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To: Transport Canada, via email: MSSRegulations-ReglementsSSM@tc.gc.ca
Copy to: Ania Madej, Boating Safety Officer, Transport Canada, ania.madej@tc.gc.ca

**Re: Modernization of The Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations:
Providing provinces and municipalities with a greater role in managing their waterway**

We are writing to confirm that we have read the Transport Canada's intentions paper on the above and have an understanding of how Transport Canada proposes to modernize the VORR.

We agree with the proposed intended changes that would allow the Minister of Transport to:

- Use "Incorporation by Reference" to modify the VORR schedules more quickly; and
- Issue Ministerial Orders for implementing restrictions on pleasure craft activities not currently listed in the VORR, before going through the full regulatory process;

provided that these respect adequate local consultation.

We would urge Transport Canada to pay particular attention to the input received on this matter from municipalities that will benefit directly from the introduction of new VORRs in order to control such matters as:

- Excessive boat speed too close to shore that cause wakes that damage aquatic and terrestrial habitat for species, docks and moored boats;
- Excessive boat noise that disturb the peaceful enjoyment of others on the waterbody; and
- Restricting towing of any sporting or recreational equipment, including wake surfing.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Kindersley
Executive Director

The Georgian Bay Association (GBA) is an umbrella organization for 18 community associations along the east and north shores of Georgian Bay, representing approximately 3,000 families. We have been advocating on behalf of our members for over 100 years and estimate that we reach and influence over 30,000 residents of the Georgian Bay. Our mandate is to work with our water-based communities and other stakeholders to ensure the careful stewardship of the greater Georgian Bay environment.