

Q1 Have large waves from wake boats had a negative effect on you while boating on the lake? Select one.

Answered: 485 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	12.99%	63
Occasionally	26.80%	130
Frequently	60.21%	292
TOTAL		485

Q2 How have you been negatively affected by wake boat waves while boating? Select all that apply.

Answered: 401 Skipped: 85

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I limit the amount and times of boating	62.09%	249
Difficulty loading and unloading passengers	51.62%	207
Difficulty navigating boat	70.07%	281
Other (please describe below)	33.92%	136
Total Respondents: 401		

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#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	No boat can tie up to my dock without banging the sides, there is no buoy strong enough to stop the banging caused by these large waves from the wake boats	12/6/2020 4:31 PM
2	Nearly swamped my older ski boat	12/6/2020 4:16 PM
3	100 feet from shore and wake boat cuts between our boat and shore swamping us	12/6/2020 10:36 AM
4	Just makes gentle cruising on the lake more challenging/less enjoyable.	12/6/2020 10:18 AM
5	[REDACTED]	12/6/2020 9:29 AM
6	Not that much just bumpy mainly	12/6/2020 8:40 AM
7	Difficulty tubing and skiing younger and older children.	12/6/2020 7:46 AM
8	Makes it dangerous for small children to play around swim dock	12/6/2020 7:15 AM
9	When cruising on the lake, the large waves from wake board boats cause us to either turn into the waves to mitigate the rough water or just hold on while we rock excessively back and forth.	12/6/2020 12:17 AM
10	Swamped our canoe when we were out IN NOVEMBER. DISNT KNOW THAT YOU DRAIN THAT THING	12/5/2020 11:58 PM
11	very uncomfortable accomodating the waves	12/5/2020 10:26 PM
12	Extensive damage to boathouse supports and rock retaining wall. Silt build up under boats. Huge waves washing over pontoon boat wetting passengers.	12/5/2020 6:31 PM
13	Swamping of pontoon boats	12/5/2020 6:03 PM
14	Have to slow considerably while cruising.	12/5/2020 5:34 PM
15	Very difficult bring boat into boathouse slip without getting banged around against the sides of the slip	12/5/2020 3:02 PM
16	flooded my boat SWAMPED	12/5/2020 12:27 PM
17	Dealing with large waves in the narrows	12/5/2020 12:07 PM
18	Surfing boats in narrows makes it difficult to ski.	12/5/2020 11:05 AM
19	Tearing up my shoreline!	12/5/2020 11:02 AM
20	Wake Boats being incosiderate and / or unaware of the aount of wake produced	12/5/2020 10:55 AM
21	waves come over the front of my ski boat and feel like I'm going to tip over	12/5/2020 10:48 AM
22	In addition to negatives of active wake boarding, we also experience inconvenience and potential danger in the early evening with boats cruising with full ballast driving too close to docks especially in the narrows. There is limited space and waves come up over docks.	12/5/2020 10:46 AM
23	Paddle. Board & Kayaking	12/5/2020 10:05 AM
24	Wake breaking over the deck of my pontoon boat.	12/5/2020 9:32 AM
25	Difficulty docking boat	12/5/2020 9:30 AM
26	Water over the bow soaking occupants	12/5/2020 9:18 AM
27	Harder to dock boat	12/5/2020 9:16 AM
28	All of the above and including swimming and floating in the lake	12/5/2020 9:16 AM
29	Boat hitting dock and difficultly docking boat	12/5/2020 9:04 AM
30	Many of the wake boat drivers are flat out unsafe. They don't follow the boating rules of the lake, they drive on the wrong side of the lake and in the wrong direction. I've had to swerve my pontoon boat out of the way of wake boats turning tight corners at high speeds as they drove on the wrong side of the lake, the waves from those wake boats crashing over the walls of my pontoon boat. Unless something is done it's only a matter of time before these wake boats	12/4/2020 7:44 PM

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57	Damage to lake short and boat house.	12/2/2020 5:11 PM
58	Cannot go for a boat ride anytime on the weekends and often during the week during the summer	12/2/2020 5:01 PM
59	We the proliferation of wakeboard boats and the fact that we don't have one, I find we are struggling to get out on Rabun with our older model boats for lake enjoyment. Our older model ski boats can't cruise/ski/operate without a significant adjustment to operations. With our older model ski nautilus, we have to slow to idle speed or drop a skier or tuber before encountering a standard wake surfing wave for safety and to feel like we won't crack the hull of our boat. We find that we are going out on the lake when there aren't many boats out or at odd times. We have pretty much given up on skiing on Rabun because of the constant wave action.	12/2/2020 5:01 PM
60	3 times, a large wave has come over the bow of my [REDACTED] and drenched all the passengers in the boat	12/2/2020 3:55 PM
61	None of the above	12/2/2020 3:51 PM
62	Ruins traditional skiing when the big wave boats come out.	12/2/2020 3:34 PM
63	Pulling skiers proves difficult when wake boats are near	12/2/2020 3:21 PM
64	Only a few wakeboat owners misbehave on busy weekends - going to fast and disregarding others	12/2/2020 3:21 PM
65	Have been swamped with water coming over the front and sides of the boat from the giant waves	12/2/2020 3:18 PM
66	Dock damage due to waves causing boat to hit dock!!!	12/2/2020 3:12 PM
67	I have an electric boat and their wake keeps me from going out on the lake much of the time	12/2/2020 3:11 PM
68	Docking. Makes it dangerous.	12/2/2020 3:01 PM
69	Entering and exiting boat while wake surf waves hit....dangerous. Also, our kids use a 15-ft Whaler and it's dangerous driving through those waves	12/2/2020 2:52 PM
70	Waves from wake boats have washed over the top of our dock on occasion when the Lake is at normal level. Waves from wake boats hit our rock seawall around our cove and spray water all over the top of the wall, washing out the path along the top of the seawall.	12/2/2020 2:51 PM
71	We've sustained damage to our boats and dock when tied up and not on the lift.	12/2/2020 2:47 PM
72	Had to alter route. steer clear of the wake boats.	12/2/2020 2:42 PM
73	Large waves from wake boats often swamp of fill water into my boat soaking passengers and me	12/2/2020 2:40 PM
74	When pulling a water skier, I have to basically stop the boat when I encounter a wake surf wave.	12/2/2020 2:30 PM
75	Water swamping the bow	12/2/2020 2:28 PM
76	Must alter course and speed to cross larger wakes to prevent bow from going underwater.	12/2/2020 2:28 PM
77	Have had docked boats damaged by giant waves created by wake boats.	12/2/2020 2:27 PM
78	Bow rider swamped.	12/2/2020 2:25 PM
79	The significant wave size impacts ability to recreate comfortably	12/2/2020 2:25 PM
80	Have had wakes that have come over the top of our boat	12/2/2020 2:24 PM
81	The large waves from ballast filled Wake Surfing requires boats to slow down when approaching the large wake in-order to navigate through them to not damage the boat or have water come over the bow. They also damage boats that are tied up to docks, make in difficult to get in and out of a boat and damage the dock and sea wall. This is especially true in the narrows. Makes it impossible to slalom ski and for small children to ski.	12/2/2020 11:17 AM
82	The large waves affect the swimming ang playing of grandkids around the dock.	12/2/2020 12:12 AM
83	Difficulty paddle boarding	12/1/2020 6:45 PM

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84	Wake washed over the bow of our Master Craft causing the bow light to short out and have to be replaced.	12/1/2020 5:08 PM
85	Worry about environmental damages and noise	12/1/2020 4:07 PM
86	The size of the waves keeps us off the lake usually Friday through late Sunday during the summers	12/1/2020 1:51 PM
87	Our [REDACTED] boat front has completely submerged after passing wake boats. This has never happened before and the wave can be invisible in the middle of the lake making the situation more dangerous	12/1/2020 11:37 AM
88	It is not pleasant to ride when you are CONSTANTLY thrown back and forth, up and down. It is not safe for children or older adults to be on the lake. Very sad change.	12/1/2020 11:14 AM
89	Pulling young children behind my boat, trying not to be swamped by wake boat waves.	12/1/2020 10:33 AM
90	super rough when mulitple boats are out	12/1/2020 9:44 AM
91	Damaging sea walls and natural banks	12/1/2020 9:39 AM
92	If there are wake boats in the water, it is impossible to fish, or sit idle. I was almost pitched out of my fishing boat due these enormous wakes.	12/1/2020 9:23 AM
93	Damage to my boat and dock.	12/1/2020 9:04 AM
94	The waves have basically destroyed my retaining wall to the direct angle the waves hit. I worked on it during th=e lake draw down and am amazed how much damage was done in a short period of time.	12/1/2020 9:02 AM
95	Drivers coming too close to boats and our dock while swimming (lower basin b/n Witham's Point and the Dike)	12/1/2020 12:01 AM
96	Waves come over the bow of our boat	11/30/2020 10:51 PM
97	Generally, "rough seas" minimize enjoyment and safety on the lake.	11/30/2020 8:46 PM
98	just going out for a boat ride in the middle of the day, we stop and consider if many wake boats are out --	11/30/2020 8:42 PM
99	Certain times / weekends are flat out dangerous to be on the water. Have to alter activity and movement because of it.	11/30/2020 8:38 PM
100	My rowing shell was split in half by the wake from a wake boat.	11/30/2020 8:07 PM
101	Difficulty water skiing. Even in the early morning and late evening. The narrows are especially challenging.	11/30/2020 6:54 PM
102	they also dredge and muddy the narrows	11/30/2020 6:49 PM
103	Dangerous how large waves are especially around points of lake	11/30/2020 6:47 PM
104	very rough and uncomfortable ride	11/30/2020 6:46 PM
105	Tearing up the rock wall on my shore line	11/30/2020 6:32 PM
106	A wake boat (not a resident) resulted in a wave that broke our rowing shell in half while on it. The boater ignored it until someone on shore offered to come out to help	11/30/2020 6:32 PM
107	Less likely to just go for swim/float in the lake.	11/30/2020 6:03 PM
108	Wakes (unavoidably) washing over deck of pontoon boat.	11/30/2020 6:01 PM
109	[REDACTED]	11/30/2020 4:09 PM
110	Safety	11/30/2020 3:46 PM
111	Scary waterskiing experience with giant waves	11/30/2020 3:39 PM
112	I have difficulty on my wooden boat cruise difficult and dangerous due to the large waves no matter what time I choose this makes my cruise	11/30/2020 3:37 PM

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113	Docking boat in boathouse	11/30/2020 3:13 PM
114	Most other water activities besides wakesurfing are negatively impacted by such large waves.	11/30/2020 2:56 PM
115	Boat house and shore damage, in the narrows	11/30/2020 2:39 PM
116	When wakeboard/surfboard boats pass by the waves roll through boat slips splashing waves up on walkways getting everything wet; huge waves make it difficult to bring boat into boat slip; huge waves erode our beach.	11/30/2020 2:33 PM
117	In the Narrows, our boathouse is rocked everytime a wakeboarding and/or wakesurfing boats drives by. It also stirs up the lake bed so much that the water in the last stretch of the Narrows (towards Rabun Beach) becomes murky and muddy for entire weekend.	11/30/2020 2:31 PM
118	These boats are destructive; made worse by discourteous or oblivious drivers. They should be restricted to the center of the big and lower basins where a 950 foot buffer (or as close thereto as possible) can be assured	11/30/2020 2:23 PM
119	Difficulty teaching kids to ski anytime when wake boats are on the lake.	11/30/2020 1:57 PM
120	Wall erosion	11/30/2020 1:38 PM
121	their large wake causes a very bumpy, disruptive ride when we are just cruising	11/30/2020 1:21 PM
122	The waves create a hazard while pulling skiers. We have to decrease our speed drastically to avoid a major impact with the wave, therefore, causing the skier to bog down and drop the rope.	11/30/2020 12:30 PM
123	loud music and damage to shoreline	11/30/2020 12:26 PM
124	We live in the narrows where wake board boats waves are more intensive due to the width shore to shore.	11/30/2020 12:16 PM
125	feel like I will swamp my boat.	11/30/2020 12:08 PM
126	damage to my dock, shore line and fill in of sand/dirt at shore line	11/30/2020 12:02 PM
127	On busy days, weekends, holidays... the larger waves and multiple wake boats amplify the chaos... however, almost as much chaos and danger is created inconsiderate and dangerous boaters no matter what type of boat they are in	11/30/2020 11:35 AM
128	[REDACTED] I usually dock my [REDACTED] outside and it has been damaged very badly because of the large wake action. I have bought larger and more numerous dock bumpers, increased the height of dock components, and tried new ways of tying the boat off, all to now avail. The up and down action from the larger waves frustrates every effort at protecting my boats. Same problem with my pontoon. I have to leave my wooden boats on lifts because they would be damaged badly if tied up to a dock. I should also note that the large waves rebound from the shore and hit the boathouse structure in a way that the smaller waves do not.	11/30/2020 11:25 AM
129	Safety - [REDACTED] pontoon nearly flipped when backing out from a dock and hitting an (unseen) wakeboat's huge wave broadside. Two adult passengers that were thrown - jumped to the upended side to keep the boat from flipping.	11/30/2020 11:12 AM
130	It is not safe when water skiing and tubing (particularly with children). They let go of the ski rope or jump off the tube if they see a wake boat coming.	11/30/2020 11:12 AM
131	Difficult to enjoy the lake safely with small children. Can no longer do normal water skiing. Difficult to swim near our dock. Difficult and unpleasant to drive a pontoon boat.	11/30/2020 11:11 AM
132	Damage to docks and shoreline	11/30/2020 11:04 AM
133	[REDACTED] g We have a small [REDACTED] that has been flooded multiple times by large wake boats driving irresponsibly in the narrows and other parts of the lake.	11/30/2020 11:03 AM
134	Sea wall is eroding	11/30/2020 10:53 AM
135	Difficulty in docking in the boat house. Hull damage from collisions due to wake impact	11/30/2020 10:47 AM
136	Ski boat returning to my dock at idle speed had a wake boat cut in front at about 50-60 feet, the wave it created swamped my boat and passengers, front to back were affected.	11/30/2020 10:46 AM
137	Boathouse and dock damage	11/30/2020 10:41 AM

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138	I feel unsafe in a kayak even at a distance.	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
139	Taking water going over the bow.	11/30/2020 10:25 AM
140	tag Swamping my [REDACTED] and capsizing my paddle board and canoe.	11/30/2020 10:23 AM
141	Damage to sea wall. Just spent \$14,000 to repair damage caused by high waves. Also boats ignore the 100 foot rule often coming within just a few feet from our dock	11/30/2020 10:21 AM
142	Safety of younger swimmers and skiers trying to navigate large waves.	11/30/2020 10:18 AM
143	Nearly impossible to return my boat(s) to my boathouse without damage to boat or docks	11/30/2020 10:17 AM
144	boat being swamped	11/30/2020 10:06 AM
145	Very difficult to fish	11/30/2020 10:02 AM
146	Difficulty docking and playing in the lake	11/30/2020 9:59 AM
147	We are in the "narrows" and the wake boats come very close to our dock . It affects young swimmers, old swimmers, kayaks, canoes, etc. We have recently , with the lake down, gone into the lake bed and moved the rocks that protect our sea wall back into place. The waves have caused damage to our seawall that is costly to repair. Please restrict them from the narrow part of the lake.	11/30/2020 9:58 AM
148	[REDACTED] Wakeboat with ballast full almost flipped my fishing boat in narrows	11/30/2020 9:57 AM
149	In narrows, waves go over the dock, break boards, and cause massive erosion. We can not have other boats park at our house during peak times. Very upsetting!!! Stop these boats in the narrows!!	11/30/2020 9:52 AM
150	Waves up on boat dock. Water over sea wall. Wave boats too close to shore, walls, boathouses.	11/30/2020 9:51 AM
151	Very unpleasant experience riding in our [REDACTED]	11/30/2020 9:47 AM
152	Difficult to pass them safely, especially in the narrows.	11/30/2020 9:43 AM
153	Large waves coming into swim/beach area	11/30/2020 9:40 AM
154	My small outboard boat, canoe, and paddle board cannot be used during the time when wakeboard boats are on the water. This limits their use to early morning at best. So much for being able to sleep late in on the weekend and then enjoy boating. During the weekend we can only load and unload older passengers when the boat is still on the lift due to the excessive motion created by wakeboard boats to a stationary vessel. Driving a non wakeboard boat has become very difficult because the waves they generate make it difficult to maintain course. This is in the lower part of the lake. It is prohibitively dangerous in the narrows. Boating on the lake in the presence of wakeboard boats is generally frustrating. This makes weekends, when many people can try to enjoy their homes, much less enjoyable since the increase in popularity of these boats.	11/30/2020 9:37 AM
155	Hazard for small children in our boat	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
156	Concerns about pulling my grandchildren tubing. Extremely loud music blaring which we hear our screened porch all day—even meals	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
157	Large wakes encountered while underway significantly effect the roll and stability of our boat beyond a reasonable amount.	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
158	I have taken on water from a large wake while at idle speed.	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
159	They can make the lake unusable for regular boating activities in general and create acute hazardous situations when operating a boat.	11/30/2020 9:31 AM
160	I have to reduce the cruising speed of my boat significantly in order to go through the deep wakes.	11/30/2020 9:31 AM
161	The large wakes produced by wake boat waves make it unsafe to be on the lake on weekend afternoons in a direct drive boat. Waves easily come over the bow of the boat at cruising speed so it is a bit like driving the boat through an obstacle course	11/30/2020 9:30 AM

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162	When docked, our boat slams against the dock whenever the wake board boats' wake reaches us, causing damage to our docked boat and making it very difficult to load and unload passengers.	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
163	erosion our shore line, trees going down, boathouse needs reinforcing	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
164	Waves coming over the top of boat	11/30/2020 9:28 AM
165	With the large wake boats, I have dificulty getting my elderly mother on the boat, and we have had to completly stop bringing my inlaws on board. We have a deck boat, and frequently we have waves come over our bow, thus on busier weekends we are unable to boat.	11/30/2020 9:26 AM
166	create too large of waves damaging my property	11/30/2020 9:25 AM
167	Water over the bow when underway	11/30/2020 9:22 AM
168	Wake boats have greatly impacted our ability to enjoy boating on the lake.	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
169	Personal injury from wakeboat waves.	11/30/2020 9:14 AM
170	Boats hit dock more and cause damage	11/30/2020 9:14 AM
171	Fishing boat took on water	11/30/2020 9:13 AM
172	Overwash onto our docks, erosion on the shoreline, inconsideration from some wake boats who seem oblivious to the damage they are causing.	11/30/2020 9:12 AM
173	Have experienced waves over the bow and gunwales of a [REDACTED] on 4 occasions	11/28/2020 4:15 PM
174	Two times ballast boat wave have come over the bow of my [REDACTED] boat. I felt there was a danger of sinking. Generally it is not pleasant to navigate rough water and big waves. This is ruining our boating experience.	11/24/2020 1:05 PM
175	I do boat during busy times which limits my exposure.r.	11/24/2020 11:26 AM
176	when wake boats are too close, entire boat is shaken	11/21/2020 12:39 PM

Q3 Do you believe that waves from wake boats create a boating safety issue?

Answered: 476 Skipped: 10

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	18.49%	88
Yes	75.00%	357
No opinion	6.51%	31
TOTAL		476

Q4 If you believe waves from wake boats create a boating safety issue, please indicate how by answering the following. Select all that apply.

