

**TOWN OF GUILFORD  
125 MARBLE ROAD  
GUILFORD, NY 13780**

**JET SKI BAN ON GUILFORD LAKE**

**At their regular meeting on Wednesday June 12, 2002, the Guilford Town Board passed an Ordinance banning the use of Jet Skis on Guilford Lake in the Town of Guilford.**

**This action took place following a request made over a year ago by residents of Guilford and the Guilford Lake Association. A public hearing was held on Wednesday May 29, 2002. There were concerns expressed at the hearing by people thinking that the term Personal Watercraft referred to all types of boats and flotation devices. The following is a definition of Personal Watercraft as found in the New York State Navigation Law.**

**"Personal Watercraft" shall mean a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.**

**The ban as passed by the Guilford Town Board refers only to Personal Watercraft more commonly known as "Jet Skis". The text of the ordinance passed is as follows:**

**CHAPTER I-6/2002**

**ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (JET SKIS)  
ON GUILFORD LAKE IN THE TOWN OF GUILFORD**

**1. AUTHORITY**

This chapter is hereby authorized pursuant to the Town Law §130 (17)(1)(a) of the laws of the State of New York.

**2. PURPOSES**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Guilford and all those who utilize the Town of Guilford's bodies of water for recreational purposes.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions in this chapter are the same as those found in Section 2 of the New York State Navigation Law and are adopted herein in its entirety.

**4. STATE NAVIGATION LAW**

The Navigation Law of the State of New York is the controlling law in the Town of Guilford. This chapter establishes rules and regulations that reflect and supplement the Navigation Law and are specific to the Town of Guilford.

**5. VESSELS**

Personal watercraft (Jet Skis) as defined in the Navigation Law are prohibited on Guilford Lake in the Town of Guilford.

**6. VIOLATIONS AND FINES**

The violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute an offense punishable by a fine not less than \$25.00, no more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both by such fine and imprisonment for a conviction of the first offense; by a fine of not less than \$50.00, no more than \$200.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both by such fine and imprisonment for conviction of a second offense committed within a period of 24 months; or by a fine of not less than \$100.00, no more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 180 days, or by such fine and imprisonment for a conviction of a third and subsequent offense committed within a period of 24 months.

**7. PEACE OFFICERS' DUTIES**

Unless otherwise stated any violation of this section of this chapter is a misdemeanor. It should be the duty of all peace officers acting pursuant to their special duty as police officers and traveling navigation inspectors to enforce the provisions of this section.