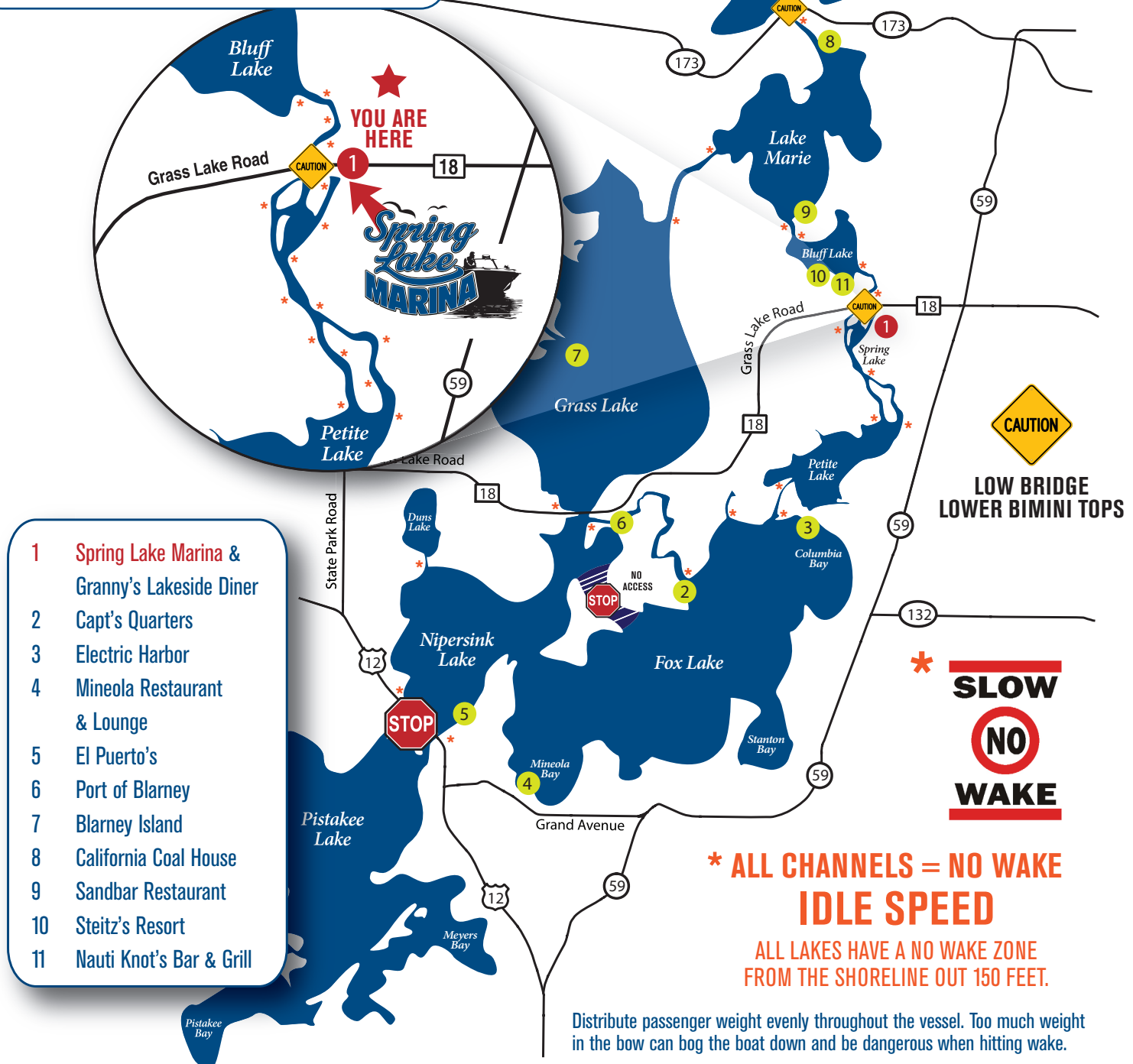


MAP & SAFETY BROCHURE



Boats can be used anywhere on the Chain with the exception of the Fox River south of the Rt. 12 Bridge and Pistakee Lake (as indicated with the stop sign above). A \$50 per hour service charge will be added to the rental if a breakdown occurs south of Lake Nipersink and our mechanic must come out to the breakdown site.