Answered: 357 Skipped: 129

	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	FREQUENTLY	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Waves swamp my boat	13.16% 45	21.05% 72	46.78% 160	19.59% 67	342
Passengers jostled	1.44% 5	4.02% 14	36.49% 127	58.05% 202	348
Passengers hurt	56.44% 184	29.75% 97	13.19% 43	1.23% 4	326
Skiers or rafters inconvenienced or endangered	2.33% 8	7.00% 24	36.73% 126	53.94% 185	343
Kayakers and paddle boarders inconvenienced or endangered	1.78% 6	5.03% 17	29.59% 100	63.91% 216	338
People on docks or swimming inconvenienced or endangered	4.27% 15	12.82% 45	44.44% 156	38.46% 135	351
Other (please explain below)	2.44% 2	1.22% 1	17.07% 14	79.27% 65	82

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1	Some boaters wakesurf too close to boat houses and go the wrong way on the lake while wakesurfing	12/6/2020 5:03 PM
2	Tremendous damage to seawall, small children in family can no longer be on rafts as waves will be too strong for them	12/6/2020 4:33 PM
3	Damage to boathouse & shoreline	12/6/2020 4:17 PM
4	We have small children who are often knocked over by such huge waves	12/6/2020 10:38 AM
5	Swimming and floating beside dock.	12/6/2020 7:48 AM
6	Passengers are not hurt because I warn them of impending rough waves.	12/6/2020 12:19 AM
7	Constant property damage to the lake shore	12/6/2020 12:00 AM
8	Push all kinds of trash in our quiet cove!	12/5/2020 9:57 PM
9	Damaged my dock	12/5/2020 8:07 PM
10	The waves created are too big for size of our lake raising maintenance costs for boathouses	12/5/2020 6:35 PM
11	Young children lose their footing on pontoons/extraordinary care must be taken with children when close to a wake boat	12/5/2020 6:07 PM
12	I have noticed people on SUP's having trouble standing up right after a passing wave/wake boat	12/5/2020 3:05 PM
13	Our lake is too small to accommodate the number of large boats that frequent it on busy weekends.	12/5/2020 12:04 PM
14	Tearing up my shoreline!	12/5/2020 11:03 AM
15	Safety in narrow passages	12/5/2020 10:58 AM
16	Issues related to wake boarders and especially surfing behind the boat are the slow speeds and frequent stop/starts that cause navigation issues. Additionally, this cause large waves that, in certain more narrow parts of the lake, are especially damaging and dangerous for skiers, boaters, swimmers, etc. A more opinionated comment is that it seems most boaters driving the larger wake-setting boats have very limited experience operating a watercraft. They are unaware how ballast work and when to empty, etc. Many times I've been behind or near one of these boats with no person being "pulled" and only a couple people in the boat, however their back end is very deep and they are creating giant wave while just driving around the lake. This is almost worse because that usually means they are closer to the shore because they are on a cruise vs active sporting.	12/5/2020 10:55 AM
17	destroyed my boathouse doors and destroying our rock wall	12/5/2020 10:49 AM
18	Damage to docks and erosion	12/5/2020 10:47 AM
19	Killing shoreline	12/5/2020 9:35 AM
20	Obnoxious	12/5/2020 9:34 AM
21	People wanting to pleasure boat at a lower speed cannot do this. Wake boat are not a problem except when at fast speed which is most of the time. Our lake is too small for the number of residents that want to use it for a variety of activities including swimming and boating.	12/5/2020 9:20 AM
22	Damage to dock and boat house. Water splashes into storage room in boathouse	12/5/2020 9:06 AM
23	As I stated earlier, many of the wake boat drivers are far more careless, reckless and definitely more clueless about boating safety rules than most other boats on the lake. With the wake boats so numerous and dominant out on the water now, I can't remember the last time being on the lake where I didn't fear for my family's safety at least once. This is true of time we spend on our boat, as well as time we spend swimming near our dock.	12/4/2020 7:53 PM
24	We have to carefully select where we will stop and enjoy the view. There very few places we have found where the waves are mitigated.	12/4/2020 4:15 PM
25	Large waves make it very difficult to dock into the boat house, causing my boat to crash into	12/4/2020 9:11 AM

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	the walkway!	
26	Heaves have torn up the skirting on my boat house & swim dock& have had to pay to have them repaired!	12/3/2020 12:17 PM
27	Have had wakeboard wave goe over bow of boat while trying to g [REDACTED] on skis for here first time. Driver oblivious. Moved away from him 3 times (we do not have a very big lake ! and he kept showing up. Was looking back at son (just the two of em)not looking where going. Wanted to go over to stop him but was worrieed I was toooo mad !ab	12/3/2020 12:13 PM
28	Addressed in the previous question	12/3/2020 11:37 AM
29	Destroying dock and rock sea wall	12/3/2020 9:07 AM
30	Small children in shallow areas can be pushed into dock or retaining wall by "the really massive" waves.	12/3/2020 8:40 AM
31	The waves are a huge issue at our dock.	12/2/2020 8:48 PM
32	Makes swimming difficult. Many boaters are inconsiderate of others.	12/2/2020 6:35 PM
33	I think you will address this in further questions, but the waves are tearing up our dock and boat house, necessitating \$4,000 to \$5,000 in repairs this year.	12/2/2020 6:27 PM
34	wake boats generally do not adhere to good boating practices. Many of them are new to our lakes. Few, if any, have any boating experience or training. Permits to drive such boats, particularly, should be required.	12/2/2020 6:11 PM
35	The room for wake boats in the narrows cause the problems above and the wake from wake boats cause erosion and possible damage to personal property.	12/2/2020 5:35 PM
36	Boat house and boat damage - We have had to modify deck and boat cleats as well as our approach to leaving boats tied up during our weekend usage. The wave action in our boathouse causes real concern for mooring damage to boats and boat house.	12/2/2020 5:08 PM
37	Dropping the boat in the water and taking the boat out of the water, getting in and out of the boat during that time is really dangerous when giant waves come in.	12/2/2020 3:36 PM
38	While untiring boat (with 3 people in it) at dock, the wave ws so strong that one of the people on boat was thrown in water!	12/2/2020 3:18 PM
39	Wake boat waves cause trouble when raising our boat out of the water if they arrive before the boat is hung up all the way.	12/2/2020 2:53 PM
40	Wake boats have caused me to limit times we are on the lake. We cannot sit on certain spots on our dock due to getting soaked from large waves bouncing off of seawall. Back wall of boathouse is rotting due to constantly being wet during boating season from wakes bouncing off of seawall. [REDACTED]	12/2/2020 2:33 PM
41	Passengers, especially older passengers, getting in and out of boats are endangered. Boats tied up at docks are sometimes damaged.	12/2/2020 2:30 PM
42	Waves cause water craft parked around docks to slam against docks where guests are gathered.	12/2/2020 12:16 AM
43	Can no longer leave boats in the water inside the boat house. Have to pull them up. Has swamped the whaler which is tied in boathouse.	12/1/2020 5:12 PM
44	Damage to docks, boathouses, shoreline, shoreline walls, and animal habitat	12/1/2020 4:08 PM
45	We have an older [REDACTED]. We have to either slow down and head straight into the oncoming waves or risk being hit broadside	12/1/2020 2:08 PM
46	Boathouse breakwater barriers are being torn from our docks	12/1/2020 11:39 AM
47	The waves are so big and constant at my swimming dock , it is impossible to have an enjoyable and safe swim unless you go out in the very early morning.	12/1/2020 11:18 AM
48	Damage to natural shorelines	12/1/2020 9:40 AM
49	Seems that the majority of those operating these type boats enjoy seeing how it negatively	12/1/2020 9:25 AM

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	impacts others.	
50	We do not and cannot go out at the same time they are on the lake for fear of all of the above happening.	12/1/2020 9:03 AM
51	sea wall destruction	12/1/2020 8:04 AM
52	These questions are valid but the bigger question is how we have had to adjust our boating patterns and time on the lake due to these boats. We feel that they are having a tremendous impact on our shore line as well.	11/30/2020 11:19 PM
53	For safety it simply is not possible to row on the lake during the hours that wake boats are operating.	11/30/2020 8:09 PM
54	we are fortunate to be in a cove or else i would be concerned for swimmers	11/30/2020 6:48 PM
55	We are on a point. As a result, we are dealing with major erosion and boathouse damage. Our dogs have even been washed off the wall due to the wake, [REDACTED]	11/30/2020 6:34 PM
56	Tearing up the retaining walls, damaging dock posts and knocking down trees	11/30/2020 3:48 PM
57	Wake boats live directly on either side of our boat house	11/30/2020 3:16 PM
58	Boats tied to dock	11/30/2020 2:45 PM
59	waves come in much stronger and higher making it difficult to navigate boat into slips; has caused some of boards on docks to break away on the bottom supports banging on post.	11/30/2020 2:35 PM
60	Passengers jostled when going over large wakes in our boat	11/30/2020 2:34 PM
61	Wall damage	11/30/2020 2:34 PM
62	We have an early [REDACTED] which has always been the "standard" boat size on Lake Rabun. When approaching a wakeboarding/wakesurfing boat, we have to slow down to idle or else passengers get thrown all over the boat.	11/30/2020 2:33 PM
63	Damage to shoreline and structures has been considerable	11/30/2020 2:25 PM
64	I have an older boat house and I do get concerned about wake boats passing close by when in surf mode. Erosion of our	11/30/2020 2:15 PM
65	Destroy under pinning of my boat house	11/30/2020 1:12 PM
66	Nuisance for us Pontooners	11/30/2020 12:23 PM
67	Very noisy, disruptive to shoreline, makes us want to leave the Lake	11/30/2020 12:21 PM
68	I stay off the lake on weekend in a [REDACTED] because the bow of my boat swamped. Swimming on the weekends is sometimes like swimming in the ocean on weekends. .No fun	11/30/2020 12:16 PM
69	the high angle of wake boat often prevents the operator from see ahead	11/30/2020 12:03 PM
70	Property damage	11/30/2020 12:00 PM
71	also please limit jet skis	11/30/2020 11:48 AM
72	The larger waves directly affect the ability to steer a boat. On may occasions I have been unable to steer one of my boats and worried that I would be pushed into another boat.	11/30/2020 11:27 AM
73	We can no longer swim safely or jump off our docks at our boathouse due to the higher waves and impacts. In the last two years my two [REDACTED] 'choose' not to swim because of the height and power of the waves that throw them (and human swimmers) into the rip rap rocks and sea wall. Boat are also coming much closer to my boathouse as well. Part of the issue is my curved and buttressed sea wall - when high waves hit it - extremely choppy wave results - making it very hard to swim and float and extremely hard for a boat to be tied up dockside without breaking free and being pushed into the sea wall.	11/30/2020 11:19 AM
74	Large Wave action negatively effects my boathouse	11/30/2020 11:12 AM
75	Unsafe for children to be in water.	11/30/2020 11:12 AM
76	Noise pollution from engine and loud speakers; damage to docks, boathouses, and shoreline	11/30/2020 11:06 AM

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77	Dock damage	11/30/2020 10:55 AM
78	by nature wakeboating is a maverick activity, no one is paying attention to their surroundings	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
79	Wave impact during docking ..especially in a boat house	11/30/2020 10:49 AM
80	Bank erosion and dock damage	11/30/2020 10:42 AM
81	Seawalls, docks, boathouses, and shore have signs of direct negative impact.	11/30/2020 10:26 AM
82	Loading an unloading boats	11/30/2020 10:19 AM
83	The extremely loud music blasting from the boat while wake boarding.	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
84	We avoid letting the children go out in boats when the wake boats are busy on the lake because we are in the narrows. There is also much damage to shoreline and sea wells.	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
85	Swimmers are put in dangerous situations.	11/30/2020 9:57 AM
86	They inconvenience all other water activities- floating, swimming, pets in water, boarding, fishing, kayaking, etc.	11/30/2020 9:55 AM
87	We can't swim in the narrows during peak times due to the waves from the wake boards.	11/30/2020 9:53 AM
88	We are in the lower narrows and the waves off of these boats cause serious issues for swimmers, loading, and docking our boats.	11/30/2020 9:49 AM
89	Since the invention and rise in popularity of these boats, generational habits and activity schedules have had to change. There is no way to ski with the presence of a wakeboard boats. It is dangerous for the skier, boat driver, and spotter. The large waves can cause serious damage to the ski boat. Other water activities are limited to early morning and late night skinny dipping which is not really a child friendly activity.	11/30/2020 9:44 AM
90	Damage to my dock and seawall	11/30/2020 9:41 AM
91	I've seen wake boats leaving trails of dirt behind them because the ballast is so full. I am extremely concerned about the damage to the eco-system, fish beds, etc	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
92	The operators tend to be callous in their impact on others.	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
93	As mentioned above, our docked boat is damaged when wak boat significant wakes hit it, causing our boat to slam against the dock	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
94	Bashing the boats against the dock caused by large waves. Drivers not being able to see over the bow of the wakebopaerd boats to prevent accidents.	11/30/2020 9:27 AM
95	Boaters too close to dock	11/30/2020 9:24 AM
96	Wake boats make boating painful and uncomfortable because of the huge waves. Much bumpier, more chance of injury.	11/30/2020 9:17 AM
97	Sea walls damaged!!!	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
98	Ballast boats frequently come too close to our boat and skiers/tubers. I perceive danger from this.	11/24/2020 1:08 PM
99	swimmers are unduly put in jeopardy	11/21/2020 12:41 PM

Q5 Have you experienced shoreline erosion or structural damage as a result of large waves? You may select minor or major shoreline erosion and structural damage as applicable.

Answered: 445 Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No erosion or structural damage	24.49%	109
Minor shoreline damage	38.88%	173
Major shoreline damage	28.54%	127
Structural damage	32.13%	143
Total Respondents: 445		

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#	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE	DATE
1	Wood wavebreak boards have been dislodged from the boathouse	12/6/2020 5:03 PM
2	Off Lake	12/6/2020 5:01 PM
3	We are in a "no wake" area	12/6/2020 4:52 PM
4	caved in seawall and great erosion in back of seawall as water crosses over. Erosion so bad that bridge to boathouse is being undermined and I must take down several trees as a result of the erosion	12/6/2020 4:35 PM
5	Required replacement of many vertical boards and one horizontal one despite renovation of dock 3 years ago	12/6/2020 10:40 AM
6	Primary damage has been to our boat house, the skirt boards in particular are constantly getting shaken loose and floating off (which is a danger to boaters!), but also damage or loosening of stairs, ladders, ski lift, etc.	12/6/2020 10:21 AM
7	had to replace seawall grouting, erosion to area without seawall, boathouse skirting destroyed	12/6/2020 9:47 AM
8	Band of Red Clay around the shoreline	12/6/2020 9:31 AM
9	Shoreline erosion in the narrows	12/6/2020 7:49 AM
10	ripped steps from swim dock, increased soil erosion	12/6/2020 7:17 AM
11	We are in a cove. Thanks be to God!	12/6/2020 12:20 AM
12	Two landslides. Trees and bushes in water	12/6/2020 12:02 AM
13	my seawall provides protection	12/5/2020 10:29 PM
14	Wakes separate skirts from dock	12/5/2020 10:06 PM
15	Dock boards have come loose and MUST be repaired. The shoreline input cove has washed so badly that trees have died and fallen.	12/5/2020 8:09 PM
16	The front concrete supports of boathouse are sinking. We've gone down 4/5 " in past 10 years. Water washing under rock walls	12/5/2020 6:37 PM
17	Very hard on docks	12/5/2020 6:08 PM
18	Boats ignoring the No Wake Zone in the Narrows cause erosion and get stuck in the mud causing silt to go everywhere.	12/5/2020 3:48 PM
19	If it continues there will be structural damage. That is a no brainer.	12/5/2020 2:54 PM
20	undermined all my seawall footings, eroded area without seawall	12/5/2020 12:50 PM
21	No different than any waves	12/5/2020 12:08 PM
22	Erosion	12/5/2020 12:05 PM
23	Have had to repair sea wall	12/5/2020 11:15 AM
24	Boathouse has been pushed over	12/5/2020 11:03 AM
25	Erosion of shoreline, tree damage, weakening boat house structure	12/5/2020 10:59 AM
26	Erosion of shoreline and damage to dock boards including broken dock boards	12/5/2020 10:57 AM
27	I've had to replace boards in my dock because of the wave impact.	12/5/2020 10:55 AM
28	destroying rock wall	12/5/2020 10:50 AM
29	Rip rocks dislocated	12/5/2020 10:41 AM
30	Our sea wall has been swamped so many times causing erosion and parts of wall collapse	12/5/2020 10:01 AM
31	Retaining wall collapsing	12/5/2020 9:50 AM
32	Broken cleats when boat was tied briefly to the dock while grabbing lunch	12/5/2020 9:38 AM

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33	Our sea wall has been significantly eroded at a rate faster than the 60+ years we have had the house. We have had to spend significant money adding riprap for protection. Our dock piling are going to need support work soon as it is affected on 3 sides. The boats that we keep in the boat house have to be tied tightly to prevent bumping on the sides. This cannot be done when tied to the dock. ALL boats ride TOO CLOSE to the shoreline and the property of others!	12/5/2020 9:26 AM
34	EROSION of shoreline not seawalled. Cracks in seawall that weren't there for 20 yrs	12/5/2020 9:11 AM
35	Caving in of bank and erosion	12/5/2020 9:07 AM
36	Damage under boat house, both to structure and shoreline. When arriving on Lake Rabun in 1968 water was pristine but now when with the wakeboards on lake we have muddy water.abun in 1968	12/5/2020 7:22 AM
37	The constant pounding of wake boat waves against our dock has caused significant damage. I'm repairing it at least twice as much as before the surge in wake boats on the lake. And the [REDACTED] area by our dock has eroded so much it's a fraction of what it once was. My children can barely swim/play [REDACTED] area anymore without being jostled and thrown by huge wake boat waves.	12/4/2020 8:01 PM
38	damage to seawall, footings and dock. Shoreline erosion causing large trees to fall. Wake boats churning up mud in the middle of the lake in the narrows creates unsightly mess and ecological issues.	12/4/2020 4:24 PM
39	(None selected only because we do not own ON the water.)	12/4/2020 4:16 PM
40	Have lost 6-8 feet of shoreline depth and similar amount of height behind boathouse	12/4/2020 7:20 AM
41	Hand rail for steps	12/3/2020 6:32 PM
42	Structural damage and water damage to boat slip.requiring replacing boards	12/3/2020 5:53 PM
43	Knocking boards loose on the side of the boathouse	12/3/2020 11:34 AM
44	One of our larger boats was moored to the side dock by mooring whips, and had bumper buoyes all around it. The "ocean like waves" over powered the docking system, and damaged the boat and dock edge due to extreme force.	12/3/2020 8:47 AM
45	Hard to measure, I believe that the large waves have an accumulative effect on shoreline erosion and retaining walls.	12/3/2020 8:34 AM
46	Trees falling in the lake.	12/3/2020 6:12 AM
47	Ladders being knocked off the boat dock. Boards on side of boathouse have been knocked off	12/2/2020 11:46 PM
48	Have some issues with sea wall, but not clear that it has anything to do with wake-surfing (the issue is likely simply the result of normal wear and aging)	12/2/2020 11:28 PM
49	A large part of our shoreline has been eroded.	12/2/2020 10:42 PM
50	Erosion.	12/2/2020 10:33 PM
51	Erosion to shoreline. Had to install sea wall after 30 years of not needing one!	12/2/2020 8:43 PM
52	Boats are damaged more than the boathouse structure.	12/2/2020 8:38 PM
53	some stone steps are being undermined at the base. The bottom step is much higher from the ground than it use to be	12/2/2020 7:59 PM
54	None. Issue isn't wake boats themselves, it's irresponsible driving of wake boats.	12/2/2020 7:57 PM
55	Damage to rock/cement wall. Damage to vertical boards around base of dock and boathouse decking.	12/2/2020 7:27 PM
56	Damage to boat house/dock skirting	12/2/2020 6:53 PM
57	Washing away.	12/2/2020 6:36 PM
58	Completely tore loose skirting around boat house, and swim dock. Loosened key supports on dock supports, necessitating replacement. Causing shoreline erosion and therefore trees have fallen into lake that had to be removed.	12/2/2020 6:29 PM

