

# Marine Enforcement Guide to Effective Prosecutions

## Observe, Record and Report

## Rideau Canal Parks Canada Enforcement Initiative

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# Why a New Enforcement Initiative

- Speed and Wake Action Plan 2008
- Survey Results of 2008
  - 33% identified Manotick area as problem area
  - 22% identified 416 to Hogs Back as a problem area
- 2008- 60 boaters & land based residence expressed opinions on excessive wake and wash
- Problem is getting worse not better.
- 35% in 2007 expressed concern for problem areas.





# WHAT PROBLEM???

- UN World Heritage Site was built for boats.
- It is “THE BOATING PLACE FOR EASTERN ONTARIO”
- High Property Values
- Attraction to the area and the need to change it
- Ultimately the Canal does not belong to any one group or individual.





# Public Perception of Problem Boaters

- Personal Water Craft
- Water Skiers in inappropriate areas
- Young kids in water tubes
- Bass Boats and large racing boats, water bikes
- Larger cabin cruisers, cruisers
- Local boaters
- Weekend boaters
- Careless or unknowledgeable boaters
- Speed boats
- Canoeists who will not get out of the channel
- Construction holiday boaters
- Marine Patrol ???
- Everyone

Taken from Survey  
Results 2008 Rideau  
Canal



# Joint Task Force to Deal with these “Problems”

- **Request** for additional Police Presence, assist with the budgeting associated with hiring officers on their day off
- June 20&21 (Fathers Day)
- July 1 (Canada Day)
- July 11,&12
- July 25
- August 8&9





# Powers of Lock Staff

- Powers vested as a representative of the Superintendent of the Canal
- Right to “request” to see permit and method of payment
- Observe report and record.
- Voluntary compliance
- Rights under the Criminal Code to effect arrest in **extreme** circumstances





# Boating Infractions Minor vs. Major

Boating Infraction  
Type title here  
a) Minor  
b) Major

Minor infraction  
ie rude behaviour, swearing etc.  
Maintain a log and document infraction  
Review with supervisor and submit to Prevention Officer

Major infraction  
ie ,  
Complete a written Statement immediately/practicable  
document incident with witnesses, photographs, recorders

Major Infraction  
Assaultive behaviour, threats, endangers life or cause injury  
Contact Police 911  
Contact Supervisor, fellow employees, bystandards



## Facts in Issue

- **“Who”** Identification of the person,
  - Description, height, weight, hair colour, eye colour, marks, scars tattoos, clothing description, jewellery, glasses, skin colour, speech or accent
  - Present ID
  - Vessel identification, make, model, colour, outstanding features, hull numbers, HIN
  - Need to identify the operator of the vessel not just the owner





## Facts in Issue

- Explain in your own words what happened.
- Use words you are familiar with.
- Painting a picture
- Describe events as if person was not present for events
- More details the better
- Complete **YOUR** statement without outside influence, include details **YOU** remember





## Facts in Issue (Con't.)

- “**What**” happened, explain in details as if person not present for event.
- Use the First Person = “MEXICAN HAT DANCE”
  - “I, I,I ...I saw this, I saw that...”
- Context. Explain who you are and what you do for a living. Ie My name is \_\_\_\_ I currently live at \_\_\_\_\_. I am employed by \_\_\_\_\_ and am in charge of \_\_\_\_\_. On ...
- Provide as much detail as possible, help in 6months to a year, if court is involved.





## Facts in Issue (Con't)

- “Where” did this happen
- Closets geographical landmark, distance from that landmark
- IE: Marker buoys, GPS co-ord, Charts, Roads, Locks, known areas, parks or wetlands, beaches,





## Fact in Issue (Con't)

### “Where” (con't)

- Geographical references, NORTH SOUTH EAST AND WEST
- Meters or Feet measure distance.





## Fact's in issue (Con't)



- “**WHEN**” did this take place
- 24 hrs clock if possible
- Approximate time frame if u/k
- Duration of event
- Time you made notations
- Time of critical events if it was a protracted





## Facts in issue (con't) The FINAL Word



- Take your time
- Use multiple sheets if required
- Use a numbered booklet or note pad if possible
- Leave your contact information with the officer
- Take notes in your own handwriting, at the time of event, make no addition or deletions after the event, date number and sign notes.
- Follow up in 6 months: COURT





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