

## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 934

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 30.62 (2) (i); *to amend* 30.64 (1), 30.64 (2), 30.68 (7) and 30.68  
2           (11); and *to create* 30.50 (9b) of the statutes; **relating to:** operation of patrol  
3           boats during an emergency or when in pursuit of a suspect.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4           **SECTION 1.** 30.50 (9b) of the statutes is created to read:

5           30.50 (9b) “Patrol boat” means a boat authorized by this state or by a local  
6           governmental unit for the purpose of law enforcement, search and rescue, fire  
7           fighting, emergency response, or water safety operations, including a water safety  
8           patrol unit.

9           **SECTION 2.** 30.62 (2) (i) of the statutes is repealed.

10          **SECTION 3.** 30.64 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 934****SECTION 3**

1           30.64 (1) The operator of a ~~duly authorized~~ patrol boat, when responding to an  
2 emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, need  
3 not comply with ~~state law or local~~ this subchapter or ordinances fixing maximum  
4 speed limits under s. 30.77 when a siren is ~~being sounded~~ or emergency light is  
5 activated or, if the patrol boat is equipped with a siren and an emergency light, when  
6 both the siren and emergency light are activated, and if due regard is given to the  
7 safety of other persons in the vicinity. If a an emergency light is used ~~in conjunction~~  
8 ~~with a siren~~, it shall be the ~~oscillating or flashing type and be fitted with a blue lens~~  
9 of a type and design specified under 33 CFR 88.11 or 88.12.

10           **SECTION 4.** 30.64 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           30.64 (2) Upon the approach of a ~~duly authorized~~ patrol boat giving an audio  
12 or visual signal the operator of a boat shall reduce the boat speed to ~~that speed~~  
13 ~~necessary to maintain steerage control~~ slow-no-wake and yield the ~~right-of-way~~ to  
14 the patrol boat until it has passed.

15           **SECTION 5.** 30.68 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           30.68 (7) RESTRICTED AREAS. No person shall operate a boat within a water area  
17 which has been clearly marked by buoys or some other distinguishing device as a  
18 bathing or swimming area; nor operate a boat in restricted use areas contrary to  
19 regulatory notice pursuant to s. 30.74 (2). ~~This subsection does not apply in the case~~  
20 ~~of an emergency, or to patrol or rescue craft.~~

21           **SECTION 6.** 30.68 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           30.68 (11) UNNECESSARILY SOUNDING WHISTLES. No person shall unnecessarily  
23 sound a horn, whistle or other sound-producing device on any boat while at anchor