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59	Fortunately, we live deep in a cove so damage has been minimal. Others on the lake are not as fortunate.	12/2/2020 6:13 PM
60	Damaged structure under docks	12/2/2020 5:50 PM
61	We have seen the damage of our structural damage and the erosion.	12/2/2020 5:39 PM
62	Rock Seawall and patio had no damage for 20 years. Has extensive damage in pat 3 years due to gigantic waves reaching shoreline.	12/2/2020 5:36 PM
63	erosion behind sea wall. Lost some boards buffering waves.	12/2/2020 5:12 PM
64	Minor/to minimal visible shore damage to us due to the pure rock shoreline.	12/2/2020 5:10 PM
65	Paint eroded and rotted wood siding from waves coming over my dock	12/2/2020 3:58 PM
66	They have not come close to us near the dam	12/2/2020 3:34 PM
67	Shoreline has eroded badly enough that we have had to build seawall where none existed to keep driveway from being undermined. Our existing seawall has been badly damaged with footings being undermined and wall is leaning. Had to pour new footings and do major wall repair.	12/2/2020 3:29 PM
68	To my dock and to my sea wall	12/2/2020 3:25 PM
69	Seawalls have developed leaks which result in sink holes on shore.	12/2/2020 3:20 PM
70	Damage dock as well as erosion to wall.	12/2/2020 3:18 PM
71	We are currently having a new foundation poured because of damage to sea wall because of waves	12/2/2020 3:15 PM
72	Erosion	12/2/2020 3:02 PM
73	Washing away part of the path above our seawall.	12/2/2020 2:53 PM
74	We had to replace our wall.	12/2/2020 2:51 PM
75	Weakened and undermined retaining wall and waves pushing debris onto shore	12/2/2020 2:43 PM
76	A 15' section of our seawall failed and has to be rebuilt. Large rocks have been dislodged from face of seawall in three other spots. Mortar holding rocks in place is failing due to wave action and needs to be re-pointed annually (which is now not possible due to Georgia Power's alterations to their lakeshore management plan).	12/2/2020 2:38 PM
77	stones on seawall are falling off, concrete blocks holding the wall up are severely deteriorating and are requiring a major repair this winter -- if the contractor shows up and I'm not confident about that!	12/2/2020 2:34 PM
78	Erosion	12/2/2020 2:32 PM
79	The sea wall has been undermined and requires significant repair.	12/2/2020 2:31 PM
80	Deeper than normal erosion	12/2/2020 2:29 PM
81	The waves have caused our boat to come down very hard on the cradle of our lift many time which has caused the lift to need repair	12/2/2020 2:27 PM
82	But we are at the back of the cove.	12/2/2020 2:26 PM
83	Seawall and vertical dock boards, ladders and gates	12/2/2020 11:20 AM
84	erosion/undercutting of part of bank that is not protected by seawall	12/2/2020 9:10 AM
85	Wash is beyond seawalls	12/2/2020 7:52 AM
86	Wooden slats around dock near shore line are bearing the brunt of the weight of the waves.	12/2/2020 12:19 AM
87	sea wall is beginning to fall	12/1/2020 9:38 PM
88	Sea wall cave in, floating dock torn off, 10+ slats along dock torn off, rear of boat is rotting as it rarely dries out due to waves hitting where it rarely splashed before wakeboard boats	12/1/2020 8:11 PM
89	Damage to poles supporting boat house causing some sinking	12/1/2020 6:46 PM

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120	Erosion to shoreline when waves go over seawall	11/30/2020 3:37 PM
121	Lake wall undermined and cracked. Boats damaged while tied to dock	11/30/2020 2:46 PM
122	Shoreline erosion; loss of boat house skirts	11/30/2020 2:41 PM
123	erosion on our beach when the surfwaves come to shore; surfwaves causing some of the crosstie support boards to break away and flop back and forth	11/30/2020 2:36 PM
124	Sea wall has been undermined. Boats damaged while tied up at dock	11/30/2020 2:36 PM
125	Wall undermined and cracked. Boats damaged while tied at dock	11/30/2020 2:36 PM
126	Stone steps leading into the water have been completely destroyed. \$8,000 in seawall damage (undergirding, mortar destruction, partial collapse) already has been incurred and I'm not yet finished with repair work	11/30/2020 2:26 PM
127	We sit far back in a cove and therefore the wakes dissipate prior to reaching our shoreline.	11/30/2020 1:58 PM
128	Severe boathouse damage	11/30/2020 1:52 PM
129	Erosion of mortar between rocks in rock wall, large waves have damaged dock by causing some supports to fail. Large waves have undermined stone wall steps into water. Constant wave action has caused dock to remain wet resulting in rotting of boards	11/30/2020 1:44 PM
130	part of our shoreline that does not have a seawall has been compromised	11/30/2020 1:27 PM
131	Had to temporarily replace supports	11/30/2020 1:14 PM
132	Our boat is at Halls	11/30/2020 12:24 PM
133	We are on the open water area so it's not damaging there. I would imagine it is in the more narrow areas though.	11/30/2020 12:24 PM
134	Their waves undercutting our wall	11/30/2020 12:23 PM
135	Eroding the mortar joints on stone sealwall	11/30/2020 12:19 PM
136	I do not own Lake Front property	11/30/2020 12:16 PM
137	I am in no wake zone so damage to shoreline not so bad	11/30/2020 12:10 PM
138	erosion of shore line, damage to sea wall	11/30/2020 12:06 PM
139	Seawall	11/30/2020 12:01 PM
140	entire boat house listed, just replaced 2019	11/30/2020 11:49 AM
141	Posts on dock and boat house and also retaining walls loosened weakened and cracked	11/30/2020 11:48 AM
142	Shoreline: 1) waves crashing over the sea wall has eroded out the dirt behind it so the hill is sliding down (can no longer see the top of the sea wall). 2) the Sea Wall over the last 3 years has developed 8 new large cracks. Waiting on masonry repair work for \$ damage info. 3) Damage would have been much greater if we'd not invested \$8K in rip rap (300' of shore). Rip rap is getting buried and jostled - not staying in place and an additional \$8K of rocks are needed. Boathouse: 1) Piers and supports have loosened - waiting on contractor to examine and repair & give \$. I can feel the boathouse shudder when a wakeboat wave wake hits it. 2) In the last year- two areas of docks are now sagging 3) there is damage to the lakeside of the boathouse where a wake boat pushed another boat under power (inspecting the boathouse/ about to dock) into the boathouse causing a) siding & trim damage and b) hit my boat prop - cause an oil leak (thankfully fixed for only \$300).	11/30/2020 11:45 AM
143	My boathouse vibrates in a way that is different when impacted by these large waves and I have two doors that no longer close correctly because of shifts in the structure.	11/30/2020 11:30 AM
144	we've had our house for two generations and have never seen such erosion to our shoreline.	11/30/2020 11:25 AM
145	We have experienced major sea wall damage because of wale boats. I am having to invest \$10,000 to repair the damage they have caused.	11/30/2020 11:14 AM
146	Erosion of shoreline, damage to shoreline walls	11/30/2020 11:06 AM

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147	I'm not sure whether to characterize it as minor or major, but erosion of the shoreline is pretty evident at points in the narrows.	11/30/2020 10:56 AM
148	now waves will slam against the seawall and overflow the seawall	11/30/2020 10:55 AM
149	The wave impact and strong suction pressure of the retreating waves have pulled large rocks and mortar from the wall. That has caused significant erosion of the yard behind the wall. The foundations have become completely exposed with the bottom erosion and the footing base is nearly completely eroded.	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
150	Steps from dock to lake had to be replaced.	11/30/2020 10:53 AM
151	The damage comes from all boats in the narrows in the no wake zone. People think the rules don't apply to them. Since when they are reminded they promptly tell us how long they have been on the lake.	11/30/2020 10:53 AM
152	damage to walls that need repair annually rather than every few years	11/30/2020 10:49 AM
153	dock slats knocked loose, bank collapsing	11/30/2020 10:42 AM
154	No answer as we live in the no wake zone	11/30/2020 10:38 AM
155	Erosion and boards missing	11/30/2020 10:36 AM
156	Boat dock ripple boards damaged and need replacement	11/30/2020 10:34 AM
157	Fallen trees and loose/cracked seawall.	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
158	wash out behind retention wall. damage to wall	11/30/2020 10:28 AM
159	We have had board comes loose and the front of our dock is sinking due to the waves.	11/30/2020 10:27 AM
160	Waves undermine base and go over top of sea wall. Sea wall built 20 years ago and no damage noticed until a year or so ago. The contractor repairing the wall said it would collapse within a year if we hadn't made repairs. Also minor damage in our boat house due to constant high wave action	11/30/2020 10:27 AM
161	sea wall degraded and splash over the wall is frequent.	11/30/2020 10:24 AM
162	Sea wall cracking and washout of foundation. Boathouse skirt boards damaged. Stone steps into lake damaged. Support beans for boathouse and dock compromised.	11/30/2020 10:21 AM
163	Don't own property on lake	11/30/2020 10:18 AM
164	Waves consistently crash over the top of my sea wall creating erosion behind the walls. In addition, waves swelling underneath my dock have caused it to rise up in the front and settle in a higher position. My dock is no longer level and I'm facing considerable expense to correct the issue.	11/30/2020 10:17 AM
165	Our seawall is starting to erode at a previously unseen level	11/30/2020 10:09 AM
166	The waves have undermined our seawall. We have had to have large rocks put at base of sea wall to keep it protected. We have just gone in the lake bed to move rocks back to sea wall. The waves have actually moved rocks that were put in several years ago.	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
167	seawall badly damaged. now having to spend thousands to repair wall and install rip rap. boathouse damaged also.	11/30/2020 10:00 AM
168	Sea wall had to be replaced. Shoreline eroded causing trees etc to fall into the lake. Steps washed out.	11/30/2020 9:58 AM
169	[REDACTED] Two years ago I was forced to redo my sea wall. Existing sea walls are not tall enough for the current wave boats. Significant erosion is occurring all over the lake.	11/30/2020 9:56 AM
170	Waves have broken many boards on our dock in the narrows. Massive powerful waves hit over and over... birthing we can do! Stop wake boats in the narrows.	11/30/2020 9:55 AM
171	Our seawall footers had to be completely redone this year. We are waiting on the water drop to properly assess any structural damage.	11/30/2020 9:54 AM
172	In the past 3 years we have spent \$40,000 on seawall repair and are going to be spending a similar amount this year. We are having to double the amount of rip rap rock along the seawall.	11/30/2020 9:53 AM

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Due to the proximity of the house to the water, additional measures might have to be taken if this doesn't address the erosion.

173	It is very difficult to dock my boat in my boathouse with huge waves constantly beating my boat to pieces.	11/30/2020 9:50 AM
174	Boathouse sways after spending \$10000 to shore it up last year	11/30/2020 9:48 AM
175	Sea wall, lower dock and steps .	11/30/2020 9:46 AM
176	Seawall damaged from huge waves	11/30/2020 9:44 AM
177	Erosion of "sea"wall causing near collapse Boat house support pilings have come loose endangering collapse of our boat house we are undertaking major structural repairs	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
178	The grout in the stone bulkhead has shown increased erosion. Waves frequently slam anything in the water like SUPs or kayaks into the docks and bulkheads. All of our SUPs and Kayaks have significant cosmetic damage from wakeboard wakes. It is a point to be made we should perhaps remove them everytime from the water but we are in a no wake zone as defined by distance across the mouth of our cove and still deal with 3' rolling wakes into the dock and seawall structures.	11/30/2020 9:37 AM
179	Hard to tell, but it is impacting the seawall	11/30/2020 9:37 AM
180	boat house needs reinforcing, we have a rock wall around our shoreline. But our neighbors do not have a wall to protect their shores. This impacts our trees.	11/30/2020 9:37 AM
181	The structure of my swim dock and my boat house at and below the water line have incurred damage. Structural members have been broken, damaged and loosened. It will cost approx. \$10,000 to repair and replace the damage.	11/30/2020 9:36 AM
182	Water level boards displaced/broken	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
183	Considerable erosion along our shoreline has definitely been accelerated in the time that these boats have proliferated on our lake	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
184	shoreline erosion	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
185	I do not live on the lake	11/30/2020 9:30 AM
186	Had to replace a swim platform and the the shore line is eroded with the water becoming very shallow around th docks	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
187	We have had the interior of our bank eroded to the point that several trees are in danger of toppling onto our boat house and in the water. We have had to repair and replace parts of our seawall, and install a secondary buffer sea wall.	11/30/2020 9:28 AM
188	Lifted side dock. Marked sea wall damage. Erosion and flooding behind sea wall. Destruction of landscaping.	11/30/2020 9:26 AM
189	waves knock the stones off our boathouse	11/30/2020 9:26 AM
190	So far. We expect erosion and damage to worsen.	11/30/2020 9:18 AM
191	Sea wall	11/30/2020 9:16 AM
192	I am in cove but have had erosion and boats scratched against dock	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
193	Sea walk damage. Dock has been rendered wobbly by the pounding.	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
194	Erosion at sea wall footings. Loosening of skirting around boathouse and dock.	11/28/2020 4:19 PM
195	My house is in the back of a cove.	11/24/2020 1:08 PM
196	my seawall is being undermined and "Curtins " around boathouse and boathouse bracing boards are being displaced	11/21/2020 12:43 PM

Q6 Cost to repair damage (materials and labor) if known

Answered: 198 Skipped: 288

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Actual amount spent to date on repairs	67.68%	134
Estimated amount to complete repairs	72.73%	144

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#	ACTUAL AMOUNT SPENT TO DATE ON REPAIRS	DATE
1	12 hours	12/6/2020 10:41 AM
2	Several \$ thousand (work is being done right now on skirting, ladders, stairs, etc., as lake is down).	12/6/2020 10:22 AM
3	\$4500	12/6/2020 9:47 AM
4	\$100	12/6/2020 7:18 AM
5	We've spent 1000 so far. Need to build a retaining wall. Hope that it doesn't have to be the entire 300 ft	12/6/2020 12:04 AM
6	At least \$500-600 to reinstate stops of boathouse slips.	12/5/2020 6:40 PM
7	?	12/5/2020 2:55 PM
8	\$51,000.00	12/5/2020 12:50 PM
9	\$25,000	12/5/2020 11:16 AM
10	\$1,150	12/5/2020 10:57 AM
11	Minimal because just boards	12/5/2020 10:57 AM
12	500	12/5/2020 10:48 AM
13	Erosiion control costs for collapsed bank not yet know.	12/5/2020 9:32 AM
14	Several thousand on riprap every couple of years. Seawall repair was included in other repairs so I dont have the breakout.	12/5/2020 9:30 AM
15	6500	12/5/2020 9:19 AM
16	Negligible	12/5/2020 9:13 AM
17	\$1500	12/5/2020 9:11 AM
18	25 hours	12/5/2020 9:09 AM
19	A lot of time!	12/5/2020 8:24 AM
20	Don't know exactly how much but our boathouse is under repair right now. Sure it will be several thousand dollars.	12/5/2020 7:23 AM
21	Hard to say - too frequent over past several years	12/4/2020 8:04 PM
22	\$10k	12/4/2020 4:24 PM
23	\$27,000	12/4/2020 7:22 AM
24	Not known	12/3/2020 10:24 PM
25	Used adult kid labor, cost to them was missing fun time	12/3/2020 5:55 PM
26	\$1000's	12/3/2020 2:08 PM
27	They haven't been able to finish until the lake goes down enough to get to the front of the boat house & swim dock so don't have Bill yet.	12/3/2020 12:18 PM
28	TBD	12/3/2020 9:08 AM
29	1000.00	12/3/2020 8:49 AM
30	500	12/2/2020 11:46 PM
31	\$0 (again, unclear if anyone could attribute cause / effect of shoreline damage specifically to wake-surfing)	12/2/2020 11:28 PM
32	\$3000 to repair seawall, but likely age had as much to with it as large wake u	12/2/2020 11:01 PM
33	Don't know.	12/2/2020 10:33 PM
34	250	12/2/2020 10:05 PM

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35	10,000	12/2/2020 10:04 PM
36	\$8000.00	12/2/2020 8:43 PM
37	\$1,500	12/2/2020 7:27 PM
38	Haven't done it yet.	12/2/2020 6:36 PM
39	\$5,000	12/2/2020 6:29 PM
40	\$50	12/2/2020 5:12 PM
41	\$500.00	12/2/2020 3:59 PM
42	N/A: Self repair	12/2/2020 3:43 PM
43	\$76,000.00	12/2/2020 3:31 PM
44	1000.00	12/2/2020 3:25 PM
45	Work is being done to draw all, but I estimate \$2500	12/2/2020 3:16 PM
46	\$3,000	12/2/2020 3:09 PM
47	Several thousand dollars was spent three years ago laying rip rap stone at the base of the sea wall.	12/2/2020 3:04 PM
48	None yet	12/2/2020 3:03 PM
49	\$2600 approximately. Other work done on dock so no exact breakdown	12/2/2020 2:45 PM
50	\$1000	12/2/2020 2:39 PM
51	4,000	12/2/2020 2:30 PM
52	600	12/2/2020 2:27 PM
53	0	12/2/2020 2:25 PM
54	\$50.00	12/2/2020 2:24 PM
55	\$500 - \$1000	12/2/2020 11:22 AM
56	not sure	12/2/2020 10:46 AM
57	\$0	12/1/2020 9:45 PM
58	\$1200.00	12/1/2020 8:11 PM
59	Working on seawall with lake down	12/1/2020 5:42 PM
60	none yet	12/1/2020 4:09 PM
61	5000.00	12/1/2020 3:32 PM
62	Repairs currently underway this year Repair over the summer approximately \$1500.00	12/1/2020 11:41 AM
63	We can't repair because the lake has not gone down enough.	12/1/2020 11:22 AM
64	\$20k	12/1/2020 9:59 AM
65	\$1000	12/1/2020 9:42 AM
66	NA	12/1/2020 9:26 AM
67	New rock added	12/1/2020 9:14 AM
68	?	12/1/2020 9:07 AM
69	Not enough time on draw down to complete work once examined and noticed the enormous work to be done. Bandage work recently done. \$5000.00	12/1/2020 9:07 AM
70	2,500	11/30/2020 9:47 PM
71	Not known yet	11/30/2020 8:33 PM

