

am a 20+ year boat owner. Since the introduction of these wake enhancing boats, I have had to drastically modify my time on the water. Limiting to week nights and early mornings on weekends for the safety of my family and friends. These wake enhancing boats create an unnatural wave for the waterways they are on. I find myself having to continually monitor for wave sets coming my way that will either crest over the side rails, or bow of the boat. In fact one day, while out on our pontoon boat, we were forced to take on a set of waves that when my boat crossed them at a perpendicular angle, created a wave that engulfed the entire pontoon boat. The unnatural size and magnitude of these wakes are creating an unnecessary safety hazard. Some of these wakesets rival those I have experienced out in the ocean on fishing trips.

The boats will only get bigger and create bigger waves. I have small children now that I hope to pass my love of watersports on to, but without a safe way to introduce them, how can the sport continue? Imagine yourself being in the water, trying to learn to knee board, ride a tube, learn to waterski, or wakeboard, and when you are in the water, waves are cresting over your head and tossing you around like a rag doll.