

Navigation Guide to Lake Wisconsin

ELEVATION: 774 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
 SURFACE AREA: 7,000 ACRES, 53 MILES OF SHORELINE

This free map is provided by The Grade Boat Club, Inc. and Alliant Energy to promote boating safety on Lake Wisconsin.

Wisconsin and the adjacent Wisconsin River.

Keep in mind that Lake Wisconsin is part of the Wisconsin River system and its currents will cause sandbars to shift and will carry floating debris. Be careful to avoid areas with tree stumps, many of which are indicated on this map. It is highly recommended that boaters stay inside the buoy line and follow all boating safety regulations.

Boating near the Prairie du Sac Hydroelectric Dam

To prevent accidents and/or potential fatalities, it is important that recreational boaters and fishing enthusiasts use common sense around a dam and understand the dangers to be found near them.



- Never anchor boats below a dam because water levels can change rapidly.
- Obey all warning signs, barriers, flashing lights, horns and sirens.
- Always wear a life jacket/personal flotation device.
- Leave boat motors running to provide maneuvering power.
- Stay clear of spillways – changing currents and “boiling” waves can make boat control difficult near dams.
- Watch for reverse currents below dams – they can pull a boat back toward the dam into the spillway and potentially capsize it.

LEGEND

	Gas		Major Stump Area
	Boat Launch		Services locations (see other side for details)
	Main Buoy Line (yellow)		Landmarks/Features
	Local Buoy Line (pink)		Elevations above sea level (in feet)
	No Sport Tow Buoy line (red)		Marina

SCALE 0 1 MILE 2 MILES

Buoy identification

This buoy designates the center channel

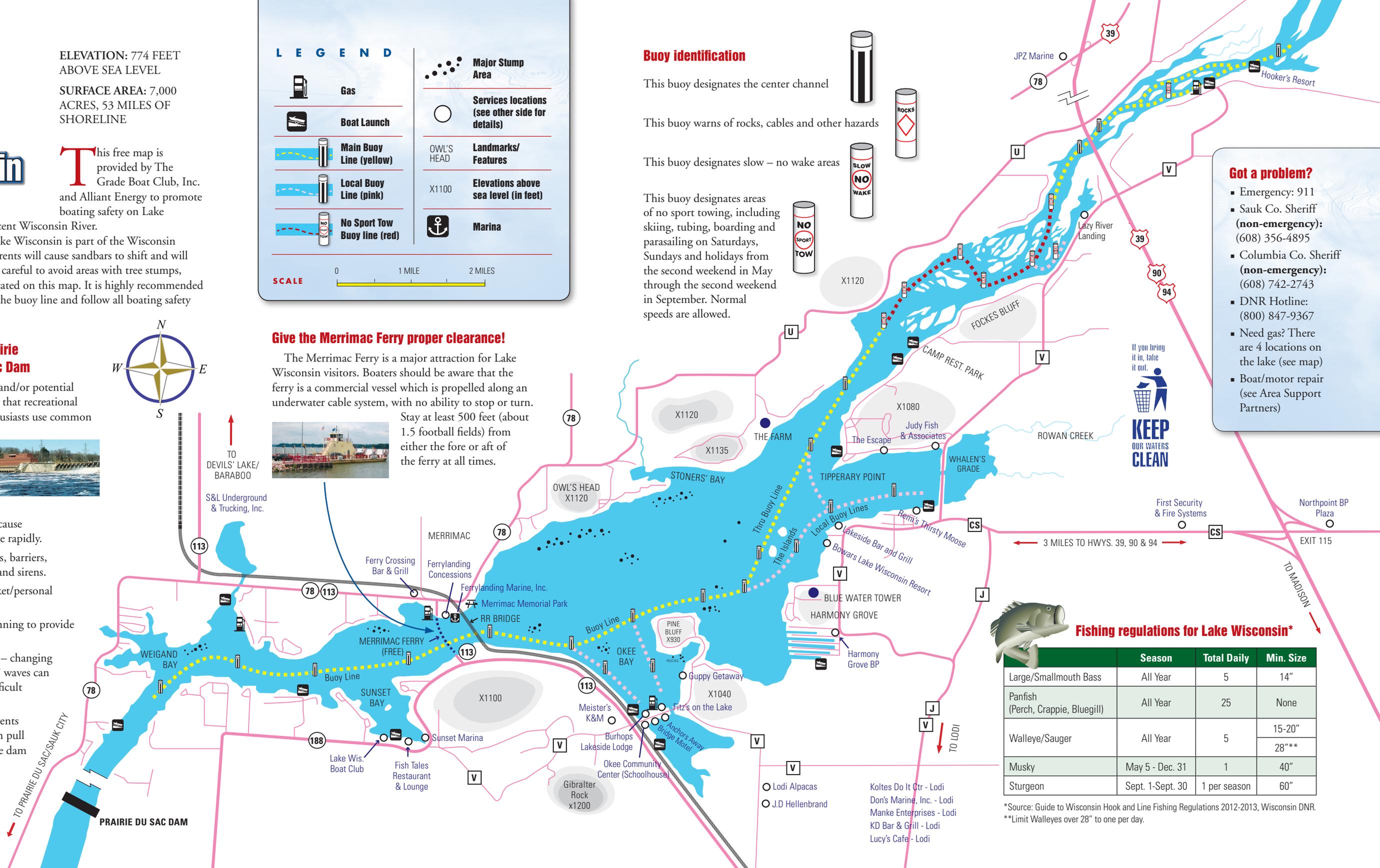
This buoy warns of rocks, cables and other hazards

This buoy designates slow – no wake areas

This buoy designates areas of no sport towing, including skiing, tubing, boarding and parasailing on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from the second weekend in May through the second weekend in September. Normal speeds are allowed.

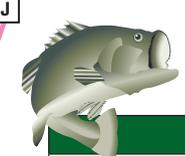
Give the Merrimac Ferry proper clearance!

The Merrimac Ferry is a major attraction for Lake Wisconsin visitors. Boaters should be aware that the ferry is a commercial vessel which is propelled along an underwater cable system, with no ability to stop or turn. Stay at least 500 feet (about 1.5 football fields) from either the fore or aft of the ferry at all times.



Got a problem?

- Emergency: 911
- Sauk Co. Sheriff (non-emergency): (608) 356-4895
- Columbia Co. Sheriff (non-emergency): (608) 742-2743
- DNR Hotline: (800) 847-9367
- Need gas? There are 4 locations on the lake (see map)
- Boat/motor repair (see Area Support Partners)



Fishing regulations for Lake Wisconsin*

	Season	Total Daily	Min. Size
Large/Smallmouth Bass	All Year	5	14"
Panfish (Perch, Crappie, Bluegill)	All Year	25	None
Walleye/Sauger	All Year	5	15-20" 28"***
Musky	May 5 - Dec. 31	1	40"
Sturgeon	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	1 per season	60"

*Source: Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations 2012-2013, Wisconsin DNR.
 ***Limit Walleyes over 28" to one per day.