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72	\$1000	11/30/2020 8:29 PM
73	No idea -- repair has not been undertaken, yet	11/30/2020 8:11 PM
74	?	11/30/2020 7:57 PM
75	none yet	11/30/2020 6:49 PM
76	no lake drawdown to deal with it	11/30/2020 6:35 PM
77	Unknown right now. Will be costly	11/30/2020 6:33 PM
78	Added a Sea Wall for a LOT of money	11/30/2020 6:05 PM
79	\$4,000	11/30/2020 6:02 PM
80	\$8,000+ this year; \$9,200 in prior period when lake level was reduced (3 yrs ago)	11/30/2020 4:44 PM
81	\$1,500	11/30/2020 3:49 PM
82	n/a	11/30/2020 3:18 PM
83	getting estimate	11/30/2020 2:57 PM
84	\$1,000	11/30/2020 2:42 PM
85	\$50 broken and repaired boards	11/30/2020 2:38 PM
86	\$5,000	11/30/2020 1:53 PM
87	\$40,000	11/30/2020 1:45 PM
88	none to date, but plan to extend our seawall to deal with problem	11/30/2020 1:28 PM
89	Three days	11/30/2020 1:16 PM
90	\$1200 (materials & labor) boathouse & shoreline repair	11/30/2020 12:25 PM
91	Nothing	11/30/2020 12:24 PM
92	None	11/30/2020 12:19 PM
93	not known	11/30/2020 12:10 PM
94	na	11/30/2020 11:49 AM
95	14,00. Is bill for some repairs. Starting Dec 1	11/30/2020 11:49 AM
96	\$8000	11/30/2020 11:46 AM
97	I had one door cut down at modest cost and need to have another one cut down. I also have a gate that no longer closes.	11/30/2020 11:30 AM
98	Approximately \$10,000.	11/30/2020 11:15 AM
99	Unknown	11/30/2020 11:07 AM
100	\$5000	11/30/2020 10:56 AM
101	\$50,000	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
102	\$250	11/30/2020 10:43 AM
103	\$0	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
104	\$14,000 paid just last week and was advised to bring in rip rack rocks to control further damage. Established cost approximately \$10,000. We're having to hold off for financial reasons	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
105	\$5,000	11/30/2020 10:26 AM
106	?	11/30/2020 10:19 AM
107	I don't know exact amount to have rocks put in lake bed, Several thousand I guess.	11/30/2020 10:10 AM
108	\$1000	11/30/2020 10:07 AM

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109	\$150	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
110	15,000	11/30/2020 10:03 AM
111	unknown	11/30/2020 10:02 AM
112	Smaller amounts, new owners. Repairs underway now.	11/30/2020 10:01 AM
113	\$18,000	11/30/2020 9:58 AM
114	In the last 3 years- \$35,000 for wall repair, and \$5000 in additional bracing for boat house.	11/30/2020 9:58 AM
115	0	11/30/2020 9:57 AM
116	\$8,000	11/30/2020 9:55 AM
117	\$45,000	11/30/2020 9:54 AM
118	1,000.00	11/30/2020 9:51 AM
119	\$10000	11/30/2020 9:48 AM
120	5,500	11/30/2020 9:45 AM
121	1000.00	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
122	\$2,000	11/30/2020 9:39 AM
123	0	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
124	\$6000	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
125	2500	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
126	none, at this point. More silt accumulating!	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
127	done myself by clearing and leveling shoreline and removing a tree	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
128	Seawall repair, replace, and buffer installaion \$250 per sq foot	11/30/2020 9:30 AM
129	\$5200.00	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
130	\$1000	11/30/2020 9:26 AM
131	Under repair now. TBD	11/30/2020 9:16 AM
132	\$10000	11/30/2020 9:13 AM
133	Less than \$500	11/28/2020 4:20 PM
134	3,000	11/21/2020 12:44 PM

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#	ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO COMPLETE REPAIRS	DATE
1	two contractors \$12,000 to be done next drawdown as I could not get it done quickly enough this year before lake goes up	12/6/2020 4:36 PM
2	\$400 because my husband did the work with our son in laws	12/6/2020 10:41 AM
3	\$1,00,000.00 or more	12/6/2020 7:51 AM
4	\$200	12/6/2020 7:18 AM
5	Scared to get one	12/6/2020 12:04 AM
6	\$4,000.00	12/5/2020 8:10 PM
7	No way to repair front boathouse supports.	12/5/2020 6:40 PM
8	\$45,000.	12/5/2020 12:50 PM
9	250.OO	12/5/2020 11:29 AM
10	\$95,000 (contract price)	12/5/2020 11:16 AM
11	\$40,000 for a new seawall	12/5/2020 11:04 AM
12	\$10,000+	12/5/2020 11:00 AM
13	\$800	12/5/2020 10:57 AM
14	Anticipating having to put in a sea wall in the next couple years because of erosion and potential that trees may fall. I never expected to even consider this when I purchased my house.	12/5/2020 10:57 AM
15	1000	12/5/2020 10:48 AM
16	3,000	12/5/2020 9:50 AM
17	Boathouse,seawall are ongoing and money is spent ANNUALLY. Boat damage is not calculated as it is scarring of the hull and bumpers.	12/5/2020 9:30 AM
18	10000	12/5/2020 9:19 AM
19	Negligible until boathouse is affected by wave action.	12/5/2020 9:13 AM
20	\$300	12/5/2020 9:09 AM
21	Not sure if erosion can be repaired	12/4/2020 8:04 PM
22	TBD	12/4/2020 4:24 PM
23	Approx \$90-100,000 total (including \$27K already spent)	12/4/2020 7:22 AM
24	have not repaired yet	12/3/2020 6:33 PM
25	\$1000	12/3/2020 3:32 PM
26	\$30,000	12/3/2020 2:08 PM
27	???	12/3/2020 12:18 PM
28	Old concret in old wall is eroding from wayer washing in and out at water line. have had wakeboard wave crest teh wall.Will ahve to face wall with rock. long wall. going to be expensive.	12/3/2020 12:15 PM
29	Minimal as the boards can be reattached and strengthened	12/3/2020 11:34 AM
30	TBD	12/3/2020 9:08 AM
31	To be determined.	12/3/2020 6:13 AM
32	\$0 (again, unclear if anyone could attribute cause / effect of shoreline damage specifically to wake-surfing)	12/2/2020 11:28 PM
33	Don't know.	12/2/2020 10:33 PM

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34	250	12/2/2020 10:05 PM
35	Beach replenishment and wall rebuilding - \$2000	12/2/2020 8:49 PM
36	1600.00	12/2/2020 8:40 PM
37	our boats have damages that cannot be fixed. It's "cosmetic". The boats still float & operate. but they are damaged.	12/2/2020 8:39 PM
38	\$1,500	12/2/2020 7:27 PM
39	\$2,000	12/2/2020 6:29 PM
40	\$800.00	12/2/2020 5:51 PM
41	My estimate would be in the \$500 to \$1,000.	12/2/2020 5:41 PM
42	Repairs scheduled with estimate of 7000 to 10000	12/2/2020 5:37 PM
43	no estimate yet	12/2/2020 5:13 PM
44	Stronger bolts on cleats and stronger ropes and dock bumpers.	12/2/2020 5:12 PM
45	Don't know yet. Waiting.	12/2/2020 5:02 PM
46	N/A	12/2/2020 3:43 PM
47	\$40,000.	12/2/2020 3:31 PM
48	\$2000	12/2/2020 3:21 PM
49	?	12/2/2020 3:19 PM
50	\$2,000	12/2/2020 3:14 PM
51	0	12/2/2020 3:09 PM
52	Work hasn't begun on the new repairs needed to our wall, but estimates are several thousands more will be spent to shore up the damage incurred over the last three years.	12/2/2020 3:04 PM
53	\$3500	12/2/2020 2:39 PM
54	\$40,000 quote	12/2/2020 2:35 PM
55	4,000	12/2/2020 2:30 PM
56	0	12/2/2020 2:25 PM
57	\$0	12/1/2020 9:45 PM
58	do not know	12/1/2020 9:43 PM
59	Unknown	12/1/2020 8:11 PM
60	\$2,000	12/1/2020 6:47 PM
61	\$5,000. Cost of seawall will be higher, but a lot of that is just long term maintenance.	12/1/2020 5:42 PM
62	Unknown yet. Due to how slowly the lake has been lowered the work has not been done.	12/1/2020 5:14 PM
63	1000	12/1/2020 4:32 PM
64	unknown	12/1/2020 4:09 PM
65	5000.00	12/1/2020 3:32 PM
66	\$3 - 5,000	12/1/2020 2:08 PM
67	500.00	12/1/2020 10:35 AM
68	\$40k	12/1/2020 9:59 AM
69	\$2000	12/1/2020 9:42 AM
70	NA	12/1/2020 9:26 AM

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71	40,000	12/1/2020 9:19 AM
72	?	12/1/2020 9:07 AM
73	\$40,000.00-\$60,000.00	12/1/2020 9:07 AM
74	5,000.00	12/1/2020 9:05 AM
75	We don't know yet	12/1/2020 12:07 AM
76	over \$3000	11/30/2020 10:31 PM
77	35,000-40,000	11/30/2020 9:47 PM
78	100000	11/30/2020 9:38 PM
79	Not known yet	11/30/2020 8:33 PM
80	No idea	11/30/2020 8:11 PM
81	not sure- erosion is a real problem and water quality.	11/30/2020 6:52 PM
82	\$35,000	11/30/2020 6:05 PM
83	\$2000	11/30/2020 5:12 PM
84	\$2,700-4,000	11/30/2020 4:44 PM
85	unsure	11/30/2020 4:20 PM
86	?	11/30/2020 3:49 PM
87	Estimates in progress	11/30/2020 3:41 PM
88	Less than \$1000	11/30/2020 3:37 PM
89	2000	11/30/2020 2:49 PM
90	Unknown	11/30/2020 2:46 PM
91	Getting ready to repair boat slips on the narrows side using outside repair person; likely a couple of hundred dollars	11/30/2020 2:38 PM
92	Unknown	11/30/2020 2:36 PM
93	Unknown	11/30/2020 2:36 PM
94	\$10,000	11/30/2020 1:53 PM
95	\$10,000	11/30/2020 1:45 PM
96	?	11/30/2020 1:28 PM
97	\$600 +	11/30/2020 1:16 PM
98	?	11/30/2020 12:19 PM
99	I have made repairs myself	11/30/2020 12:06 PM
100	\$25,000	11/30/2020 12:02 PM
101	na	11/30/2020 11:49 AM
102	\$10,000 - \$20,000	11/30/2020 11:46 AM
103	Unknown	11/30/2020 11:07 AM
104	?	11/30/2020 10:56 AM
105	\$500.00 - did the work ourselves	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
106	\$25,000	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
107	We are starting to repair now, no cost estimate yet, but both swim dock and boat house have to be worked on	11/30/2020 10:51 AM

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108	10000	11/30/2020 10:45 AM
109	\$1000	11/30/2020 10:43 AM
110	\$500	11/30/2020 10:37 AM
111	10,000	11/30/2020 10:34 AM
112	\$2,000	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
113	~\$2,500.	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
114	\$10,000	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
115	\$5,000 - \$10,000	11/30/2020 10:26 AM
116	\$5000-\$8000	11/30/2020 10:21 AM
117	\$5,000 to \$10,000? Repairs are being made at this time. I don't know the full extent at this time.	11/30/2020 10:18 AM
118	We have work scheduled seawall work to keep dirt from washing from yard, silt screening, digging out behind wall. Certainly will be several thousand dollars., depending on what problem they find.	11/30/2020 10:10 AM
119	\$2000	11/30/2020 10:09 AM
120	Going forward, a sea wall will have to be constructed to keep land at shoreline and protect shoreline from further damage and disappearance. Currently, Repairs being worked on now. Broken boards from wake boats.	11/30/2020 10:01 AM
121	\$12,000.00	11/30/2020 10:00 AM
122	I expect to spend more money to terrace areas of erosion, and other structural issues with boat house.	11/30/2020 9:58 AM
123	0	11/30/2020 9:57 AM
124	Unknown on structural	11/30/2020 9:55 AM
125	\$40,000 + If they work and for how long	11/30/2020 9:54 AM
126	3,000.00	11/30/2020 9:51 AM
127	??? \$2000.	11/30/2020 9:47 AM
128	3000.00	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
129	\$10,000 (when Lake Rabun is finally lowered in mid Dec.)	11/30/2020 9:39 AM
130	5,000	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
131	\$100,00+	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
132	1500	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
133	\$10,000	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
134	On-going expense, need to spend another \$6000 in the short term	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
135	TBD	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
136	Hundreds not thousands	11/30/2020 9:34 AM
137	Trees unknown	11/30/2020 9:30 AM
138	\$3,000	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
139	\$3000	11/30/2020 9:26 AM
140	EST thousands for dredging required because silt was stirred up in channel of narrows and shoved under our boathouse.	11/30/2020 9:17 AM
141	\$2,000	11/30/2020 9:16 AM

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142	\$9,600	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
143	\$5000	11/30/2020 9:13 AM
144	\$2500	11/28/2020 4:20 PM

Q7 Do you believe policies should be put in place to address wake boat activity on Lake Rabun?

Answered: 462 Skipped: 24

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No need for any policies	12.34%	57
Yes, policies are needed	81.82%	378
No opinion	5.84%	27
TOTAL		462

Q8 How effective do you believe the following policies would be in mitigating any negative effects of wake boat activity?

Answered: 373 Skipped: 113

	NOT EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	VERY EFFECTIVE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Restrict times for ballast operations that create larger waves	23.97% 87	36.64% 133	29.75% 108	9.64% 35	363
Limit boat weight	6.94% 25	21.67% 78	54.44% 196	16.94% 61	360
Limit ballast operations to wake boarding and surfing; empty ballast tanks when cruising or waterskiing	14.44% 53	26.43% 97	49.32% 181	9.81% 36	367
Restrict areas of the lake for ballast operations	13.55% 50	24.39% 90	54.20% 200	7.86% 29	369
Require a wider buffer for wake boats (distance to other watercraft or shoreline)	14.52% 53	28.22% 103	52.05% 190	5.21% 19	365
Minimize repetitive wake boat runs in same area	15.30% 56	28.96% 106	46.72% 171	9.02% 33	366
Training and education for wake boat owners and surfers	16.62% 61	31.34% 115	45.23% 166	6.81% 25	367
Other (Please explain below)	6.41% 5	3.85% 3	64.10% 50	25.64% 20	78

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#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	These owners know what they are doing and have no respect for neighbors property and the majority of families on the lake	12/6/2020 4:39 PM
2	When the lake was flooded and over people's docks a man was skiing kids in his wake boat causing waves onto the boat houses and into the closet. When reminded the whole lake was no wake, we were told to mind our own business and it was his daughters birthday. He would do as he pleased. My experience is that wake boats will not follow your restrictions unless	12/6/2020 10:47 AM
3	nothing will be effective unless enforced	12/6/2020 9:49 AM
4	minimize size of displacement allowable for this lake	12/6/2020 7:20 AM
5	Educate that "plowing " down the lake with ballast tanks full and no wake surfers behind the boats is really an irritant to others.	12/6/2020 12:23 AM
6	These boats are too large for the lakes. That being said, they are already here. We have to do something. Way too much effect on other people and their property. Limiting wake boats to the large basins seems practical but not really fair to home owners on the big water. Too much property damage they need to be severely limited but I don't know how you do that.	12/6/2020 12:16 AM
7	These boats should not be on this lake.	12/5/2020 6:43 PM
8	BOAT EDUCATION CLASS (OPERATORS CLASS) by Michael Crowe	12/5/2020 12:30 PM
9	If we can't get people to wear masks in a pandemic, I don't think rules will be followed and people will object.	12/5/2020 12:07 PM
10	No boats with full ballasts in the narrows, no tubing in the narrows	12/5/2020 12:01 PM
11	OUTLAW WAKE BOATS	12/5/2020 11:33 AM
12	How would regulations be inforced?	12/5/2020 10:46 AM
13	Eliminate them	12/5/2020 9:36 AM
14	Restrictions are only as effective as enforcement! Continuous monitoring and fining, even at a cost to LRA, will be only way to get it under control. Otherwise, it will be ignored. That can be observed by behavior when DNR is there on holidays.	12/5/2020 9:34 AM
15	Wave height restrictions in Narrows	12/5/2020 9:15 AM
16	Restrict boat size and wake on small Georgia Lakes	12/5/2020 9:11 AM
17	Above restrictions would be very effective if they could be enforced. I am sorry to say but some people do not follow the rules!	12/5/2020 7:26 AM
18	Grandfather existing wake boats and limit the total number of wake boats allowed.	12/4/2020 4:26 PM
19	Consider restricting wake boats on high-traffic days (3 summer holidays)	12/4/2020 4:23 PM
20	The scientific testing for the effect on the shoreline and structures should be repeated in the narrows where I think the adverse effects are the greatest.	12/4/2020 9:18 AM
21	The ballast tanks should be empty except when surfing is Actually taking place. Biggest problem is the boats cruising with full bladders.	12/3/2020 10:27 PM
22	All of these policies are worth a try. They would be more effective if there was a negative result to rule breaker	12/3/2020 6:02 PM
23	Enforce distance rules from structures and people, in and out of boats	12/3/2020 3:34 PM
24	Just don't know how these could be enforced. If they could then Ithink most of these would be very effective.	12/3/2020 12:22 PM
25	lake is tooo small for these boats. Ruins property. Elimanates possibility of nice slalom runs that many of my company as well as me prefer. Rude and selfish operators in most boats with bladders	12/3/2020 12:18 PM
26	Is wake boarding necessary?	12/3/2020 9:32 AM
27	I would be in favor of limiting the length of wake boats and overall engine/ballast sizes	12/3/2020 9:10 AM

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28	Wake boats should not pull inner tubes, or floating devices at such low speeds to make the largest waves while doing so. Especially during the busiest times of the boating season. Boaters doing several circles repetitively, in the wider areas of the lake cause just as much wave damage, if done with wake boat, and annoying noise pollution for whoever's homes they have decided to do this in front of. It's just more polite to all involved to KEEP MOVING ALONG. They lake is very long, but not wide enough at any point to cancel the annoyance of those not thinking of others.	12/3/2020 9:10 AM
29	Limit boat weight (3000#)	12/3/2020 9:09 AM
30	Most of Lake Rabun (even after excluding the narrows) is not wide enough to accommodate the waves generated by the wake boats.	12/3/2020 8:37 AM
31	Ban them from Rabun	12/2/2020 7:56 PM
32	What causes damage is the close proximity of the wake boating to the shoreline. It is bad enough that regular boats won't stay 100 ft away from the shore — this the reason homeowners put out all the bouts, but large wakes being generated close to shore are extremely damaging to the shoreline, including retaining walls, stone work, docks and boathouses, etc.	12/2/2020 7:34 PM
33	Do not allow ballast tanks to be used	12/2/2020 6:56 PM
34	not sure Lake Rabun is appropriate for wake surfing	12/2/2020 6:40 PM
35	Basic boat operation and etiquette would go a long way.	12/2/2020 6:39 PM
36	Restricting activities to certain areas would be unfair to homeowners in those areas. Most areas of the Lake are not wide enough to establish appropriate buffers, they would be difficult to determine and nearly impossible to enforce.	12/2/2020 6:33 PM
37	Require wake boats to adhere to the 150 foot rule. I have boats within 25 to 30 feet of my boathouse and I am on a wider part of the lake.	12/2/2020 5:47 PM
38	No other comments.	12/2/2020 5:44 PM
39	Prohibit wake boat operations on smaller lakes	12/2/2020 5:27 PM
40	The lake is just not large enough for these wake boats.	12/2/2020 5:04 PM
41	I applaud you for undertaking this project; however, I think enforcement will be very difficult. It's not just lake residents that are guilty, but also those that put their bats in for the day. Additionally, the problem is throughout the lake, not just the larger basins. There are also those that don't abide by wake speed in the appropriate areas. In my 37 years on the lake, there are no far too many rude boaters.	12/2/2020 3:48 PM
42	Keeping all wakeboarding much farther from shore so that waves can dissipate before they impact boathouses, docks and seawalls. Limit number of wake boats allowed on lake based on lake size.	12/2/2020 3:36 PM
43	Wake boats should be restricted from operating in the narrows	12/2/2020 3:20 PM
44	Need to have size limit of boat on Lake Rabun. 23 feet or larger wake boats are too big for Lake Rabun.	12/2/2020 3:18 PM
45	I'm an advocate for a state issued boating license for anyone driving a boat.	12/2/2020 3:06 PM
46	Please do not create a policy banning Wake boats in the narrows; this only makes it doubly worse in the big basin and lower basin. Eliminating water in ballasts at any time would be great.	12/2/2020 2:56 PM
47	Outlaw wake surfing on Lake Rabun.	12/2/2020 2:50 PM
48	Additional enforcement and presence of law enforcement to truly enforce the 100' rule. Explored idea of using LRA funds to provide additional hours of law enforcement on summer weekends. Has anyone asked DNR to provide information on number of 100' rule violations citations they have issued? If a wake boat is passing another vessel in the narrows it would always be a violation because of the width of the channel. Additional, the safe operating area is constantly growing smaller as more trees fall into the lake as a direct result of shoreline erosion caused by wake boats.	12/2/2020 2:49 PM

