New laws were passed in 2022 for the Newberg Pool, which is the Willamette River from Willamette Falls (RM 26.6) to the mouth of the Yamhill River (RM 55). Please review the requirements below to see how they apply to you and your boat.

Additional Education Requirements

If you’re driving a boat for tubing, skiing, or wakeboarding, you need a towed watersports education card in addition to your Oregon boating safety education card. This can be acquired by taking an online test with the Oregon State Marine Board.

Boat Decal Needed

Boats that are being used for towed watersports also need a towed watersports motorboat decal. Boats must be under 5,500 lbs. of loading weight to qualify (which is the boat’s dry weight plus maximum factory ballast capacity). Boat decals are valid for a two-year period.

Decals must be affixed above the waterline, 6 inches toward the bow in front of the OR numbers.

No Wake Enhancing Devices

If you’re using a boat on the Newberg Pool, you cannot use ballast or any other means to increase your wake size. This includes loading the boat with heavy objects or moving passengers to the back of the boat.

Visit Boat.Oregon.gov for more information
Newberg Pool Rules for Towed Watersports

Like the lower portion of the river, there are special rules for towed watersports between Willamette Falls (RM 26.6) and the Yamhill River (RM 55). Please consult the list below to see where you can safely and legally do your activity.

Slow No-Wake Areas
Within 100’ of docks and other structures in the water, boats must be operated at slow no-wake speed.

Waterskiing
Waterskiing is permitted at 100’ or more from docks or other structures in the water.

Tubing
Tubing and other inflatables are permitted at 200’ or more from docks or other structures in the water.

Wakeboarding
Wakeboarding is permitted at 200’ or more from docks or other structures in the water.

Wake Surfing
Wake surfing is not permitted on the Newberg Pool.