GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC MISSION STATEMENT

The Gull Chain of Lakes Association is an alliance of individuals, families and business owners in the Gull Chain of Lakes region in Cass and Crow Wing Counties. The Association is devoted to the restoration and continued preservation of the highest water quality and environmental standards achievable, promotion of the responsible use of land and water resources and recreational safety on the Gull chain of lakes.

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Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency Only ................................. 911  Essentia Health Convenient Care - Baxter ................................. 218-454-5802
Cass County Sheriff .......................... 800-450-2677 / (218) 547-1424  Nisswa Police Department ................................. 218-963-4301
Crow Wing County Sheriff ............. 218-829-4749  DNR Enforcement (MN State Patrol Headquarters) .................... 218-828-2400
Lakeshore Police .............................. 218-963-8073  Your Boat Club (Buoy Problems) ................................. 218-963-1010
**Aquatic invasive Species Update**

**Non-Motorized Craft** - Non-motorized craft (sailboats, canoes, etc.) have the right-of-way over PWCs, water skiing, or wakeboarders. (However, these craft should not cross or pass on the right side of the PWC and must yield to them on the left.)

**General Prohibitions**
- To operate a watercraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- To transport aquatic plants or prohibited invasive species (e.g., zebra mussels, quagga mussels, or other aquatic species not naturally occurring in the state) by boat, trailer, or other watercraft-related equipment.
- To transport live bait into state waters, on shore, or on the ground.
- To operate a watercraft so that it obstructs or interferes with the take off, landing, or recovery of aircraft.
- To operate a watercraft without a valid registration certificate.
- To operate a watercraft without a personal watercraft operator’s permit.
- To transport aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species (e.g. zebra mussels, quagga mussels, or other aquatic species not naturally occurring in the state) by boat, trailer, or other watercraft-related equipment.
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**Water Skiing**
- It is illegal to swim on a person’s water ski, aqua plane, surfboard, saucer, or any other device that is pulled behind a watercraft.
- Aquatic Invasive Species are prohibited from entering the state’s waterbodies.
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**Accidents**
- No more than four divers shall be in the water at one time.
- Divers must remain within 100 feet of their boat or other moving watercraft or float or anchored to the bottom. The top of the flag must be at least 100 feet above the surface of the water.
- Boats not involved with the diving operation must remain 150 feet away from the dive flag.
- Persons who dive at any time from sunset to sunrise shall carry a dive flag’s light visible when above the surface of a dive flag or watercraft or float or anchored to the bottom. The top of the flag must be at least 100 feet above the surface of the water.

**Swimming**
- Public swimming areas (including resorts) must be marked off with buoys. (blue/white)
- Federal law prohibits the use of any device for the purpose of swimming, diving, or diving equipment, or any underwater device.
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**Scuba Diving**
- The dive flag’s light must be visible for two minutes on a dark, clear night. The light must be visible for a distance of one-half mile (within and outside the intertidal areas). The light must be visible for a distance of one-half mile (within and outside the intertidal areas).
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