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49	Who and how are these policies going to be enforced my concern?	12/2/2020 2:48 PM
50	Restrict or prevent wakeboard and especially in Narrows or require empty ballast there	12/2/2020 2:48 PM
51	I question whether any of these would be enforceable	12/2/2020 2:46 PM
52	Make sure policies are understood by boaters who do not have a house on the lake.	12/2/2020 2:33 PM
53	Post Rules and Regulations at Hall Rabun Beach Boat ramps for those camping and/or bringing boats to the lake	12/2/2020 11:26 AM
54	Wake boats should be on a bigger lake. Rabun is too small for the wake.	12/2/2020 7:56 AM
55	Rules for those who do not live on the lake but put in at public landings.	12/2/2020 12:25 AM
56	Our lake is too small for surfing and wakeboarding. This type of boat should be banned.	12/1/2020 8:16 PM
57	Tough conundrum with the narrow width of the lake. Even in the basins its not really wide enough for the waves to de-amplify. The only way to resolve the issue would be to not allow any wakeboats and that is unrealistic given the shear number of them that are on the lake currently.	12/1/2020 5:47 PM
58	So far even with polite requests from individuals and at previous LRA meeting, there seems to be no change in behavior.	12/1/2020 5:17 PM
59	Identifying and protecting important animal habitat areas	12/1/2020 4:10 PM
60	When we say limiting boat weight I am assuming that means with full ballast? I am not optimistic that restricting hours and locations and multiple runs in the same area and larger buffers are the answer - they sound like a recipe for disaster and an enforcement nightmare. And we run the risk of other boaters and property owners trying to report violators or enforce the restrictions. That's why a boat weight limit seems like the most practical.	12/1/2020 2:08 PM
61	contact all wake boat owners to encourage best practices, consideration of others	12/1/2020 9:48 AM
62	limit wake boats on the lake	12/1/2020 9:47 AM
63	Requiring empty bladders going in and out of Narrows	12/1/2020 9:43 AM
64	Only if enforced with stiff fines, and potential seizure of boat for repeat offenders	12/1/2020 9:29 AM
65	Education and mandatory classes MIGHT make the owners of these boat more aware but think they will not abide by them	12/1/2020 9:10 AM
66	Restricting the area wakeboard boats can operate in was a disaster last summer for those of us that live in the designated areas. It created much more traffic in out lower basin which led to much more damage. It is unrealistic to direct all boats always from their home water areas to our areas. This disturbs and creates safety issues for us not only boating but swimming as well. For example my older but still very active mother [REDACTED] was knocked down and turned over when trying to swim in the areas around our dock and cove from the huge waves that came all day long every day but especially on Thursdays through Mondays.	12/1/2020 12:13 AM
67	Training of boat owners and realization that this is a small lake which creates a long term impact is so important!	11/30/2020 11:27 PM
68		11/30/2020 9:02 PM
69	Without enforcement, and limits on the number of wake boat operators, most of these restrictions will not be effective	11/30/2020 8:13 PM
70	Lake Rabun is too small and the narrows do not have the width to allow distancing measures to be effective.	11/30/2020 8:01 PM
71	I believe when lake owners were concerned about jet skis that GA Power would not keep them off the lake b/c it would be discrimination against a certain type of water sport.	11/30/2020 7:34 PM
72	It seems a number of wake board drivers do not understand the wakes they throw and how it effects other boats, docks, etc.	11/30/2020 6:53 PM
73	i see difficulty in policing, however	11/30/2020 6:51 PM
74	eliminate use of ballasts; I realize that is negative but this is a small lake.	11/30/2020 6:50 PM

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75	No wake boarding due to narrow lake	11/30/2020 6:36 PM
76	Limit boat weight. Do NOT limit to certain areas, as the buffers are inadequate in ALL areas. This type of regulation pits lake neighbors against neighbors, and does not address the true problem.	11/30/2020 6:04 PM
77	Impose harsh fines for violations	11/30/2020 4:45 PM
78	Wake boats have ruined the boating pleasures on the lake!!	11/30/2020 4:15 PM
79	Limit length to discourage wake boats	11/30/2020 3:51 PM
80	Came from a lake that allowed wake boats and no size limits. Ruined the shorelines, damaged property, created dangerous boating, ruined tranquility of lake, hurt property values , created tension between neighbors.. it will destroy what you have here at lake rabun.. trust me.. ban them asap	11/30/2020 3:44 PM
81	How enforceable will policies be, and who will enforce?	11/30/2020 3:21 PM
82	The individuals have to abide by the training/policies to be effective	11/30/2020 2:51 PM
83	Restrict activity in the narrows	11/30/2020 2:44 PM
84	consider restricting surfboats to weekdays; post pictures of boats and surf waves inside narrows and post on web site; identify where the best places on the lake are to surf (if any); have DNR stop boats creating surfwaves anywhere outside recommended area and give them an informational sheet to help educate them; share videos that show the actual impact/consequence of surfwaves overwhelming some docks (actual video so people can see first hand what it looks like; Post signage at boat ramps with large diagrams/posters offering suggestions on what not to do and where not to do it.	11/30/2020 2:44 PM
85	maybe this lake is too small, narrow for wake boats	11/30/2020 2:41 PM
86	advise non residents of damages & danger to others who live on the lake & boat on the lake	11/30/2020 2:20 PM
87	Eliminate wake boats completely	11/30/2020 1:55 PM
88	People will ignore the time requirements just like they ignore other common courtesy items. A strict ban on surfing or restricted area is the only way to stop this. As long as the wake area is not near MY house I support it. However there will be no one that wants it near their property. people are inconsiderate and waves cause damage, can we have a surcharge for the wake boats on the lake to pay for wall restoration?	11/30/2020 1:53 PM
89	Perhaps existing wake boats could be grandfathered and no new one allowed	11/30/2020 1:33 PM
90	Ga. Power bans heads on boats. Could also ban wakeboard boats!	11/30/2020 12:28 PM
91	Eliminate Ballasted boats	11/30/2020 12:21 PM
92	Restrict wakeboard boats use	11/30/2020 12:17 PM
93	I don't think the operators know or care of their damage. don't they know they are responsible for damage caused by their wake? they need to take a course in that and courtesy	11/30/2020 12:13 PM
94	restricting area when wake boats can operate means they will always be in the two big basin	11/30/2020 12:12 PM
95	Many areas on Lake Rabun are too narrow or have fragile shorelines for wake boats used with full ballasts. Prefer them to be restricted/use in larger lakes (not Lake Rabun). Don't think anyone is talking about the engine fume poisons that people on and off the boat are inhaling w slow moving boats. Also heard that Ga Pwr has changed the length of 'legal' boats on Lake Rabun. It has increased to allow 28' boats (YIKES!!!)..	11/30/2020 11:52 AM
96	also jet skis	11/30/2020 11:50 AM
97	The size of the boat and the weight of the boat are the main factors for size of the wave... and those two factors are related - the longer the boat usually means they can have the larger ballasts AND hold more passengers. To me, the boats that are 24+ with 15 people on board AND an additional 2,500lbs of ballast, generate unnecessary waves. Ironically, the folks who usually have those boats are also the ones who are completely oblivious and inconsiderate of the effects.	11/30/2020 11:36 AM

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98	Wake surfing has led to a larger type of boat that draws so much more water. Size in length and beam should be regulated. We simply do not have the necessary distance on our small lake to accommodate boats of this size.	11/30/2020 11:34 AM
99	Common Sense & Common Courtesy would solve most of the problems. Unfortunately it appears that the Wakeboaters without strict enforcement (who will be empowered to do it?) and/or an interest in changing their behavior do not think about the Lake or their Neighbors.	11/30/2020 11:26 AM
100	Lake Rabun is too small of a lake for wake boaters. There has been a dramatic shift on the lake in terms of safety, being able to kayak, being able to swim, being able to ski. Many of these wake boats drive on the wrong side of the lake. Wake Boats should be contained to larger lakes like Burton.	11/30/2020 11:15 AM
101	We should limit the length of boat on Lake Rabun to 23'.	11/30/2020 11:14 AM
102	How do you enforce any of this?	11/30/2020 10:58 AM
103	Wake operations on Rabun are very problematic in that the lake is essentially a wide part in the river with limited distance from the mid points of both the big and lower basin	11/30/2020 10:57 AM
104	I don't think that you can legislate boat use and expect compliance	11/30/2020 10:57 AM
105	Ban boats filling their ballasts	11/30/2020 10:44 AM
106	My major safety concern is proximity to docks. All activity should respect and maintain a safe distance, but this is especially necessary for surf boats. Even maintaining std boating distance in surf mode makes it difficult to dock a boat, damages watercraft and docks when tied together because of wave action, increases the damage to retaining walls because of overflow eroding behind wall and causes general damage to dock structure i.e. dock skirts.	11/30/2020 10:37 AM
107	Busy weekends should have very restricted times for ballast operation, if any at all. Also, restrict the number of occupants on boat using ballasts because they are naturally adding extra weight with each passenger in addition to the ballast.	11/30/2020 10:34 AM
108	There are no easy answers. Enforcement is also going to be an issue. Condensing all of them in the big basin and lower basin is going to cause an additional drop in property values. Weight is possibly the best and easiest benchmark. Similar to length restrictions. A maximum of 4500 lbs. for boats with or without ballast tanks loaded. This would permit the smaller wakeboard boats to fully load but require the larger ones to reduce their displacement. Implementing several other measures such as not circling in the big and lower basins would also help.	11/30/2020 10:27 AM
109	Limit number of wakeboard boats on the lake	11/30/2020 10:23 AM
110	Prohibit wakeboats	11/30/2020 10:19 AM
111	The key to the restrictions would be consistent and meaningful enforcement.	11/30/2020 10:17 AM
112	Restrict areas of the lake that are narrow. Perhaps post signs so the uninformed are aware of rules. Reminders for repeat offenders,	11/30/2020 10:14 AM
113	Limit wake boats to Lake Rabun boathouse owners.	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
114	Stay far away from shore. My boat house shakes when they go by	11/30/2020 10:05 AM
115	Stop all wake boards in narrows!!!! The lake can not handle their waves, nor can our structures and bodies. They have to be governed, possibly even prohibited to protect nature, investments, and human life!	11/30/2020 10:04 AM
116	restrict full ballasts in narrows!!!!	11/30/2020 10:02 AM
117	I think guidelines and rules are good. Unfortunately who enforces guidelines and rules? There are a lot of younger people operating these boats that seem oblivious to others. I think the only situation is to eliminate that type of operation. If you restrict areas of operation you will put more pressure on those shorelines.	11/30/2020 10:02 AM
118	No ballast operations in the narrows. It is clear from the study that the 100 ft no wake law is impossible to adhere to in the narrows.	11/30/2020 10:00 AM
119	No wake boats other than idle speed in the narrows. Only ballast tanks allowed to be filled while actively surfing/wakeboarding.	11/30/2020 9:50 AM

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120	Steep shoreline reflects waves ,all wave action on lake Rabun is amplified. The Olay good solution is to limit wave size.	11/30/2020 9:46 AM
121	I think the offenders already know and don't care what they do to the rest of the community	11/30/2020 9:40 AM
122	Ban usage of ballast tanks on the lake.	11/30/2020 9:39 AM
123	I think a fair and effective policy would to limit use of heavier boats to only the large basin areas at anything other than no wake speed. The narrows should be "off limits" I would also limit the times of use to mid day hours so that other boat users could plan when not to be on the lake.	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
124	Our lake is too narrow for these boats to be operated safely and without on-going substantial damage to our shoreline and boats. These boats should be banned from our lake.	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
125	The only remedy is ban their use on Lake Rabun. Mitigation efforts will only have marginal impact due to the size of Lake Rabun.	11/30/2020 9:37 AM
126	Eliminate wake boats from Lake Rabun. It's just too narrow.	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
127	We believe the surfing should be only allowed in areas where the shoreline can be safely avoided, and/or eliminated altogether. However, we fear that any policy put in place will simply be ignored as they are unenforceable (still having something would be better than nothing)	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
128	the only thing that will work is regulation. Many of these folks will not change behavior for the good of others unless governance is put into place. This is a small lake.	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
129	So far education has not been effective. Some folks are renters, nonmembers or otherwise apparently not getting the LRA directives.	11/30/2020 9:29 AM
130	how will any of this be policed?	11/30/2020 9:27 AM
131	Recommended guidelines don't seem to have had any effect. With more and more large wake boats on the lake, we need to compromise, set rules, and enforce them.	11/30/2020 9:21 AM
132	Limits on maximum boat weight will likely be the only truly effective means of control.	11/28/2020 4:24 PM
133	Increase legal distance to 250'.	11/24/2020 1:10 PM
134	inform drivers and hopefully get them to respect that their behavior has negatives effects on others and they adjust their actions	11/21/2020 12:47 PM

Q9 Do you believe policies regarding loud volumes of music from boats on the lake should be adopted?

Answered: 455 Skipped: 31

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.34%	270
No	20.66%	94
No opinion	20.00%	91
TOTAL		455

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#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	disturbing the peace at high speed and loud music	12/6/2020 4:40 PM
2	policies will not be effective unless enforced	12/6/2020 9:49 AM
3	Not that bad yet. Only if it gets worse	12/6/2020 8:42 AM
4	Noise should be controlled so it does not disturb others	12/6/2020 7:56 AM
5	i believe most people are clueless regarding music volume. hopefully not intentional	12/5/2020 10:32 PM
6	It's a small lake and the music can be really obnoxious- especially at night. We have the windows open in our [REDACTED] house- [REDACTED] and it isn't nice to have loud music playing on the lake late into the night sometimes. I don't see how it could possibly be enforced. Mostly, it is older kids out on the lake really late. I'm just happy for lots of summers with rain at night!	12/5/2020 12:11 PM
7	OVERDUE	12/5/2020 11:34 AM
8	Not only music but limit engine noise. Didn't we have a noise ordinance ?	12/5/2020 11:05 AM
9	Not sure how this could be enforced	12/5/2020 10:51 AM
10	AND noise/music from house parties that go on til early morning ours. Mountain patrol will "visit" but until it hits their wallets, it will not stop. Everyone can read time and we do have a noise ordinance that is OFTEN ignored, at least in our area of the lake. Same with boat music. Everyone should keep their tastes in music and volume at a personal level for enjoyment and respect that some people enjoy no music at all sometimes and a low volume would help. This would also include music enjoyment on personal docks.	12/5/2020 9:39 AM
11	Rude and annoying	12/5/2020 9:11 AM
12	why do other boaters think people want to hear their music-this is a huge irritation	12/3/2020 7:02 PM
13	Please!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/3/2020 6:37 PM
14	At certain hours, ie early morning or late night.	12/3/2020 12:23 PM
15	Is plain Rude. Sound carries too well over water	12/3/2020 12:19 PM
16	Just requesting volume control would be nice. These mountain lakes are like sound stages. Everyone on the lake hears what you "say or play" out there. Again, this lake is not "one of the big ones", so we must think of OTHERS. It is what makes this lake what it is!!	12/3/2020 9:13 AM
17	Also need policies regarding loud music from boathouses.	12/3/2020 8:39 AM
18	I do not enjoy hearing explicit lyrics	12/2/2020 11:04 PM
19	Not all people like the same music. Respect is lost with increased volume.	12/2/2020 10:37 PM
20	Amazing that some boaters think we all want to hear their noise!	12/2/2020 8:46 PM
21	I'm all for limiting, but how do you practically do that? Going to set a decibel limit and give the DNR some sort of sensor? All this is going to do is create some serious potential for animosity between neighbors which currently isn't a problem in my opinion.	12/2/2020 7:58 PM
22	Loud music is a bigger problem than the waves but i do believe wake boats should limit surfing to the large basins	12/2/2020 7:56 PM
23	I don't know is people just don't know how loud their music sounds even from a distance or whether they just don't care. This is a real concern to those of us that don't want to hear their noise.	12/2/2020 7:37 PM
24	Loud radios are extremely disruptive and disturbing.	12/2/2020 5:53 PM
25	Loud volumes of music from boats can be annoying.	12/2/2020 5:48 PM
26	No policies! What is the definition of loud? Sound carries over water. Maybe just "courtesy guidelines" to lake neighbors. I would be in favor of a ban on Rap Music with vile language at the lake!	12/2/2020 5:16 PM
27	Did not know this was a problem.	12/2/2020 3:48 PM

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28	Loud music is actually more annoying that the large waves in many cases.	12/2/2020 3:42 PM
29	Has not been a problem near us	12/2/2020 3:35 PM
30	There is a correlation of speed, number of riders and loud music. I have never seen a small boat with four or fewer passengers playing loud music	12/2/2020 3:23 PM
31	Water amplifies music volume.	12/2/2020 3:15 PM
32	This is worse than waves	12/2/2020 3:09 PM
33	██████████ Blasting music loud enough for everyone on the shore to hear is noise pollution.	12/2/2020 3:07 PM
34	We are ██████████ and we a growing number of "floaters" every weekend - boats full of people who float for hours in the cove and typically play loud music. It gets worse every summer.	12/2/2020 2:52 PM
35	This is annoying but I'm not sure a policy would have any effect.	12/2/2020 2:51 PM
36	Prefer to listen to my own music and not be forced to listen to others	12/2/2020 2:49 PM
37	Appears much of the music comes from the wake boats with speakers in the rear for those who are wakeboarding. However, the music carries way too far.	12/2/2020 12:26 AM
38	We listen to music down on the boat dock, its ridiculous when some of the boats are a fair distance away and their music is louder than our music.	12/1/2020 5:48 PM
39	haven't had any problems with music	12/1/2020 3:04 PM
40	not a regular problem	12/1/2020 2:11 PM
41	at certain times that might be a good idea.	12/1/2020 10:50 AM
42	ABSOLUTELY! The lake is for everybody, not just for individual boat parties. Water carries sound and is very disruptive to those enjoying the peace of the lake.	12/1/2020 10:41 AM
43	Loud music drives me away from the lake!!	12/1/2020 9:44 AM
44	Yes, for everyone except me!	12/1/2020 9:11 AM
45	I like music , just not at volume 10 right in front of my house.	12/1/2020 9:11 AM
46	think that the music comes from non LRA members weekend boaters off lake	12/1/2020 8:09 AM
47	Care more about the lake shore and boating safety over occasionally annoying music!	11/30/2020 11:28 PM
48	"loud" is a subjective notion. Offensive music also. This also would be very hard to enforce, and it isn't the serious problem that wake boating represents.	11/30/2020 8:14 PM
49	It is obnoxious at times. This goes for ALL boats	11/30/2020 7:44 PM
50	Certainly early in the morning and evenings	11/30/2020 6:52 PM
51	Cannot teach class. Its all about consideration for others on the lake.	11/30/2020 6:05 PM
52	Would you do the same for music on boat houses???	11/30/2020 5:36 PM
53	The lake is for the pleasure and safekeeping of all. The pleasures of a few should not negatively impact the pleasures of the many	11/30/2020 4:46 PM
54	Lake Rabun used to be a quiet place. All you heard was the delightful rumble of the old woodies. Why have we lost that!!	11/30/2020 4:17 PM
55	Boaters used to be more respectful regarding music on the lake	11/30/2020 3:23 PM
56	Definitely	11/30/2020 2:50 PM
57	restrict to certain hours of day ... not before 9am or after 5pm of a certain measurable level; buy DNR calibrated devices to show actual measurements; you cannot restrict all the time, but most people do not understand the soundpatterns their speakers make trailing them.	11/30/2020 2:45 PM
58	Prior to boats containing stereo systems, Lake Rabun was much more peaceful. It's hard to relax and enjoy the day on the dock when boats are blaring their music. We go the the Lake to relax and enjoy its beauty, not to some party scene.	11/30/2020 2:36 PM

