



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY

Policy Title: Vessel Operations Restriction Regulations	
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Related Documents/Legislation: <u>Canada Shipping Act, 2001 (CSA 2001)</u> <u>The Local Authorities Guide to Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations</u>	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to state the process for when the Township of Georgian Bay will consider an application for a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR).

POLICY STATEMENT

The Township of Georgian Bay is committed to community safety. To achieve this, the Township will accept a proposal for a VORR on behalf of a proponent if they can meet the requirements of the procedures.

SCOPE

This policy applies to any user of waterways within the Township of Georgian Bay wishing to have a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation placed on a portion of any waterbody within the limits of the Township of Georgian Bay. With the exception of the Trent Severn Waterway, unless the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation that is currently in place was initiated by the Municipality. All new proposals for a VORR on the Trent Severn Waterway must be requested to them.

RESPONSIBILITY

It will be the decision of Council of the Township of Georgian Bay on whether or not to proceed with a VORR application. The request for a VORR must be made by a proponent to the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay and must follow the procedures listed below and provide all information required for it to be considered.

PROCEDURES

VORR's will only be considered by the Township of Georgian Bay when a proponent can meet the following requirements and provide the Municipality with all the following required information:



Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation Requirements for Consideration of an Application

1. A problem is clearly identified, federal government intervention is justified and a regulation is the best option
2. Incident Reports -historical data (collisions, charges, injuries etc.) must be provided
3. Environmental concerns - erosion tests, reports
4. Identify non-regulator alternatives were examined or attempted (example 10/30 signs posted)

If the proponent can meet the above requirements they must provide all the above information along with the following to the Township:

Application for Operation Restriction Regulation Requirements

1. Request for VORR in writing
2. Include a map showing the limits of the proposed VORR, showing latitude and longitude, using degrees, minutes and seconds (example here)
3. Describe the body of water (length, width, depth, etc.)
4. Describe water activities enjoyed on the body of water (fishing, swimming, water skiing, pleasure boating, commercial boating, seaplane take-off and landing, etc.)
5. Include the number and types of boats using the water body
6. Include the number and types of access points to the water (both public and private)
7. Include the number and types of people on the water (permanent and seasonal residents or tourists, by season)
8. Describe any other water activities (sailing schools, marinas, campgrounds, etc.)
9. Provide all the information required

Once this information has been provided to the Township of Georgian Bay, Council will then determine if they will reject or proceed with the VORR application process as described in the Local Authorities Guide to Vessel Operation Restrictions Regulations.

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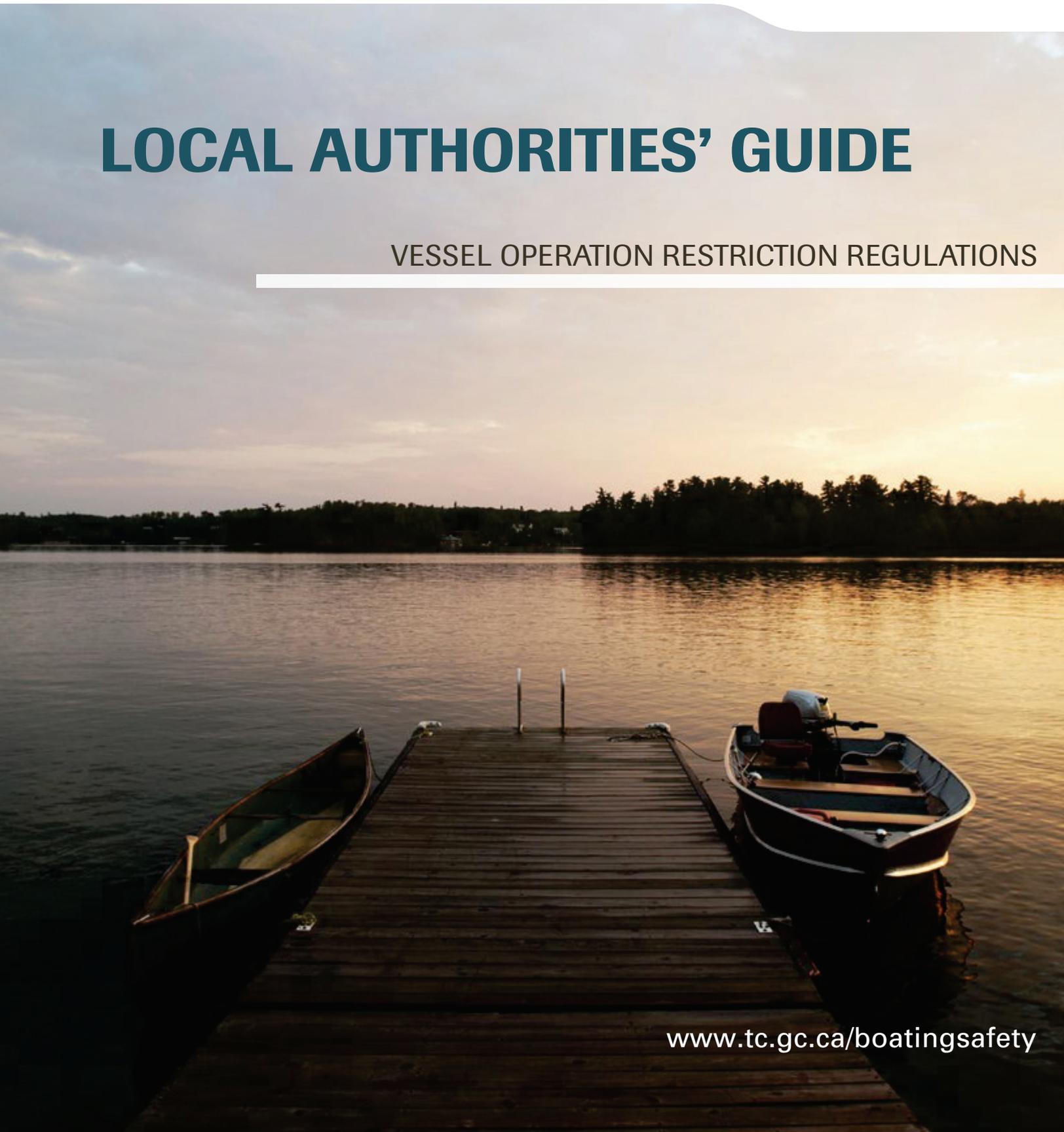
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VESSEL OPERATION RESTRICTION REGULATIONS



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