

Your Views: Endless slow/no-wake restrictions killing river fun

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Stop me if you heard this before, but it will be Independence Day soon, and the people of the Janesville area will load up their boat and go somewhere else to enjoy the water. That's too bad because we have an excellent river that's perfect for water skiing, boating and using personal water crafts. Instead, we'll take our vessels and head to other areas, buy gas somewhere else, eat somewhere else and get our entertainment not in Janesville.

I don't know what it will take or even who can help with this, but it's probably at all levels of government and cooperation between those who own/control the dams up and down the river. Something has changed at some point, and we have to figure this out.

Having a slow/no-wake restriction again for more than half of our summer is frustrating and disappointing. There's time when snow melt and heavy spring rain causes the river to rise, but this is getting old when it's an annual occurrence. The data prove it. Even recently in 2017, the river in the Janesville area had slow/no-wake 67 days of the summer months. This year, it has been slow-no-wake since May!

It wasn't always like that, so let's figure out what changed and get it addressed. I'm sure many boat owners and property owners on this beautiful river would appreciate the conversation.

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