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59	absolutely - bad enough with the wake, but loud music a double whammy	11/30/2020 1:33 PM
60	Destroys peace/calm on Lake!	11/30/2020 12:29 PM
61	Maybe have permissible hours from 10am-8pm (or similar)	11/30/2020 12:24 PM
62	This is an every day occurrences on weekends, most by teenage children of owners	11/30/2020 12:21 PM
63	noise travels so much farther over water	11/30/2020 12:12 PM
64	but no restrictions after 9 am and before 11 pm. However, i have even more of an issue w the leaf blowers that start at 7 am, so where do you draw the line and who decides what too loud is? If i hear offensive music (meaning obvious profanity, not just music i may not like) even at noon, that bothers me more than journey or whatever at 1 am.	11/30/2020 11:56 AM
65	People blast music from boathouses too....I like most music - so wish we could just ban vulgar music with cus words... (but that's not fair to those who like it)	11/30/2020 11:55 AM
66	please!!!	11/30/2020 11:50 AM
67	I believe there are already noise provisions in place	11/30/2020 11:36 AM
68	Common sense has left the lake.	11/30/2020 11:35 AM
69	Do we really need policies for this? Maybe. One would think there is common decency but apparently not anymore.	11/30/2020 11:16 AM
70	We are not Lake Lanier	11/30/2020 10:58 AM
71	It limits the enjoyment of other users of the lake	11/30/2020 10:51 AM
72	During late hours and in the narrows	11/30/2020 10:39 AM
73	difficult to enforce and measure because of sound bouncing off water	11/30/2020 10:38 AM
74	Restrict times where loud music is allowed and areas of lake (music can be too loud in the narrows).	11/30/2020 10:35 AM
75	We music played at full volume it's very disturbing	11/30/2020 10:32 AM
76	Just restrict early morning and after 9 or 10 pm.	11/30/2020 10:18 AM
77	This is an issue of common courtesy to each other. I don't think this is a huge issue. It is normally young people that are just not aware of others.	11/30/2020 10:08 AM
78	Sick of the disrespectful boats with noises loud enough for an outdoor concert for thousands. I don't want to be a part of their concerts either! Totally disrespectful. Why don't we have some type of noise ordinance that can enforced?	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
79	How arrogant of the boaters who blast the music!!!!	11/30/2020 10:03 AM
80	Not everyone on the lake want to hear the music !!	11/30/2020 10:00 AM
81	It's not destructive but annoying	11/30/2020 9:46 AM
82	Common courtesy but difficult to enforce	11/30/2020 9:39 AM
83	Perhaps not ironically the loudest boaters are the wakeboard.	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
84	Lake Rabun has a special atmosphere that we all enjoy. I would like to see that protected to the highest degree possible. Enforcement will be difficult in my opinion.	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
85	Very disturbing on our communtiy	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
86	Often volumes are absurdly loud. Sometimes music has language unsuitable for some.	11/30/2020 9:30 AM
87	Only that loud music should only be played after sunrise and before sunset.	11/30/2020 9:14 AM
88	O	11/28/2020 4:25 PM
89	keep to reasonable levels	11/21/2020 12:48 PM

Q10 What is your primary concern about wake boats on Lake Rabun? Select one.

Answered: 451 Skipped: 35

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have no concerns	11.09%	50
Shoreline or structural erosion and damage	39.69%	179
Negative effects on boating (e.g. difficulty navigating or limiting boating activity)	23.50%	106
Boating safety	20.84%	94
Other (please describe below)	4.88%	22
TOTAL		451

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#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	seawall damage, erosion, trees falling, bridges to boathouses undermined	12/6/2020 4:41 PM
2	Boathouse damage	12/6/2020 4:18 PM
3	Our shore is no longer a fun place to play in the sand because of large waves. The tranquility of an idle speed cruise is often destroyed	12/6/2020 10:50 AM
4	██████████ Close call for second is the impact on enjoying boating on the lake.	12/6/2020 10:25 AM
5	Just so many boats lately. Numbers rather than type of boat are more of a concern for me	12/6/2020 8:44 AM
6	Will accelerate eutrophication	12/6/2020 7:22 AM
7	If we are going to have policies on wakeboating, then we need to be mindful of other policies on the lake such as No Wake Zones.	12/5/2020 3:52 PM
8	I can avoid the bad boaters but the shoreline has to be addressed	12/5/2020 11:18 AM
9	The amount of erosion and number of trees dying and falling into the lake seems evident of the problem	12/5/2020 11:00 AM
10	All of the above	12/5/2020 10:09 AM
11	Shoreline and Structural damage is a close 2nd	12/5/2020 10:03 AM
12	You made me pick a primary but all are a concern. I picked damage because of the costs incurred rather than select due to negative effects on the enjoyment of many activities that we go to the lake for.	12/5/2020 9:42 AM
13	and shoreline damage	12/5/2020 8:29 AM
14	All of the above; wish I could check them all off with the exception of no concerns.	12/5/2020 7:28 AM
15	If safety is not addressed I fear there will be serious problems	12/3/2020 6:05 PM
16	Would not let me select two options but I would have checked negative effects on boating	12/3/2020 12:24 PM
17	Wake size. Which both limits other water sports and erodes and damages shore lines	12/3/2020 12:20 PM
18	Damage to boats that are tied up to the dock as well as to the dock posts and ropes used to tie the boats to the dock.	12/3/2020 8:40 AM
19	I understand the concerns that some people have. After being against surf boats, I finally gave in to my kids and purchased ██████████ that can surf and ski. We love the new boat! My guests love surfing and it is an activity that all ages can participate in. Most adults new to the lake can't ski or wakeboard. To me, the number of boats on our small lake is the problem, not the type of boat. This is not a new problem. For many years, even before surf boats were around, I suggested to guests that they visit during week due to the boat traffic on the weekends. For the last 30 years, way before surf boats, I have had to ski at 7:00-7:30AM if I wanted smooth water. I have had issues for years with the people that cruise around the lake at 15-20 mph, just fast enough to create big waves from a big wake. People have been building sea walls on the lake for 50+ years. I wonder what percentage of homes have sea walls? People buying new homes on the lake should realize that they will probably have to invest in one. I'm more concerned about bad/disrespectful boat drivers - especially the ones pulling tubers. I'm also irritated by the jet skis riding the waves behind my boat. Kids under 21 should not be on a jet ski. I don't know if there is an official rule, but surfing and wakeboarding should not be happening in the narrows.	12/2/2020 10:07 PM
20	All the above. I do have serious concerns.	12/2/2020 8:01 PM
21	Idiots driving their wakeboard boat around the lake with no regard for other boaters / houses is one thing (including driving too close to boat houses / sea walls)but the average wake board owner on the lake isn't the problem.	12/2/2020 7:59 PM
22	Loud speaker noise and wake boarding in narrow portions of the lake	12/2/2020 7:57 PM
23	And safety	12/2/2020 6:40 PM
24	Boating safety is also a major concern.	12/2/2020 6:19 PM

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25	We need to have rules that will control the life of Lake Rabun.	12/2/2020 5:51 PM
26	Also, wooden steps leading into the lake, where pulled up and lost by waves in summer of 2019. Had to replace, \$300 more spent	12/2/2020 5:44 PM
27	Middle three are equal - shoreline damage, boat navigability and safety	12/2/2020 5:29 PM
28	Several families have discussed whether a few times a day could be designated No Wake Surfing so that those who want to try to ski, learn to ski, kneeboard, etc could do so without tsunami sized waves impacting their enjoyment and safety. Non-wakeboard and older model boats are not designed to handle a wakesurf sized wave at cruise or tow speeds. It does become a safety/comfort issue	12/2/2020 5:22 PM
29	More concerned about people tubing in the narrows on weekends	12/2/2020 3:53 PM
30	Loud music - basically not good boat citizens.	12/2/2020 3:43 PM
31	We live in a cove so our structures don't receive the brunt of the waves so for me that's not the primary concern. Second to safety is the negative effects on boating.	12/2/2020 3:26 PM
32	Primary concern is physical damage but not being able to take my boat out is detrimental.	12/2/2020 3:26 PM
33	Adhere to DNR rules	12/2/2020 3:20 PM
34	As well as shoreline issues!!!	12/2/2020 3:16 PM
35	A boat ride on any busy weekend is almost not doable for a 19.5 foot ski boat like our boat.	12/2/2020 3:15 PM
36	People drive on the wrong side of the lake and too close to boat houses.	12/2/2020 3:10 PM
37	Boaters are responsible for the damage their wake does, but it is very difficult to prove and nearly impossible to enforce, especially because the damage is caused over a period of time.	12/2/2020 3:09 PM
38	As more and more ski boats age, the newer wake boats are quickly replacing them. Eventually, everyone will own a wake boat and the waves will be out of control - similar to Lanier. There will be no going back and the peace and tranquility we all enjoy (and take for granted) at Rabun will be lost forever.	12/2/2020 2:58 PM
39	Negative effects a close second, especially when high waves flood my boat	12/2/2020 2:51 PM
40	If I could choose all of the above, I would	12/2/2020 2:38 PM
41	Boating safety, shoreline erosion and dock damage	12/2/2020 11:28 AM
42	Shoreline damage AND safety.	12/1/2020 5:18 PM
43	Erosion, structural damages, and environmental impact (ie damage to plants and animals) are also primary concerns!	12/1/2020 4:12 PM
44	All of the above.	12/1/2020 2:59 PM
45	All of the above (B,C,D)	12/1/2020 9:12 AM
46	Swimming, boating and simply enjoying water activities that are not wakeboarding or wake surfing.	12/1/2020 12:16 AM
47	One of the negative effects on boating would include boating safety	11/30/2020 10:37 PM
48	I don't underestimate the damage issue, but the impact on other boaters is more serious	11/30/2020 8:15 PM
49	Drivers of ballasted boats cannot see well because the bow is raised.	11/30/2020 8:04 PM
50	In the narrows the boats drag the bottom of the lake. No one else can ski or boat safely.	11/30/2020 7:00 PM
51	Safety of other boaters, then damage to structures and erosion.	11/30/2020 6:06 PM
52	Note earlier comments re. the out-of-pocket costs incurred thus far this year. Safety for all is an increasing issue.	11/30/2020 4:48 PM
53	The problem is the great number of boats on the lake this year. Lack of Space forces wakeboard boats closer to shorelines.	11/30/2020 4:21 PM
54	This will be first then other problems will follow,, decline in people using lake then decline in	11/30/2020 3:49 PM

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	property values	
55	Poor etiquette, non compliance with 100 ft shoreline distance specifically.	11/30/2020 3:05 PM
56	erosion of the shortline will undermine boat house structures; erosion of shoreline will damage water quality of the lake which is an EPA regulated public water source that if it becomes bad enough might cause EPA to force restrictions over objections of GA Power or LRA	11/30/2020 2:47 PM
57	Two primary concerns are negative effects on boating and shoreline or structural erosion and damage. As previously stated, these boats stir up the lake bed so much that parts of the narrows remain murky for days.	11/30/2020 2:37 PM
58	Drain ballast when not surfing or wakeboarding. Idle speed if returning to your dock. Idle speed while draining or filling ballast.	11/30/2020 1:47 PM
59	I also think boating safety is a major issue in the presence of these boats on such a small lake	11/30/2020 12:33 PM
60	lake rabun is too small for ballasted boats and their existence has dramatically changed thge enjoyment of getting out on thge lake	11/30/2020 12:23 PM
61	Can no longer swim or float safely at many boathouses - AND can not boat, canoe, or kayak safely.	11/30/2020 12:06 PM
62	shoreline erosion, negative effects on boating,boating safety (all three)	11/30/2020 11:53 AM
63	comfort of my home and family	11/30/2020 11:51 AM
64	Apparent lake of concern for the Lake or their Neighbors & their Neighbor's property	11/30/2020 11:28 AM
65	I wish I could choose all of the above as all of these are major issues.	11/30/2020 11:27 AM
66	It's ridiculous that I can't safely take my kids out to waterski on Rabun. We can no longer enjoy a pontoon ride or kayaking. We can not swim by our dock without huge waves. Wake Boats are a terrible cultural phenomenon	11/30/2020 11:17 AM
67	And boat safety for all but particuarly kids in boat that get swamped	11/30/2020 10:58 AM
68	People not respecting other boaters and surfing in the narrows.	11/30/2020 10:40 AM
69	really is tie with neg effects on boating. with huge wakes can not ski or cruise	11/30/2020 10:39 AM
70	I understand that boats causing damage are legally responsible but I don't know how they can be held accountable	11/30/2020 10:33 AM
71	The structural concerns are economic related and the additional concerns are safety and quality of the lake life	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
72	Large waves that come too close to other boats that get rocked, possibly injuring people. We would need a way to report and contact offenders and their parents!	11/30/2020 10:19 AM
73	The slow speeds and large waves created from these boats make it harder to ski and tube the younger children.	11/30/2020 10:16 AM
74	People bringing their boats in from off the lake attached to their jet skis.	11/30/2020 10:09 AM
75	Stop wake boats in the narrows. If not, our lake is going to regret it. Massive erosion!!	11/30/2020 10:09 AM
76	I think that wave boats have a negative impact on all other water activities.	11/30/2020 10:08 AM
77	Lake Rabun is too small for wake boats!! they should be banned preferably or taxed to create a fund to repair damage!!! what arrogance to impose the effects of such a boat on others! These boats have changed the ambiance of the lake very negatively. Hate them!	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
78	My main concern is the newer wake surf boats create such large wakes unlike the earlier designed wake board boats. If it was me I would grandfather in the current boats but not allow any more wake surf boats on the lake.	11/30/2020 10:06 AM
79	One point not brought up in the survey is the deadrise exhibited by these types of boats. At anything other than idle their deadrise is extreme and they have limited sight of what is front of them regardless of the excessive wakes flowing out the back. The captains of these vessels are oblivious to shedding massive wakes when they are not even engaged in wake activities.	11/30/2020 9:41 AM

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80	I am concerned about ALL of it	11/30/2020 9:40 AM
81	I am concerned about all 3 points	11/30/2020 9:40 AM
82	I have been on the lake for 30+ years. The shoreline erosion has rapidly accelerated in the last few years.	11/30/2020 9:31 AM
83	I do not believe that anyone has a right to intentionally operate a pleasure boat in a manner that endangers other pleasure craft.	11/28/2020 4:29 PM
84	our lake is not large enough and has too much casual activity for irresponsible wake boat behavior	11/21/2020 12:50 PM

Q11 Any other comments you wish to make?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 265

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	[REDACTED] The few who have wake boats significantly interfere with enjoyment of the lake by the many	12/6/2020 5:03 PM
2	Thank you for taking this issue seriously. IT is critically important to the safety and nature of our special Lake Rabun.	12/6/2020 4:56 PM
3	[REDACTED] These boats are causing a lot of damage to the shoreline and a lot of cost in repairs and danger when boarding boats from docks. They have totally changed the enjoyment of the lake for those who seek quiet enjoyment.	12/6/2020 4:42 PM
4	Thanks	12/6/2020 4:19 PM
5	Restrict size of boats and use of ballast on the lake. Let them go to lake Lanier. Rabun is too small	12/6/2020 10:52 AM
6	As a general matter I want people to be able to enjoy the lake as they would like, including Wake Boaters, but they have been very inconsiderate about the massive wakes they create, do not limit most their activities to the larger basins, don't empty ballast when not wake surfing, etc., so when balanced against erosion and damage (which are very real) I lean towards some regulations.	12/6/2020 10:27 AM
7	At a minimum, education should be available as to how to approach these wakes in smaller craft.	12/6/2020 9:34 AM
8	Our location makes us quite vulnerable to damage and yet we've had none. If there is a safety concern perhaps better patrolling of the lake waters by DNR would be the answer rather than limiting a particular type of boating.	12/6/2020 8:56 AM
9	Science and history indicate that small manmade lakes are subject to accelerated eutrophication and we already see indications from increased vegetation and silt in these 3 lakes. Wave effects are exponential in their impact, not linear. Requiring legally enforceable limits on wakes and loud sound is comparable to having speed limits on highways, in other words it inconveniences a few people but makes the vast majority safer.	12/6/2020 7:33 AM
10	Wake board boats have definitely had a negative impact on the boating experience in general on Lake Rabun. It appears more trees are down on the banks from erosion recently.	12/6/2020 12:26 AM
11	It's very sad to see all of the landslides and classic boathouse damage that is occurring with these boats. The narrows is no place for them to run but they like the smooth water...which makes no sense at all. Common courtesy and being aware of what's going on around you would help. And no...the wooden boats wakes are not equally large.	12/6/2020 12:25 AM
12	Learn to respect and value others as we have for the last 60 years!	12/5/2020 10:03 PM
13	Having been on this lake for 60+ years, it is sad to see how these huge waves are damaging property and eroding the banks of the lake.	12/5/2020 8:14 PM
14	Wake boats have a negative effect on safe boating on Lake Rabun. It is not an ocean. Waves are undesirable and unsafe.	12/5/2020 6:13 PM
15	I can't believe this survey. If you were really concerned about shoreline erosion in the lake you would be more concerned about the decades of silt, gravel and crush and run that is dumped into the lake every year. because Bear Gap road and Brandon Mill Road.	12/5/2020 4:46 PM
16	No need to make new policies until folks follow the existing ones.	12/5/2020 3:54 PM
17	[REDACTED] If families are going to continue to enjoy Rabun together we have to accept wake boats. Kids do not water ski much anymore. I am sure that when ski boats began to replace wood boats on Rabun there were similar responses. We have to be able to allow future generations the ability to enjoy watersports and our beautiful lake together.	12/5/2020 2:23 PM
18	People just need to stay out of narrows with waves as it is too narrow but in larger area just stay to center of lake	12/5/2020 2:17 PM
19	Rabun is too small for wakeboats. Use of them must be limited. currently they are destroying what Lake Rabun is	12/5/2020 12:53 PM
20	I think enforcing any on this lake would be extremely difficult. People do not like to follow rules	12/5/2020 12:12 PM

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and we have quite a bit of people on this lake now who feel entitled.

