

CHAPTER 45
BOAT MOTOR REGULATIONS
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571—45.1(462A) Horsepower rating. The horsepower rating of an outboard motor permitted on artificial lakes under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 462A, and these rules, shall be as determined by the manufacturer when the motor was originally produced.

571—45.2(462A) Alteration of horsepower rating. An outboard motor which has been altered to increase its horsepower in excess of ten as rated by the original manufacturer shall not be permitted on artificial lakes.

571—45.3(462A) Propulsion mechanism not in use. Any power unit mounted or carried aboard a vessel, while not being used or operated as a source of propulsion, shall be lawful on artificial lakes, so long as the auxiliary power unit being used or operated as a source of propulsion is within the lawful horsepower limitation established for that lake.

571—45.4(462A) Horsepower limitations on artificial lakes.

45.4(1) General horsepower limitation. On artificial lakes of 100 acres or less, a vessel shall only be operated with an electric motor or with an outboard motor where permitted by subrule 45.4(2).

45.4(2) Horsepower limitation exceptions for artificial lakes of 100 acres or less. Motors larger than 1½ horsepower may be operated on the following lakes as designated:

Avenue of the Saints Lake, Bremer County—unrestricted horsepower at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Banner Lakes at Summerset State Park, Warren County—motorboats of outboard or inboard/outdrive type and unrestricted horsepower at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Beaver Lake, Dallas County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Beeds Lake, Franklin County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Black Hawk Pits, Sac County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Crawford Creek Recreation Area Lake, Ida County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Deer Creek Lake, Plymouth County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Fogle Lake, Ringgold County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

George Wyth Lake, Black Hawk County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Lake Iowa, Iowa County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Lake of Three Fires, Taylor County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Loch Ayr, Ringgold County—outboard motors not greater than 100 horsepower.

Meadow Lake, Adair County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Otter Creek Lake, Tama County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Silver Lake, Delaware County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Thayer Lake, Union County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

Williamson Pond, Lucas County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour.

45.4(3) *Horsepower limitations for artificial lakes of more than 100 acres in size.* On artificial lakes of more than 100 acres, vessels may be operated with unrestricted horsepower at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour except as otherwise permitted by subrule 45.4(2). The following artificial lakes have special horsepower restrictions:

a. Green Valley Lake, Union County—no inboard or racing-type craft are permitted. Vessels must be operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour except in designated ski areas as established in 571—36.7(462A).

b. Lake Icaria, Adams County—motorboats of outboard or inboard/outdrive type. Vessels must be operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour when within 50 feet of another vessel which is not underway or is operating at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour. Additional speed and distance regulations apply as established in 571—40.20(462A).

c. Lake Macbride, Johnson County—unrestricted horsepower operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour only from September 8 through May 20 of each year. A motorboat with a power unit exceeding 10 horsepower shall not be permitted the remainder of the year.

d. Three Mile Lake, Union County—motorboats of outboard or inboard/outdrive type with power not to exceed 200 horsepower. Vessels must be operated at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour when within 50 feet of another vessel which is not underway or is operating at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour. Additional speed and distance regulations apply as established in 571—40.44(462A).

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571—45.5(462A) Artificial marshes. A motorboat equipped with any power unit mounted or carried aboard the vessel may be operated on the following listed artificial marshes under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources at a speed not greater than 5 miles per hour between January 1 and August 31 and with no speed restrictions between September 1 and December 31.

Bays Branch, Guthrie County
 Big Marsh, Butler County
 Brown's Slough, Lucas County
 Cardinal Marsh, Winneshiek County
 Dudgeon Lake, Benton County
 Elk Creek Marsh, Worth County
 Green Island, Jackson County
 Hendrickson Marsh, Story County
 Hooper Pond, Warren County
 North Colyn, Lucas County
 Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County
 Princeton Area, Scott County
 Riverton, Fremont County
 Round Pond, Johnson County
 South Colyn, Lucas County
 Sweet Marsh, Bremer County
 Walnut Creek Marsh, Ringgold County
 Willow Slough, Mills County
 Woodpecker Marsh, Wayne County

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571—45.6(462A) Natural marshes.

45.6(1) General use. There shall be no horsepower limitations on vessels operated on natural marshes unless otherwise specified by subrule 45.6(2).

45.6(2) Limitations. The following vessel type, size, or horsepower restrictions shall apply as designated:

Shimon Marsh Wetlands Complex, Pocahontas County—nonmotorized vessels only.

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