

Summer Water Multi-Use Areas



General Guidelines

Lakes in the Yellowknife area offer many commercial and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors during open-water months. Water areas are shared by users of floatplanes, sailboats, power boats, personal watercraft, canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and more.

All users have a shared responsibility for the safety of themselves and others. Exercise **caution** and **situational awareness** to avoid and manage potential conflict with other users. All users should wear a lifejacket or PFD at all times.



Drones/UAV's prohibited within 5.5 km of any areas where aircraft take off or land

Stay Safe on the Water...

- EXERCISE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
- YIELD TO OTHER USERS
- AVOID CONFLICT WITH OTHER USERS
- CONSIDER LIMITATIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF ALL USERS



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Floatplanes

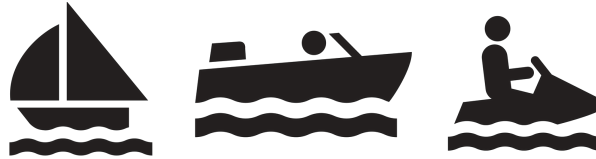


Private and commercial floatplanes operate on Yellowknife Bay and Back Bay, which comprise a licensed aerodrome, and on other lakes within the city of Yellowknife and surrounding area. The beacon on Pilot's Monument is activated by pilots to alert other users to imminent take off or landing on Yellowknife Bay or Back Bay.

Floatplanes take off and land into the wind. Runway location on water is determined by wind direction and obstacles. Necessary runway length varies by aircraft but more distance is required take off than for landing. Aircraft taxi under engine power to and from the runway. Forward visibility from a floatplane is excellent from the air but limited while on water.

Floatplanes are not equipped with brakes or reverse, so are unable to stop or change direction quickly on water. Maneuverability is significantly affected by wind.

Sailboats Power Boats Personal Watercraft



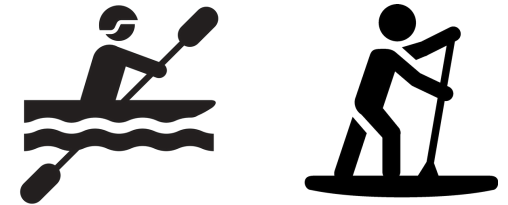
Sailboats, power boats, water skiing, and personal watercraft are popular around Yellowknife.

Sailboats are powered primarily by wind with occasional auxiliary power. Their direction of movement is determined by wind direction and typically involves zigzagging. Sailboats are therefore slow to change direction.

Power boats and personal watercraft can move at high speed and change direction quickly or suddenly. These vessels also create significant wakes which can be of danger to canoes, kayaks and stand up paddleboards.

Non-motorized watercraft typically have the right-of-way over motorized vessels, but all users should recognize the limitations of other vessels and attempt to stay out of less maneuverable vessels.

Canoes Kayaks Stand Up Paddleboards



Non-motorized watersports such as canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding are also popular in the Yellowknife area.

These activities tend to occur close to shore. Users should exercise situational awareness and attempt to avoid crossing the paths of aircraft, sailboats and motorized vessels. Users should also recognize the dangers created by waves and wakes.

Users should recognize the limitations of their equipment and their own capabilities and make effort to avoid conflict with other users.

Users should make every effort to be easily visible such as by wearing brightly coloured clothing and PFD's. Users should consider sun direction which can affect visibility.