

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**MARINE SAFETY SECTION**  
**SPECIAL LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROLS**  
**– BENZIE COUNTY**

**BETSIE LAKE – R281.710.8 – Slow – no wake speed.**

8. On the waters of Betsie Lake, sections 27 and 28, T25N, R15W, village of Elberta and city of Frankfort, Benzie County, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow – no wake speed.

History: EFF. February 16, 1980.

(Both basins of Frankfort Harbor are in Betsie Lake. The slow no wake zone extends from the outer pier heads east to the causeway between River Road and Frankfort Avenue)

**HINDERING NAVIGATION IN THE BETSIE LAKE CHANNEL**

**324.80145 Operation of vessels; speed; interference with use of waters by others; violation; fine.**  
Sec. 80145.

A person operating or propelling a vessel upon the waters of this state shall operate it in a careful and prudent manner and at such a rate of speed so as not to endanger unreasonably the life or property of any person. A person shall not operate any vessel at a rate of speed greater than will permit him or her, in the exercise of reasonable care, to bring the vessel to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. **A person shall not operate a vessel in a manner so as to interfere unreasonably with the lawful use by others of any waters.** A person who violates this section is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.