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Greetings Promoters and Participants:

It is a priority of the Chicago Police Department to ensure that everyone on the Lake front, whether on boat or on land, can enjoy its beauty safely as well as peaceably. In an effort to ensure those goals, please be aware that the following ordinances will be actively enforced. Your awareness and assistance is appreciated:

- Access to major events, as it relates to the area directly north of the Jardine Filtration Plant (commonly referred to as the “playpen”) will take place at the Northern Gap-Oak St. Rafted Vessels will maintain a distance as acceptable to public safety responders (minimum of 150ft—weather plays a factor) \*\*\*Floatation devices (rafts and rings) must be kept free of these areas of passage. *City Municipal Code 10-40-260*
- Amplified music may not be louder than an average conversational level at 100 feet or more (Directing speakers to the East may also reduce impact of amplified systems to those ashore). *City Municipal Code 10-40-260c*
- All operation restrictions & equipment requirements
  - \*\*Dangerous Operation
  - \*\*Careless Operation
  - \*\*Equipment requirements- (Including, but not limited to-an accessible Flotation device on board for EVERY PERSON on board)*City Municipal Code 10-40-260h*
- Operation of Any boat or water craft (including jet skis) which causes a wake within 150ft of any other vessel. *City Municipal Code 10-40-261*

Finally, please keep the constant welfare of those aboard your vessel and yourself a priority. Consumption of alcohol is a leading contributor to boating accidents and injuries. The Chicago Police Department, The United States Coast Guard and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will maintain a heavy presence to ensure your safety by strictly enforcing and prosecuting those that are Operating While under the Influence. These violations under Illinois Statue and Federal Statue bring strong penalties. For example, 46 USC Sec. 2302 (a) - negligent operation - including operating under the influence - carries a \$5000 penalty and requires travel outside the state to contest the infraction.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Your understanding, compliance and assistance will ensure that all can enjoy the lake and harbor system of Chicago.