

The Keuka Lake Association (KLA) in conjunction with the Steuben County and Yates County Sheriff's Offices, Navigation Divisions are implementing the **"5.200" program** to increase the awareness of safe boating laws in existence while operating vessels on Keuka Lake.

Many boaters on Keuka may be unaware of a New York State Navigation law that requires boats to travel at 5 MPH or less within 200 feet of moored boats, floats, dock ends or undeveloped shoreline.

An area of concern has been the speed of boaters near the shoreline of the lake as well as docks and other structures. Excessive speed, in excess of 5 miles per hour, near these places puts, swimmers at risk, creates a collision risk with other boats entering and exiting docks and hoists and causes potential damage to shoreline property. Since most vessels have speedometers which do not register at low speeds such as 5mph, a simple "rule of thumb" is if you are creating a wake behind your vessel, you are exceeding 5mph.

You will begin to see "**5,200**" oval car and boat stickers being distributed around the lake, designed to increase awareness of this law. The goal is to simply educate and raise awareness of this law to those that may not be aware of it. We will make these stickers available to marinas and launches around the lake as well as with merchants that sell our annual calendars. The KLA is providing these at no charge to the community. We hope you will put one on your car, boat or any location that can help raise awareness. If you have rental properties, perhaps one on a bulletin board, sliding glass door or refrigerator.

Get creative and post a picture of your sticker on social media to help us further spread the word!