

RIDE WITH RESPECT

**PWC RIDERS, RESPECT OUR LAKES AND THOSE WHO USE THEM
AND YOU CAN EXPECT THE SAME IN RETURN**

- Keep a safe distance from shore, swimmers, paddlers, and wildlife
- Keep your jet drive in the water to reduce sound levels
- Don't create your own jumping wake by riding in circles near shore
- Don't ride in one location for more than a few minutes
- Don't ride near boats to jump their wakes
- Don't race and weave through congested boat traffic

PLEASE RIDE WITH RESPECT—OR DON'T RIDE AT ALL



All PWC riders must have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card



RIDE WITH
RESPECT:
A NEW
COTTAGE LIFE
INITIATIVE
PROMOTING
RESPONSIBLE
PWC USAGE

Cottagers own a lot of PWCs and we're also the ones who want to condemn them. There has to be a way for all of us to get along. One of the philosophies of Cottage Life is to respect the land, the wildlife, and our neighbours in cottage country. It is in this spirit that we introduce the PWC Ride With Respect campaign.

The only way for people to know what constitutes responsible riding is to create a set of standards, like those on the other side of this poster, which become the "rules of responsible riding."

In addition, cottagers need to work together to eliminate abusive behaviour on our lakes and rivers.

IF YOU OWN A PWC, ride with respect and insist your fellow riders do too.

TALK TO OFFENDERS. Hard as it is to believe, some PWC operators may be unaware that their behaviour is ruining the lake for others.

APPROACH COTTAGE NEIGHBOURS whose PWC usage is a problem. They may be surprised to hear that they, their family members, or guests are driving irresponsibly, especially if they're not around to witness the recklessness.

IF THERE'S STILL A PROBLEM, REPORT IT TO THE POLICE – WHILE IT'S HAPPENING. Record details such as the licence number, a description of the PWC, and the time, date, and behaviour observed.

IF IT'S A RENTAL, CONTACT THE RENTAL AGENCY OR DEALER where it came from.

CONTACT PWC MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS about the need to promote responsible operation of the craft, especially in ad campaigns and promotional literature.

Copies of this poster can be obtained through the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (416-429-0444) for use on your lake as postings, handouts, mailings, and so on. Or download a copy from our website: www.cottagelife.com. The OPP is also distributing the poster all over cottage country this summer.

We hope this campaign will educate PWC riders on the importance of respecting our lakes and those who use them. By showing respect, it makes sense that responsible riders will be respected in return.