Any motorized vessel operated in Washington State powered with an engine larger than 10 HP must be registered. For further information on vessel registration, contact the Washington State Department of Licensing or the Snohomish County Auditor's Office.

It is unlawful to operate a watercraft in a manner which will endanger life or limbs or damage property.

It is unlawful to operate or be in physical control of any watercraft when under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics.

The operator of any watercraft involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or in damage to property, must immediately stop and give name, address, name and number of vessel, name and address of the owner of the vessel, and render assistance. Report of an accident must be filed with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office within 48 hours if the accident involves a death or personal injury requiring medical treatment or property damage in excess of $2000.

Remember, you must be at least 14 years old to operate a personal watercraft.

Always remain a safe distance (MINIMUM 100 FEET) from other boats, buoys, skiers, and swimming areas.

Please observe the NO WAKE zones near boat launches and docks.

To help reduce NOISE, please refrain from operating your personal watercraft close to shorelines with residences or during early morning hours.

All persons on board a personal watercraft must wear a USCG approved personal flotation device.

BE ADVISED: This is a general guide to boating regulations on Lake Goodwin. For more information on Snohomish county Boating Laws, call the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol at 425-388-5401.
Vessel speed limits on Lake Goodwin are as follows:

- 35 mph
- 8 mph during hours of darkness (launch closes 1/2 hr. prior to sunset and vessels should be off the water)

All vessels exceeding 8 mph must travel in a counter clockwise direction.

Vessels and water-skiers exceeding 8 mph must remain 100 feet from shoreline, swimmers, bathers, wharfs, divers flags, safety buoys, other vessels, floating objects, swimming areas, or other designated areas.

When approaching or leaving the dock, the vessel must travel at an angle of not less than 45 nor more than 60 degrees with the shoreline of the right hand side of the vessel.

All persons in vessels must remain seated while vessel is underway.

Every motorized boat must yield right of way to sailboats, rowboats, waterskiers, swimmers, and divers.

All persons 12 years and under are required to wear personal floatation devices while onboard a vessel less than 19 feet and are underway.

Waterskiers and operators on personal watercraft are required to wear Type I, II, or III personal floatation devices (USCG approved).

A personal floatation device Type I, II, or III (Coast Guard approved must be readily available for each person on board.

Vessels 16 feet or longer must also carry at least one Type IV throwable personal floatation device (Coast Guard approved).

Fire extinguishers (UL Approved) are required on all vessels with internal combustion motors.

All internal combustion motors must be equipped with a muffler.

A red 12” square SKIER DOWN flag, mounted on a 2’ pole, must be displayed when skier is down.