number allowed for the boat, including those being towed.

No more than two craft may be towed at the same time.

You must always keep at least 100 m from the reed bed

**Caution! Rules must also be complied with for power as sending and kite surfing; find out from the addresses set out below before commencing use!**

## **JET-SKIING**

Only jet-ski from 9.00 to 13.00 in the morning and from 15 to 19.00 in the afternoon!

Enter the 150m zone from the shore only crossing very slowly (5km/h, around 3 knots), only in a perpendicular direction and without letting the exhaust pipe out of the water!

Never exceed the speed limit of 30 km/h (around 16 knots)!

Wear a lifejacket when jet-skiing!

Observe a distance of at least 100m between your jet-ski and other boats!

Do not park on beaches or State property areas!

Do not ski in the zone around Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori and the opposite shore (Lido di Carciano, Hotel Lido Palace)

Do not ski over the waters belonging to the towns of Castelletto, Dormelletto, Arona, Lesa, Baveno, Cannero, Cannobio, (Piedmont shore); as well as in the towns of: Sesto C., Angera, Ispra, Laveno, Leggiuno (Lombard shore). Other towns could add up after the distribution of this note, so please get updates before starting the trip!

## **WINDSURFING**

Windsurf only an hour after dawn to sunset!

Do not windsurf near other boats, in harbours and in specific destination areas (e.g. in exit ways)!

Wear a lifejacket and observe the safety distance of at least 10m from other windsurfers!

Do not carry people or animals aboard!

Never enter the 150m zone from bathing shores!

## **ROWING AND PEDAL CRAFTS (canoes, pleasure boats and so on)**

Sail only when the lake is smooth and the weather is fine!

Carry only the suitable number of people aboard (everybody has to be seated comfortably)!

## **BATHING**

Do not bathe in harbours, near public landing stages and in specific destination areas (e.g. in exit ways)!

If bathing 150m from the shore, keep a supporting boat nearby and wear a red cap!

## **UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES**

When performing underwater activities, signal your presence by means of a red flag and white striped buoy!

If using a supporting boat, equip it with a proper flag and always place it no more than 50m from your underwater location!

Do not dive in bathing, cane fields and specific destination areas (e.g. in exit ways)!

## **GENERAL BEHAVIOUR RULES**

### **Never access the reed bed areas (even with paddles)!**

Do not remove, modify or spoil day and night signalling devices (this includes the yellow buoys marking the border of natural reserves and those showing exit ways)!

Do not discharge oil, fuel or any other kind of polluting materials into the water or on shores!

Keep the motor well serviced, in order to avoid loss of oil or fuel!

Carry out refuelling and servicing operations in such a way to avoid loss of oil, fuel or any other kind of liquids (e.g. shampoo and similar substances)!

Landing and takeoff of flying boats or other aircraft including ultra-lights is prohibited.

## **INFORMATION**

The Lake Maggiore sailing rules (D.P.G.R. 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 n° 5) are displayed in all lake-side town halls, public landing places, harbours, boatyards, sports clubs and in the most important hotels and camping areas.

### **Always keep a copy of the sailing rules (this is just a summary!) on board!**

## **SANCTIONS**

Non-observance of any established order or general rule will result in a fine of between 100 to 1.000 € (reduced payment 200€.)

## **NATURE RESERVE OF THE REED BEDS IN DORMELLETTO**

The borders of the Reserve are marked by specific yellow buoys. If you do not see them, this means they are temporarily being repaired or substituted: in this case, follow the directions of the park guards and anyway consider the distance of 150m from the shore and the respect of reed beds!

**Do not enter the Reserve on-board motorboats.** You can cross the reserve to arrive and leave, along the shortest way, at the minimum speed (4 knots, less than 10 km/h) and anyway never in front of reed bed areas!

As all over the lake, in the reed bed areas navigation is forbidden as well as stopping with any kind of boat, both motorboats and others!

The non-observance of these rules will result in a fine of between 12 to 129€ (reduced fine amount: 24 Euro) that can be cumulated with any infringement of the Lake Maggiore regulation.

## **NATURE RESERVE OF FONDO TOCE**

Regarding marking the boundaries, the rules relating to the Dormelletto Reed-beds Reserve also apply.

**Within the Reserve it is forbidden to use motorboats.** It is only permitted to use motorboats to moor at and leave from mooring points and permitted landing stages, taking the shortest route, from or to the shoreline, at a very slow speed (3 kn, in other words around 5 km/h).

Mooring motorboats, even if the motor is turned off, is permitted solely at private jetties and sections of shoreline in the vicinity of camp sites, and then only if there are no swimmers.

It is forbidden to moor and tie up motorboats, even if the motor is turned off, less than 100 m from the shoreline, unless there is a specific need to disembark or haul out or moor the boat, where permitted.

In areas occupied by swimmers it is forbidden to land even with boats without motors.

As throughout the whole lake, it is forbidden to sail and stop any type of craft, with or without a motor, in the reed beds. Motorless boats must remain at least 50 m from the reed-beds, unless there is a specific need to disembark, haul out or moor the boat, where allowed.

Along the Toce, it is only permitted to sail motorboats at a very slow speed (3 kn, in other words around 5 km/h) and only parallel to the direction of the river, accessing the river from the boundary of the Reserve, opposite the river mouth.

Along the rio Stronetta and the Fondotoce Canal, it is only possible to sail without a motor and parallel to the direction of the river!

It is permitted to sail electric boats, subject to the same restrictions applying to motorless boats.

It is prohibited to use jet skis, or launch, haul out or store them on public land bordering the lake.

Those breaching these rules will be liable for a fine of between €100 and €1.000 (reduced payment €200)

### **For further information, please contact:**

#### **Lake Maggiore Park and Reserves Organization**

Administrative Centre: Via Gattico 6, 28040 Arona (NO). Tel. 0322 240 239, fax 0322 237 916.  
Working Centre in Oleggio Castello: V.lo Torrazza 2, 28040 Oleggio C. (NO). Tel. 0322 230 230, fax 542 782  
Working Centre in Fondotoce: Via Canale 48, 28924 Verbania, tel. 0323 496 596, fax 0323 406 842.  
Security Dormelletto: 320 43 73 96 4/5/6  
Security Fondotoce: 320 43 73 967 328; 042 39 54  
[www.parchilagomaggiore.it](http://www.parchilagomaggiore.it)

#### **Harbour Inspectorate in Verbania**

P.le Flaim 15, 28921 Verbania, tel. 0323 401 588

#### **Police Station in Verbania**

Headquarters: Via Lussemburgo 4, 28921 Verbania. Tel. 0323 51 15  
Lake Squad: Via Belgio 6, 28921 Verbania. Tel. 512 427

#### **Carabinieri Station in Verbania**

Company Headquarters: Via Dalla Chiesa 1, 28921 Verbania. Tel. 0323 4001, 0323 404 343