

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 21: Crimes and Punishments

Part IX. Boating Safety

Chapter 80: Boating Safety Act of 2021

§ 4210.4. Care and prudent speed to be used in operation of vessel--Operation in wake zone--Parking, mooring or beaching in a swimming area--Violation

Cite as: 21 CNCA § 4210.4

A. Any person who operates or gives permission to operate a vessel on any waters of this Nation shall operate the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable or proper, having due regard to other vessels, water skiers, swimmers, sanctioned events, restrictive and informational markers or buoys, existing wind conditions, waves, wakes or other weather conditions then existing.

B. No person shall operate or give permission to operate a vessel in a wake zone at a speed which is other than reasonable and prudent and which shows due regard for the existence of actual or potential hazards and obstacles, or in such a manner as to endanger the life, limb or property of any other person, or in such a manner as to create a wake. For the purpose of this title, “no wake zone” means any area posted with buoys or within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any boat ramp, dock, pier, or anchored or moored vessel.

C. No person shall park, moor, or beach a vessel at the perimeter of or within a swimming area marked with buoys and cable.

D. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a careless act in the operation of the vessel.

Historical Data

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