

Dear Boater,

Stand on shore; watch each wake carry off soil. An average speedboat wake peels .003 inches off the shore, burying fish eggs, undermining trees.

A gallon of gas takes you over 3 miles, peeling .003 inches from each shore, 8 sq. ft. in all. At \$2/sq. ft. (\$90,000/acre) that's \$16 of land lost, with every gallon. Is it your land?

Both *storms* and *wakes* cause erosion. We can't control storms, but we can control wakes. Storms also build land when floods deposit soil. Wakes never build; they just take and take.

Boaters save land and gas by going slowly, in a small boat, with gentle turns.

27¢ postage through 5/10/09 then 28¢

Dear Landowner,

Stand on shore; watch each wake carry off soil. An average speedboat wake peels .003 inches off the shore, burying fish eggs, undermining trees.

50 days, at 20 wakes per day, mean you face 1,000 wakes, and you lose 3 inches. On 100 feet of riverfront, this is 25 square feet. At \$2/sq. ft. that's \$50 swept away, \$1/day, or 5¢ per wake.

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Can you . . .  
Put this card on a bulletin board?  
**Mail the other half to a boater?**  
or to his environmentalist relative?  
Talk to boaters?  
**Put a sign on a dock or shore?**  
Signs, info at [www.BoatWakes.org](http://www.BoatWakes.org)



Facts & figures are at [www.BoatWakes.org](http://www.BoatWakes.org)

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