



Reading a restriction sign

There are five shapes associated with boating restriction signs. The colour of the frame is international orange. Signs with a section with a green border tell you a special condition applies to the restriction. The symbol on the sign indicates the type of restriction that applies. If the sign is arrow-shaped, the restriction applies in the direction pointed by the arrow. Know what these signs mean.

Province-wide shore-line speed restrictions

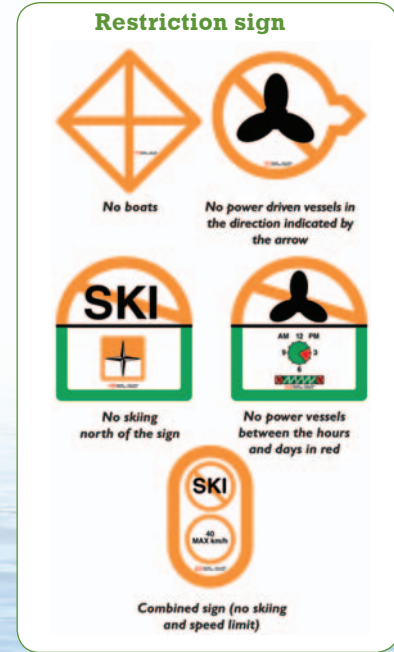
Provinces from Ontario, westward to and including British Columbia (inland waters only in British Columbia) have adopted province-wide restrictions limiting speed to 10 km/h within 30 m (98' 5") from shore on all waters within their boundaries, except for:

Boating restrictions

If you are part of a local group, association or municipality and you feel a restriction may be needed in your area, contact a Transport Canada Centre. Before your request can be considered for addition to the Boating Restriction Regulations, the need for establishing such a restriction should be assessed and public consultation will be held at the local level. Once a boating restriction is in place it is enforceable* by:

- Police officers
- Conservation officers
- Persons appointed by the Minister of Transport

* Sanctions are in the form of tickets or summons.



- Waterskiing, where the boat follows a trajectory perpendicular to the shore
- In rivers less than 100 m (328' 1") in width, or canals or buoyed channels
- In waters where another speed is prescribed under a schedule to the regulations

This limit is not posted.



Safety in historic canals and locks

When visiting one of Canada's historic canals make sure your boat has good mooring lines and securely-fastened floating fenders in sufficient numbers and size.

There are a number of activities prohibited while in a canal, some being:

- No excessive noise between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- No fishing within 10 m (32'10") of a lock or

approach wharf or fishing from a bridge that passes over a navigation channel.

- No diving, jumping, scuba-diving or swimming in a navigation channel or within 40 m (131') of a lock gate or a dam.
- No waterskiing or other towing activities while in a navigation channel or within 100 m (328' 1") of a lock structure.
- No mooring a vessel to a navigation aid.

Visit Parks Canada at www.pc.gc.ca for information on historic canals.



Passage through a lock

Obey the posted speed limits and mind your boat's wake, especially when approaching a lock (wake limits have precedence over speed limits). Other things to remember:

- Keep clear of the channel near lock gates so vessels coming or going can do so safely.