

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

**Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks**

**Part 4: Law Enforcement**

**Part 4, Chapter 2: Rules and regulations regarding boat and water safety.**

*RULE 2.6 “NO WAKE” ZONE FOR WATERS OF THE JOURDAN RIVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 603*

A. Pursuant to the authority set forth in MISS CODE ANN. §59-21-129(1) and (2), the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting thereof, brought forth a proposal to establish a “no-wake” zone on the Jourdan River in the immediate vicinity of the Highway 603 bridge and the docking facilities at the Jourdan River Steamer restaurant. After discussion and an opportunity for public comment, the board did unanimously vote and adopt a resolution requesting the promulgation of a special rule creating a No Wake Zone on the Jourdan River as set forth in the resolution.

B. The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, in its capacity as successor to the Mississippi Boat and Water Safety Commission, finds that the proposal satisfies and complies with the requirements set forth in the above-referenced statute for notice and a public hearing, and so finding, promulgates the following rule for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public while engaged in boating on the waters of the Jourdan River.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or cooperation, to operate any motor boat or other motorized vessel in, along, or around that section of the Jourdan River beginning at the location where the Mississippi State Highway 603 bridge intersects and crosses over the Jourdan River, and areas in the immediate vicinity of the Jourdan River Steamer restaurant and to the North and East following the Jourdan River, where any houses, boat docks, piers, or public boat launches are located, at a rate of speed which will cause a wake.

2. A violation of this rule is a Class III violation, and upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-101.

C. The Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, in concert with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, shall cause the affected area to be conspicuously marked as a “NO WAKE” zone.

History: Promulgated August 2019.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, 59-21-117, and 59-21-129.