21	no	12/5/2020 12:02 PM
22	Be careful what you wish for because who and how would wake size be measured. Seen a lot of people on boat rides making equally large wakes	12/5/2020 11:55 AM
23	In addition to what is covered in the survey, I think one element that is not being explored is the impact of day boaters that drop on weekend, especially holiday weekends. They do not get any of the LRA communications or exposed to requests and policies. Many times these people are as much of an issue as our fellow resident boaters. Either limiting the number of boaters who can access the public lake (capacity cap) or having some kind of waiver or posting of rules in the drop areas would have an impact on volume on the lake which also causes safety issues and damage.	12/5/2020 11:48 AM
24	[REDACTED] nt Please address this issue. It is affecting our enjoyment of the lake and damaging [REDACTED]	12/5/2020 11:07 AM
25	I believe wake boats will only become more predominate and the size wakes they are able to produce may also continue to increase. Could there be a limitation on wake size / wake displacement [REDACTED] mounts allowed in the lake and especially close to shorelines and the narrows and other sensitive areas?	12/5/2020 11:02 AM
26	Guidelines for how to report incidents other than calling dnr or 911.	12/5/2020 10:58 AM
27	I believe something needs to done now to protect shoreline and safety	12/5/2020 10:10 AM
28	Perhaps the DNR could better policy the 100ft policy and better education of wake board drivers	12/5/2020 10:04 AM
29	Along with the negative effects i think that they should be considered due to the size and narrow plat of our lake. Another lake of broader and bigger size can handle these boats better. I believe that over the years, the lack of respect for others has grown tremendously and enjoyment has become a "what I want to do" mode of decision making. We were brought up by our parents to respect the RIGHTS of our neighbors and make decisions with this in mind. Because this situation has gotten so out of hand, it will take strong enforced change and time to get it back to a lake FOR ALL and not a lake for A FEW.	12/5/2020 9:50 AM
30	Many lakes our size have horsepower restrictions. This is a slippery slope that could lead to further restricting boating on our lake. It would also devalue property on the lake like other property use restrictions. I'm sure there are wake boat owners that will litigate any changes as well, which could come at a great expense for the LRA.	12/5/2020 9:46 AM
31	Large wakes are not limited to surf/wake boats. I constantly see residents plowing at pre-plane speed creating huge wakes that rival wake boats. Idle or full plane will help greatly.	12/5/2020 9:37 AM
32	Total Restriction of ballast use would be the most help, I would think. This is a case of valuing personal freedom up until the point that it negatively affects others.	12/5/2020 9:19 AM
33	Wake boarding can be a problem but surfing particularly in smaller parts of the lake is a major problem.	12/5/2020 9:15 AM
34	Restrict boat and wake size on small Georgia Lakes	12/5/2020 9:12 AM
35	[REDACTED] I believe if we do not get some enforced restrictions our lake properties are going to continue to be ravaged with time. I also believe it changes the solitude that we enjoy on Lake Rabun and will effect the environment and appearance of this beautiful place. We love Lake Raabun.	12/5/2020 7:32 AM
36	We so appreciate anything that can be done to address this issue. Rabun is too narrow; there are other lakes that are wide enough to handle these boats. If the number of these boats continue to increase, we will be forced to pull our small ski boat out of the marina. We already have to forego time on the lake when it is busy - because of these boats.	12/4/2020 4:31 PM
37	Thank you for your efforts!	12/4/2020 4:27 PM
38	See above	12/4/2020 9:20 AM
39	I have photos of a large stBle raft which was doing a normal turn being flipped when the boat driver did not realize the large wake was there. Two young girls flupped. Bery dangerous. I will	12/3/2020 10:30 PM

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be happy to provide the photos.

40	I am so glad you are taking this survey	12/3/2020 7:03 PM
41	Lake is too small for wake boats even in the larger basins	12/3/2020 6:39 PM
42	Thanks for addressing this problem	12/3/2020 6:06 PM
43	Without regulations, a death will occur. It's just a matter of time	12/3/2020 3:36 PM
44	I know folks have spent a lot of money on those boats and restricting their freedom of use, is controversial, I get it. My biggest concern is the continuous impact they cause on the shoreline and structures. Additionally, there are stretches of time that it is difficult to even enjoy floating in the water, because it is so rough. Not sure there is a real solution other than restricting use.	12/3/2020 2:15 PM
45	I know that this is the new activity that young people want to do (more than skiing) but our lake is too small to accommodate too many wake board boats. Wish there was a simple solution!	12/3/2020 12:27 PM
46	We need more wooden boats. The much larger Ga lakes - Lanier Allatoona, Hartwell are better suited for these big rude wakeboard boats.	12/3/2020 12:23 PM
47	Compare the thrill of wake boarding to boating safety and erosion of a beautiful shoreline, after wake boarding what will the next thrill be? Louder, bigger, more unsafe.	12/3/2020 9:35 AM
48	With a little education that these boats, like all boats, have plus & minuses, we can adjust the way or times which we all play together. I do feel that boats larger than 23 ft will have a harder time being "a good neighbor" without heavier restrictions. Meaning, go fast, or very very slow.	12/3/2020 9:23 AM
49	wakeboarding and surfing has become the primary watersport on our lake, so I am opposed to any measure that would attempt to eliminate the sport or the wake boats. I believe that common sense measures can be adopted to limit the size and ballast capacity for wake boats in order to limit the shoreline erosion. I do believe that wave runners are a far more dangerous and serious problem for the lake. They make more noise, require no age restriction to operate, and generally more of a nuisance than any other type of watercraft on our lake	12/3/2020 9:14 AM
50	Good Luck!	12/3/2020 9:11 AM
51	[REDACTED] I enjoy surfing alot but unfortunately Lake Rabun is not well suited for modern day surf boats. Or at least not that many and I have no idea how to police them.	12/3/2020 12:17 AM
52	Education is a key. Loud speakers are a huge nuisance and annoyance.....and ballasts full of water disrupt the lake, and destroy the shoreline.	12/2/2020 8:51 PM
53	The small majority of insensitive wake boaters make the lake less pleasant for the majority.	12/2/2020 8:48 PM
54	Wake boards should never been allowed on this small beautiful lake that families past present and future have enjoyed for years. Why destroy the shore lines and endanger families?	12/2/2020 8:05 PM
55	I just plain hate the boats and the damage they cause	12/2/2020 8:01 PM
56	Blanket actions across all wake board owners are not a good idea and going to create excess friction between homeowners on the lake. Designate an area for wake surfing (you can try to stop it, but you won't and we all know that), ban the use of ballast tanks except for that area (again... how do you enforce that?), increase regulation and enforcement of ALL boats on the lake as it relates to maintaining the 100' buffer to shore / boat houses, etc, but trying to "ban" wake board boats as some have suggested is an incredibly bad idea for everyone on the lake (hurts re-sale of homes, creates massive friction in the community). We need ppl to respect their neighbors and property when operating their boats, not create blanket restrictions. Enforce those who do not with fines, etc as needed, and call it a day.	12/2/2020 8:01 PM
57	[REDACTED] As an owner of a wake board boat with ballast I don't believe the problem is with the boat but rather how and where its operated. Owners need to be educated to empty their ballast when not in use and to turn down their speaker volume!!!!	12/2/2020 8:00 PM
58	Rabun should be a boat size or motor size restricted lake.	12/2/2020 7:57 PM
59	Any surveys planned on the issue of renting out homes on the lake — whether the property is fee simple or leased? Renters are often difficult to deal with as they are there to maximize their enjoyment for the limited time they are there. We often have to put up with excessive noise, lack of understanding of lake etiquette , and disregard for boating and swimming safety. Having	12/2/2020 7:48 PM

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some owners renting out their place week after week during the short summer season is a real downer for neighbors.

60	We need to continue to be neighborly and promote community.	12/2/2020 6:59 PM
61	We love the lakes of North Georgia and want everyone to them joy them why we do. Many of these boaters just don't know how to operate a boat on the water.	12/2/2020 6:41 PM
62	To be fair, while the large wakeboats 24' and larger and any wakeboat with full ballast tanks create significant issues/problems on the lake, it should be noted that large wooden boats above idle speed and below planning speed (which some seem to not be able to reach) cause as much problems/issues with big wakes as the wakeboats.	12/2/2020 6:40 PM
63	Thank you for pursuing this issue on behalf of our three GPC lakes.	12/2/2020 6:20 PM
64	I'm at [REDACTED] and there seem to be a lot of wake boats going up and down this straight stretch of lake. My boathouse on the lake side is constantly wet, causing rotting wood, deteriorating paint, and wood boards being pulled away from their nails! I have been here since 1983 and have not seen these kinds of waves before! Some of these wake boats are huge! And seems to be getting bigger. I love water sports, but it seems Rabun is not a big enough lake for wake boats?	12/2/2020 5:53 PM
65	None at this time. Let's just see what can be done.	12/2/2020 5:52 PM
66	Maybe this quote applies, "You're gonna need a bigger boat" -Jaws	12/2/2020 5:52 PM
67	Shoreline damage is certainly an issue but I believe a serious danger is present and a matter of time before we have a dismaying our lake. Rabun is simply not suitable for these large boats even without ballast.	12/2/2020 5:51 PM
68	Something needs to be done.. it is ruining our lake !!	12/2/2020 5:05 PM
69	Narrows are frightening on weekends especially with people pulling 3 or 4 tubes. I see that all the boating activity has increased over the last 10 years. The fisherman flying wide open down the lake almost hit us while when they were on our side of the lake cutting a corner heading Into Big Basin.	12/2/2020 3:55 PM
70	I'm not sure what to recommend. We have boating issues from one end of the lake to the other. At our end, at the beginning of the lake, we have a serious problem with no wake. I think it would require a full time patrol officer on the lake - actually 2 patrol boats would probably be required. Thank you for allowing us to comment.	12/2/2020 3:52 PM
71	Iam not sure the way this is being handled is the best or most appropriate way. All information/studies paid for by the LRA should be provided to the community at large. We all need to be transparent. Act then ask questions? I would like to see boater safety and emergency medical response time addressed.	12/2/2020 3:50 PM
72	We thought jet skis would be the ruin of the lake We adjusted with a few changes I would not be happy if I had spent \$150,000 for a new boat and not be able to enjoy it. Please proceed with care	12/2/2020 3:39 PM
73	Lake Rabun is too small of a lake without wide areas for use of these wake boats. It's destroying the shoreline and boat docks and boat houses	12/2/2020 3:28 PM
74	I hope that a solution can be found to having these boats on our lake. Since there is already a length limit, a weight limit is best. My real concern is that a child is washed overboard and killed. Hopefully that will not happen.	12/2/2020 3:28 PM
75	Boats with ballists are too large for Lake Rabun	12/2/2020 3:28 PM
76	Seems like most of the folks who misbehave are folks that are day access folks not folks that own homes on the lake.	12/2/2020 3:22 PM
77	Wake boats should be allowed in the narrows just like any where else on the lake. Last summers policy of no wake boats in the Narrows puts all the wake boats in the same three big water areas causing more problems for owners on big water.	12/2/2020 3:22 PM
78	I would like to see boats (any type) adhere to the DNR rules as far as what side of the lake you drive on, etc.	12/2/2020 3:21 PM
79	In 55 years on Lake Rabun, wake boats have had the most adverse effect on boating on Lake	12/2/2020 3:18 PM

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Rabun than anything. If their owners would not fill their ballasts partially or fully with water, there would be far less of a problem. But only banning wake boats in the narrows is not a solution - it only makes matters far worse in the larger parts of the Lake.

80	Large wooden boats "Cocktail cruising" slowly create large waves.	12/2/2020 3:12 PM
81	Because of the giant wakes, especially in the narrows, we are unable to have people dock their boats at our house during the day and we are unable to leave our boats in the water, even in our boathouse with a heavy duty spring system we utilized for decades.	12/2/2020 3:12 PM
82	Wake Boats in general need to operate further away from the boat houses and away from other boaters/docks etc.	12/2/2020 3:05 PM
83	Ideally, wake surfing should be outlawed on Rabun. However, a compromise may be to prohibit it during summer weekends and limit it to wider parts of the lake, such as the lower basin and big basin.	12/2/2020 3:05 PM
84	There is no need for ballast for boats on lake Rabun. Those should be on Lanier. Should be illegal on Rabun. I do like the idea of training with DNR and for them to ticket when ballasts are full.	12/2/2020 2:59 PM
85	Thank you for taking the time to initiate the wake study and to ask us about it. I think the issues could be mitigated by additional law enforcement and actual enforcement of the laws already in place (100' rule). Hopefully association could consider "funding the police" for additional hours on summer weekends. If we couldn't afford additional law enforcement, how about a wake version of a traffic camera that could generate citations for 100' rule violations? Thanks again for your work and concern.	12/2/2020 2:59 PM
86	Thanks for addressing this issue. Hope it leads to reasonable changes	12/2/2020 2:53 PM
87	how will these policies be enforced? don't want to create a neighbor against neighbor environment. People with Wake boats vs. people without.	12/2/2020 2:51 PM
88	We are no longer lake property owners but still enjoy visiting and cruising the lake in pontoon boats that we rent. The wake boats are a huge detriment to enjoying the lake especially on summer weekends. Lake Rabun is too narrow for the wake created by these boats.	12/2/2020 2:50 PM
89	Thanks for trying to figure out how to improve the situation.	12/2/2020 2:38 PM
90	If policies are put in place, then they need to be enforced.	12/2/2020 2:38 PM
91	Today in this world we have enough rules please don't make anymore!!	12/2/2020 2:35 PM
92	The wakeboard and surf boats put up to big of a wake for our small lake.... It has made it less enjoyable to be on the lake even on non-holiday weekends	12/2/2020 2:31 PM
93	Education of boat drivers who are surfing or wakeboarding is essential. Many drivers are oblivious to the damage their boat is causing.	12/2/2020 2:28 PM
94	I think restricting surf boats from surfing in the narrows or within 200 ft of the shoreline in the wider areas would be reasonable.	12/2/2020 2:26 PM
95	How can we teach / train adults new to the lake and boating the proper way to drive a boat when cruising as to not create large waves. To many time people simply plow through the water not aware of the wake they're creating. Maybe get the boat on plane or cruise such that it does not create a large wake - pretty simple. Some folks are just not aware	12/2/2020 11:33 AM
96	This should be about safety...not someone's personal like or dislike of a lake activity. Some may think the big old Chris Craft's are troublesome....but they don't create the safety factor/ Please stay as objective as possible...and not resort to " that's just not the way I want MY lake to be"....because it's no one's personal lake and we all need to have some grace and understanding of other perspectives. Thanks for this survey.	12/2/2020 10:51 AM
97	In communicating with the association on these issues, it would be helpful if the distances reported could be put in context. For example, if the operation of boats during wake surfing were to be restricted to the parts of the lake where a distance of 900 feet from the shoreline were to be achieved, what parts/how much of the lake would be off limits? Perhaps a map of the lake showing a set back of 900 feet would be an illustration that people could readily understand and appreciate.	12/2/2020 9:19 AM

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98	Our lake is simply too small for these huge wake board boats!	12/2/2020 5:38 AM
99	Our lake is just way to small and narrow for these boats with the extra weight.	12/2/2020 12:28 AM
100	I am very concerned about the damage the wakeboard boats are having on the lake. LR is unique - - a small beautiful, quant lake and not a lake suitable for wake board boats. The long term damage to our lake is significant,	12/1/2020 11:00 PM
101	I would like to see more educational programs to help those with wakeboats understand how to be more considerate while on the lake	12/1/2020 9:48 PM
102	Thanks you for undertaking this. As noted in an earlier response, I am not sure what the solution to this is that won't impact the current owners of very expensive wakeboard boats (we don't own one). The overly loud music is an easier one to try and resolve.	12/1/2020 5:51 PM
103	Lake Rabun is not a large enough lake to accommodate these larger boats.	12/1/2020 5:20 PM
104	Good luck! Limitations on wake boat usage will vastly improve the experience of visiting the lake.	12/1/2020 4:13 PM
105	Did lose a cell phone due to large wave from wake boat n narrows that could not avoid the waves.	12/1/2020 3:10 PM
106	I have a wakeboat and would be happy to never use ballasts	12/1/2020 2:12 PM
107	We are on Lake Burton	12/1/2020 2:09 PM
108	We have read articles of children becoming ill or dying from prolonged exhaust inhalation due to wake boarding directly behind the boat. This can be looked up and addressed as a concern.	12/1/2020 11:46 AM
109	Thank you for offering this survey. Someone needs to listen and care about our lakes.	12/1/2020 10:42 AM
110	Thanks for doing this!!!	12/1/2020 9:50 AM
111	Needing restrictions for wakeboard ASAP!!	12/1/2020 9:45 AM
112	I worry about the unintended consequences of this survey. I don't want GP to make the narrows a no wake zone or restrict normal (responsible) use of the lake.	12/1/2020 9:19 AM
113	Please find a way to make living with wakeboard boats easier. Education for drivers important. Empty those tanks when not using!	12/1/2020 9:17 AM
114	Please make an effort to do some type of control that we can all live with. Thanks	12/1/2020 9:11 AM
115	thank you for this survey	12/1/2020 8:09 AM
116	For years Ga Power regulated the length of boats allowed on our beautiful lake. The population has grown tremendously on our lake and the number of boats has grown in proportion to the population. Our beautiful lake is simply not large enough to safely operate the growing number of these boats. Many of these boats (drivers & users) have no regard for other boaters, swimmers or various activities like kayakers, paddle boarding and floating. I would like to see limits put on the number of these boats allowed on the lake or limits to the size or weight of these boats. The bottom line is there are lakes (Burton being one) that are large enough for waves to properly disperse but Rabun is simply not one of them.	12/1/2020 12:26 AM
117	Wakeboard boats are causing both shoreline & structural (docks, boathouses) damage as well as safety concerns while boating. Loud music from boats is a matter of respect to others on the lake that don't care to hear it (would like to have a policy in place to address this concern which has grown in recent years)	11/30/2020 10:58 PM
118	Thanks	11/30/2020 9:39 PM
119	Courteous and safe boating is essential for our community at Lakemont. Boats launched by day vacationers probably present the largest concern for boating safety and property concerns.	11/30/2020 9:39 PM
120	It is obvious that wake surfing is a popular water sports activity today, but that does NOT mean it is practicable on every lake. Some lakes, like Lake Rabun, are simply too small for this type of boating activity. The wake boat waves can be dangerous to young children swimming (in the Narrows especially), and the damage to the shoreline is already a tremendous problem.	11/30/2020 9:21 PM
121	Changes need to be made to save structures and shoreline.	11/30/2020 8:35 PM