All lessees of crafts are responsible for knowing where they are at all times on the lakes. Please use this map/safety brochure as a guide and stay out of all but the main channels.

All laws and regulations, no wake areas, etc. must be strictly adhered to.

For trouble-free boating, stay in the center of all channels and lakes. The Chain of Lakes are all silt bottom lakes and have seaweed, particularly near shorelines. **ALL LAKES HAVE A NO WAKE ZONE FROM THE SHORELINE OUT 150 FEET.** Before calling for help, check for seaweed entwined on the prop or stuck in the wave runner jets

Distribute passenger weight evenly throughout the vessel. Too much weight in the bow can bog the boat down and be dangerous when hitting wake.

While operating the craft keep your hands and feet in the boat at all times.

Life vests are available on all vessels. They should be handy while on a moving boat and must be worn and properly secure at all times when riding a wave runner.

Children 12 and under must wear a proper life vest at all times.

No person under the age of 18 is allowed to drive any vessel. Children, under 18, riding a wave runner with an adult must have his/her feet touching the floor boards.

SAFETY FIRST: Busy boating days such as weekends and holidays have a much higher volume of boating traffic on the entire Chain O' Lakes and it is safer to opt out of water sports such as skiing and tubing, etc.

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BOATING SAFETY CHECKLIST



- ☐ I will make sure my passengers and I each have a properly fitted and properly adjusted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket and know how to put it on.
- ☐ I understand that children 12 and under must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times when boat is in motion.



- ☐ I have assigned one responsible adult to keep track of the whereabouts and safety of each child on board.
- ☐ I understand that life jackets sized for adults are unsafe for children.



- ☐ **I will obey No Wake zones/signs.**
- ☐ I will not operate this boat at speeds that are unsafe for the conditions.



- ☐ I understand when crossing the path of another boat, I should yield to the boat on my right, (starboard).

- IF I OR THE OTHER BOAT FAIL TO ACT -



- ☐ I understand there is the threat of a collision and it is my responsibility to slow down, steer away and/or stop.



- ☐ I understand that when I meet another boat head-on I should steer to the right (starboard).



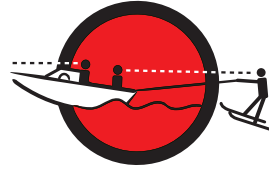
- ☐ I understand that when I overtake another boat I should pass on the left (port) side, leave plenty of room, and yield (give way) to that boat. If conditions require it, I may pass on the right (starboard) side.



- ☐ I understand that I must yield (give way) to all boats under sail.



- ☐ I understand that this boat is powerful, and that it may be easy to lose control if I go too fast, turn too quickly, or encounter the wake of another boat.
- ☐ I understand that this boat has no brakes, so that stopping quickly is difficult or impossible – especially if I am going



- ☐ I understand on busy boating days such as weekends and holidays, it is safer to opt out of water sports as heavy traffic on lakes can be hazardous.



- ☐ I understand that those engaged in tow sports – including waterskiing, tubing, and wakeboarding – are not safe in the water unless they are at least 30 feet behind this boat when the motor is in gear.



- ☐ I understand that “it takes three to ski” and I will only use this boat for tow sports when there is a lookout in addition to the boat operator.
- ☐ I will make sure that there is a lookout other than the boat operator whenever passengers or parts of this boat obstruct the operator's view.



- ☐ I will ensure that those engaged in tow sports wear a properly fitting and properly adjusted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.



- ☐ I understand that under Federal and/or State law it is a **crime** to operate a boat while persons are sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern), or swim platform. This behavior is considered grossly negligent operation of a boat.



- ☐ I understand that using alcohol, drugs and certain prescription medications may impair my ability to operate this boat safely.
- ☐ I will not operate this boat or allow anyone else to operate this boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



- ☐ I will not permit swimming, diving, sliding, or jumping from or near the boat unless the boat motor is turned off, the keys are removed, and I have counted to ten to allow the propeller time to stop spinning.
- ☐ I will never dive head first into the water.
- ☐ I will instruct my passengers never to dive or jump off of a moving boat.



A Checklist from the U.S. Coast Guard and Spring Lake Marina