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122	Age restrictions also might be meritorious -- it seems the worst offenders are young adults, often with a gaggle of other young adults aboard. Enforcing drinking restrictions also might help.	11/30/2020 8:17 PM
123	Our children and grandchildren are limited to normal lake activities because of the ballast boats.	11/30/2020 8:05 PM
124	As much as I would like to see wake/surf boats banned on Lake Rabun because our lake is not wide enough to dissipate large waves, I believe such a ban would be nearly impossible to enforce in practice. Also is GP willing to endure legal challenges from the multitude of lake residents who have spent big \$ on these boats?	11/30/2020 8:00 PM
125	We own a wakeboat and we are careful to be considerate which is more than we can say about others! Might recommend that all boat owners attend an educational course/meeting especially on our lake	11/30/2020 7:46 PM
126	This is a small lake and wake boaters can't drive like they are in a big one. Need to be considerate of the damage and safety effects. The people who need the training won't come to one. Need local outreach at the Marina. No one should be in the narrows for wakeboards or tubing (except slowly). Just for skiing and putting.	11/30/2020 7:07 PM
127	Lake Rabun's small size makes Wake Board Boats impact much greater. A larger lake wouldn't see the dramatic impacts as much a lake of under 1.000 acres.	11/30/2020 6:55 PM
128	Thanks for asking	11/30/2020 6:53 PM
129	I think another solution would be to charge \$1000 for a wake boat license; this \$1000 could be invested in shoreline to protect. If no license then no use for wake boat. This will either limit wake boats or offer some type of \$'s.	11/30/2020 6:52 PM
130	Thank you for addressing this issue. These big boats are ruining our lake and lifestyle	11/30/2020 6:36 PM
131	Yes - Thank you for putting this together and sending it out!	11/30/2020 6:15 PM
132	The damage caused by these boats is apparent to everyday users of our lake. GPC needs to be regularly informed of this damage until they take regulatory action to limit the size of these boats.	11/30/2020 6:07 PM
133	It appears that the purpose of this survey is to limit/ban wake boats, if that is in fact the case, there are many issues that we, as a community need to consider. We know that Lake Rabun is a special place and one that in many ways time has stood still, with that in mind, we can't stay stuck in the past. The most popular and fastest growing water sports are wake boarding and wake surfing, the increased interest has led to the increase in value of all of our properties – not to mention the increased safety offered by wake surfing (boats are only going at 10mph). Certainly, we need to be aware of environmental issues, but one that wasn't mentioned in the survey are the waves caused by the tubers...they are typically traveling at a high speed and going in circles, effecting the same area over and over in a short period of time. Keep in mind that we are talking about a total of 30 days a year (weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day - agreeably the highest use) And, if we are at all concerned with safety on the lake, the fishing boats, traveling at high speeds (70+ mph) and often on the wrong side create a much more hazardous environment and an issue that should be addressed. Again, if the goal of this survey is to limit the use of wake boats, there will be an uproar by the many who responsibly use the lake for these sports and have just as much right to do so.	11/30/2020 5:36 PM
134	I have made clear my comments and concerns re. wake boat matters over recent years and have directed the same to the LRA leadership, DNR and GA Power. Most represent that the 'horse is out of the barn', that boating manufacturer lobbies are well in place at the state legislature, and that there is little to be done. GA Power will be the first to hold me accountable for nonadherence to their policies, but appears unwilling/unable to hold accountable those that cause damage to their shoreline and to lessee improvements. I fear that failure to address this problem will lead some to 'come to blows'. I've already witnessed near-violent confrontations in Pigeon Mtn Run with multiple wake boats operating simultaneously and shoreline residents getting in their boats to go out and confront the offenders. Typically, the offending wake boat operators don't really care and find polite requests to stay away from shore and in 'big water' to be an affront to their rights. I worry that someone is going to start shooting at offending wake board boats sooner than later.	11/30/2020 4:54 PM
135	Take the wake boats to Lake Hartwell where you have large open water. Keep them off our	11/30/2020 4:24 PM

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	small beautiful lake. I have been coming to the lake since 1950 (70 yrs.). Need I say more!!	
136	I know I may sound like a grumpy old man but I'm not. I love the fun they have on their wake boats but lake rabun is not the kind of lake for them.. you have a rare gem in this lake please preserve it. I seen first hand the negative impact wake boats and large boats can inflict.. I plead with you to take action.. thanks for the survey	11/30/2020 3:54 PM
137	It is time to address this situation once and for all. Lake Rabun is too narrow on 80% of the lake for these boats to operate safely.	11/30/2020 3:53 PM
138	Thanks for the survey But how can enforce regulations	11/30/2020 3:44 PM
139	wish they would move to Lanier!	11/30/2020 3:23 PM
140	I'd love to pay DNR to simply monitor for flagrant violators of 100 foot rule and issue tickets. I think the issue could be minimized in a few weekends, once people understood the rule has teeth. I'm more worried about that than I am about wakes from surfing.	11/30/2020 3:06 PM
141	Staying to the right when boating	11/30/2020 2:52 PM
142	There should be objective recommendations on the best type of boats for the lake. Some people say wake boat waves are no bigger than the old chris craft boards going at moderate speeds; need the proof that is not so; apples to oranges. Need to explain if numbers can be found to show that as lake usage overall increases with more registered boats on the lake, larger waves have more impact than they would have had 10 or 20 years ago.	11/30/2020 2:50 PM
143	Testing for impact in the Big Basin is largely irrelevant to home owners in the narrows, which is dramatic. I would prefer to entirely limit wake boats, etc. in the narrows.	11/30/2020 2:48 PM
144	The lake is obviously more crowded than it use to be, which is part of a growing population, but it has become hard to enjoy relaxing on the dock or taking a nice cruise while constantly being rocked (in boat and on boathouse) for these types of boats and their music.	11/30/2020 2:39 PM
145	Taking away wake boats will cause a lot of people to be upset because they will no longer be able to do their favorite lake activities	11/30/2020 2:32 PM
146	The scope of this study is too narrow as it fails to include all types of motorized watercraft used on the lake. The study further falls short in providing a comprehensive overview of all boating interactions on the lake when taking into account for factors including but not limited to: enforcement, number of warnings/ violations, number of hours/ days of enforcement, age and condition of damaged property, and The study fails to take into account and address the increased traffic on the lake from previous years as well as GA Powers decreased presence on the lake. Real Estate on the lake is thriving more than it ever has on the lake coinciding with the increased enjoyment of wakeboats on the lake too. Will impeding the use of wakeboats on the lake affect property value in a negative manner? The total value of all registered wake boats on the lake far exceeds the cumulative value of all other boat types on the lake. There are too many questions and variables that have not been answered to determine if this an appropriate use of the LRA time and funds. Relax, you're on Rabun Remember to wave And watch your waves	11/30/2020 2:20 PM
147	Thank you for this survey. I think this is an important issue for our lake community.	11/30/2020 2:18 PM
148	Maybe limit wake etc to big basin and other areas that are wide--no wake zone in narrows	11/30/2020 2:05 PM
149	Stupid inconsiderate people and lack of supervision go hand in hand. Suggest we encourage pictures of offending boats and fine severely. Music is from same repeat offenders and should be fined severely. 3 complaints and boat loses any and all lake rights for a month. These people don't give a damn about anyone but themselves and are a huge deterrent to enjoying Lake Rabun. Identify every wake boat on the lake and require signature of owners to comply with rules.	11/30/2020 2:03 PM
150	If you need additional manpower or volunteers please contact me. [REDACTED]	11/30/2020 1:55 PM
151	All boaters in general often follow too, too, close behind a boat towing anybody on any device. Pontoons are some of the worst due to large crowds blocking driver in the rear portion of the vessel. When someone falls, immediately go to idle, turn and directly return to the downed person. DO NOT make a 2 acre full speed turn back to them. SOMEONE is going to get hurt in the water.	11/30/2020 1:50 PM

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152	Help	11/30/2020 1:18 PM
153	Noise, effects of these boats make Lake intolerable during busy seasons.	11/30/2020 12:32 PM
154	I believe they should be banned	11/30/2020 12:27 PM
155	Signage at the beginning of the narrows to let people know that wake boarding and surfing is not allowed in that area would be helpful. I think a lot of people do not realize that it is not permitted there, especially guests of owners and "day trippers".	11/30/2020 12:27 PM
156	When you look at the history of the lake you see families crusing and/or sking or tubing. Now you can't enjoiuyt hese things because of the likleyhood of being swamped, or the nuisance of loud music.	11/30/2020 12:24 PM
157	Lake Rabun is to small for Wake Boats	11/30/2020 12:19 PM
158	Thanks for this survey	11/30/2020 12:12 PM
159	Thank-you for asking!!! I love Lake Rabun and hope that we can continue to make it a lovely place to live and relax.	11/30/2020 12:07 PM
160	just glad you are being proactive Thank you	11/30/2020 11:54 AM
161	control jet skis!!!!!!	11/30/2020 11:52 AM
162	Something has to be done. Seeing a wake board boat coming at my boathouse produces the same emotion as an invading navy. As best I can tell, many of the operators of such boats think 100 feet is the maximum distance they can be from a boathouse. On an empty lake they will avoid the middle and skirt the shoreline. Most operators, not just the young ones, seem to lack any sense of their impact	11/30/2020 11:38 AM
163	- I believe limiting the the size of the boats can significantly help... and the magic number is around 24-25'... which happens to be about the limit on almost ALL docks on our lake... unfortunately, the size (and associated \$\$\$) is how the boats are marketed and is a status symbol to some. - Restrict Surf to the big bodies of water -Surfing in the narrows is ridiculous... but I see almost as many oblivious boaters who are plowing up big wakes that do as much "damage." - a ski boat or almost ANY boat going at a slower speed and not on plane can create a very large wake (certainly more that .8). - What if we could we establish a permit to Surf... as in... you have to attend a class, understand and abide by the rules... then have a # on your boat. Accountability does wonders. - Inconsiderate boaters - but, unfortunately, I can't pick and choose. Folks on booze cruises in the middle of a pinch point can be very dangerous to a boat pulling a skier... and the folks doing 35mph pulling small kids on a tube while hugging the shore... and that list can go on and on... - setting the wake standard (ref in the study) at .8 is unreasonable... and if enforced you would have a significant number of our beloved old wooden boats that would violate - The consequences of choking all wake boats out needs to be considered because I believe we have a fairly sensitive ecosystem (1) it is what all kids, grand-kids, and old bodied skiers want to do... so taking that enjoyment away completely is not right. (2) not being able to surf would negatively effect marketability of homes... no way around the fact that reducing your market of potential buyers (young families) would lower home values. (3) we will lose the convenience of having the boat shop at Halls - I can't imagine any modern boat shop being able to survive without wake boats. One or two gents who work on boats as a hobby can't support our lakes needs. (4) fewer boats and less traffic = increased likelihood Hall's can't or won't survive... ie - it's nice to not have to carry all my gas down to the dock and get an ice cream sandwich and socialize a bit.	11/30/2020 11:38 AM
164	I've tried to keep an open mind about this issue but we're afraid to let our kids ski and tube and can no longer take our boat out during peak hours during the summer. I appreciate this opportunity to voice my families concerns.	11/30/2020 11:28 AM
165	Please limit!!!! They will only get bigger and more of a problem	11/30/2020 11:20 AM
166	Thank you for looking into this. I believe you will save lives and the shoreline if you can create some policies.	11/30/2020 11:18 AM
167	If people follow the rules and are courteous it's not a problem	11/30/2020 11:10 AM
168	Environmental damage to shoreline, structures, and habitat destruction are as important a concern to me as boating safety issues with regards to wake boat usage on the lake.	11/30/2020 11:10 AM
169	Lake Rabun is to small and narrow to accomodate wakeboats at all	11/30/2020 11:00 AM

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170	Please create some policies otherwise, we will be a smaller version of Lake Lanier	11/30/2020 10:59 AM
171	Lake Rabun is too small to accommodate these boats without damage and risk.	11/30/2020 10:57 AM
172	The narrows' no wake zone applies to everyone.	11/30/2020 10:54 AM
173	My biggest concern is the number of people who have wake boats will continue growing unless there is some policy put in place to stop it. We have length requirements on boats, weight requirements serve the same purpose.	11/30/2020 10:52 AM
174	I believe there are other factors that might be playing into people's complaints of erosion and damage. First, for three years the lake has not been drawn down, that's three years of deferred maintenance, 3 times what we are used to. Another could be the fact that the lake has been over the docks and lower sea walls for multiple days, multiple times over the past 3 years.	11/30/2020 10:47 AM
175	The boats that fill their ballast have enhanced shore erosion immensely.	11/30/2020 10:45 AM
176	because Rabun is primarily a narrow body of water, the wake surfing should be limited to middle of the basins at specific times. In other areas of the lake these wakes cause to much damage to shoreline and dock structures and create docking hazards because a safe distance can not be maintained.	11/30/2020 10:43 AM
177	Ban ballast tank use on lakes that have surface acreage less than a certain amount. ie. 3,000 acres 4,000 acres. Possibly the study could help with determining this	11/30/2020 10:38 AM
178	GET RID OF THEM	11/30/2020 10:37 AM
179	Everything in moderation. Georgia has many lakes in which wakeboarding can be enjoyed without causing so many negative impacts. Lake Rabun is not one of them.	11/30/2020 10:37 AM
180	In addition to what ever restrictions you impose ban additional wake boats - again don't how this could be enforced	11/30/2020 10:35 AM
181	I am glad to see this being addressed and something needs to change. The erosion and damage is not sustainable. I don't think a tax, to repair the damage they cause, on the wakeboard owners is reasonable either. There are going to be some unhappy kids no matter what the decision, but they don't pay for the repairs.	11/30/2020 10:35 AM
182	On the last question, it's very hard to choose between the obvious issue of protecting boaters from swamping and potential personal disaster vs. all of the physical shoreline damage that is being done. While the damage may be more easily measurable, the wide ranging effect of a single death would be devastating to all concerned.	11/30/2020 10:32 AM
183	Lake Rabun is too small a body of water to handle the destructive waves created by the wake boats and their careless owners.	11/30/2020 10:25 AM
184	I think education is important, but concerned that not everyone who has a large wake boat will attend. I don't think they realize how much it affects others. Thanks for doing this. Much needed. The lake is such a special place, it needs to be safe and enjoyable for all ages.	11/30/2020 10:21 AM
185	Lake Rabun is likely too small to accomodate Wake Boats, but unfortunately, they're here to stay. Education of owners and operators of Wake Boats is key, particularly in terms of keeping a safe distance from other boats and the shoreline. I don't think that will solve all concerns, but it would be a great start. Thanks for putting together this survey.	11/30/2020 10:18 AM
186	This has had a significant effect on the overall quality of lake life. The damage to property and the noise have effected everyone	11/30/2020 10:12 AM
187	Something needs to be done before someone gets hurt and our shorelines are even more damaged. We need to restrict boat sizes on the lake also.	11/30/2020 10:11 AM
188	Please refer to number seven. Grandfather in current boats but restrict any wake surf boats on the lake. The newer boats create such large wakes that given the size of the our lake does create erosion issues particularly areas of the lake without a lake wall.	11/30/2020 10:11 AM
189	Once again, stop wake boats in the narrows. Let's put some strong polices in place that can be enforced. If not, I fear that our shoreline will continue to move after each season. Our lake is too small for this type of watercraft. End this insanity!	11/30/2020 10:11 AM
190	Have considered selling since the Lake is not the same with the advent of wake boats! Please	11/30/2020 10:09 AM

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do something! Thanks for conducting the survey.

191	I think this subject is destroying the lake environment. Some tough decisions need to be made before it is too late.	11/30/2020 10:09 AM
192	Those boats are way to big for lake rabun. Also could we look at outdoor lights that stay on when no one is home. I can't see the stars!	11/30/2020 10:07 AM
193	Ballast operations in the lower narrows (no wake zone to basin) has become not only destructive to shorelines and structures, but dangerous to other boaters and swimmers. We cannot safely load onto our boats, dock our boats, or launch kayaks or paddle boards with the wakes created by these boats.	11/30/2020 10:05 AM
194	Wake boats are not causing too much of an issue because people never do it in the narrows and people are careful about their boats.	11/30/2020 10:02 AM
195	These surfing waves have caused a lot of anxiety for me and my family. I don't believe people understand what problems they are causing. Lake Rabun is too small for these activities.	11/30/2020 10:01 AM
196	Thank you for putting efforts into this issue.	11/30/2020 9:53 AM
197	Size of boats on lake rabun should be limited as well. No one needs a 10 passenger 30 ft boat. They should use that on burton or lanier, Rabun is just too small and narrow.	11/30/2020 9:52 AM
198	Most deep wake boat operators do not show concern and respect for other boats and for shoreline structures.	11/30/2020 9:47 AM
199	I would prefer no wake boats on the lake, however I know that will be difficult. At the very least, empty the ballast. I am seeing increasing damage each summer from these boats. It's extremely frustrating as I live in the narrows. I watch them drive by with no wake boarders and their ballast is completely full. Not all, but many, have complete disregard for others. My son likes to fish and his boat has been swamped numerous times. We had to get rid of his John boat because it wasn't safe.	11/30/2020 9:46 AM
200	Limit the length to 22' if you limit the weight otherwise these owners will just go buy bigger/heavier boats.	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
201	Wakeboats are a destructive nuisance on Lake Rabun that negatively impact everyone and everything around them. The number of "responsible" users are far outnumbered by their brethren. The boats are too large for a lake like Lake Rabun, and their numbers and obtuse use exponentially compounds their negative issues.	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
202	The trend to bigger and heavier boats will continue. While this may work on large bodies of water it is not for Lake Rabun and especially the area of narrows. The points raised in the survey are a very real negative for other boat owners on the lake.	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
203	Thank you for initiating this survey. Policies restricting or banning these boats' use would be in everyone's best interest as we seek to ensure the safety of all swimmers and boaters and the preservation of our lake's shoreline and eliminate damage to docked boats.	11/30/2020 9:42 AM
204	Thank you for taking action on this important safety , investment and quality of life issue	11/30/2020 9:41 AM
205	No	11/30/2020 9:40 AM
206	Lake Rabun is simply too small for this caliber of watercraft. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse. Policy needs to be created in order to address the dangers posed by these boats, but most importantly, the policy would need to be strictly enforced.	11/30/2020 9:39 AM
207	We understand that people have a large financial investment in their wake boats and derive activity and enjoyment. But it's a relatively small and narrow lake and the shoreline and property damage is out of control and not acceptable. . We hope for a solution where we can coexist peacefully. Education and asking politely has not worked. Fines would likely help but we would need much more DNR presence than we have. Would post signs at the marina outlining the fines.	11/30/2020 9:38 AM
208	if something is not done to curb the noise and erosion and destruction of property, these lakes will become just a commercial nuisance and destroy the peaceful serenity of the lakes	11/30/2020 9:35 AM
209	I am most concerned about safety. Although we are off lake, the integrity of the bank and	11/30/2020 9:34 AM

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erosion control is also important as it relates to safety and environmental protection.

210	The only time I notice large waves on the lake is during wooden boat parade during 4th of July weekend and the biggest safety concern is pulling double tubes with riders.	11/30/2020 9:33 AM
211	The rental wake boats are the worst. I have had them cut in front of me while skii people. There needs to be education about boat right away and directions. I think wake boats in the center of large water is fine. I think boats with full ballasts not surfing should be ticketed.	11/30/2020 9:32 AM
212	Wakeboarding should not be allowed in the narrows	11/30/2020 9:28 AM
213	Thank you for this much needed study. I hope we can find solutions as wake boats have negatively impacted our ability to enjoy the lake.	11/30/2020 9:23 AM
214	So glad to see the LRA addressing this significant issue. We hope real action will be taken. Thank you.	11/30/2020 9:21 AM
215	Wish the sport did NOT exist.	11/30/2020 9:18 AM
216	Wake boats should be banned	11/30/2020 9:17 AM
217	The music and lyrics are inappropriate and intrusive. My sea wall is being undercut	11/30/2020 9:17 AM
218	This study is long overdue so thanks for making the effort. Other lakes in other parts of the country do restrict wake boats due to shoreline damage and safety concerns. I think education and enforcement will be necessary companions - show wake boaters the shoreline damage their boats are causing with videos, etc.	11/30/2020 9:16 AM
219	It would be helpful if rip rap was encouraged. This would prevent any concerns around erosion caused by a boat.	11/30/2020 9:15 AM
220	There has been one reported instance of an injury requiring an ER visit from Wakeboat waves. It is only a matter of time for more and likely more serious incidents to occur if operational restrictions are not enacted and enforced.	11/28/2020 4:34 PM
221	Thank you for this survey!	11/24/2020 1:12 PM