

For many years we subsidized a boat survey performed by PBWOA Member Dick Knight. The survey did an excellent job of counting all boats on the respective lakes even those on shore. Results of the 2016 survey are summarized in the table below. The 2013 survey summary is also included below that.

The report lists, not only the number of boats, but also what style of boat. It includes all 8 Lakes (Little Portage, Portage, Base, Tamarack, Whitewood, Gallagher, Strawberry and Zukey) as well as the Canals / Ponds / Lagoons, Launch Sites, Marinas, Out-lots and Sail Clubs. The most significant change is the increase in the number of paddle-powered boats including stand-up paddleboard (SUPs).

Changes from 2013 to 2016 were: Pontoon Boats: +89; Power Boats: -7; Jet Skis: -25; Fishing Boats: +65; Sailboats: -35; Paddleboats: -48; Canoes/Kayaks/SUPs: +240; Total: +288.

Summary of 2016 Boat Census

	P	X	J	F	S	PDL	C/K/SUP	Total
Baseline	139	86	56	40	52	19	125	517
Portage	690	436	197	118	100	114	342	1997
Little Portage	62	47	19	5	0	3	16	152
Access Sites	7	100	18	9	0	0	10	144
Tamarack Lake	47	61	23	19	2	25	71	247
Whitewood Lake	82	40	32	11	0	20	62	234
Gallagher Lake	175	55	33	29	1	42	93	428
Strawberry Lake	210	70	66	42	4	32	129	553
Zukey Lake	202	47	51	22	4	33	88	447
TOTALS	1943	1083	554	344	172	343	1066	5505

Key to 2016 Column Headings

- P = Pontoon Boats
- X = Power Boats
- J = Jet Ski
- F = Fishing Boat
- S = Sailboat
- PDL = Paddle Boat
- C/K/SUP = Canoe, Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard

Summary of 2013 Boat Census

	P	X	J	F	S	PDL	C	K	Tot
Baseline	130	84	55	41	43	31	42	91	517
Baseline Canals & Outlots	26	13	5	2	3	2	4	10	65
Portage	647	439	202	85	138	124	68	184	1887
Portage Canals & Lagoons	238	110	63	29	5	54	21	62	582
Portage Outlots	66	31	5	0	3	4	1	14	124
Little Portage	64	49	16	7	2	14	4	8	164
Access Sites	1	56	12	6	0	0	4	6	85
Tamarack Lake	42	62	27	20	1	29	11	56	248
Whitewood Lake	83	47	30	14	1	22	11	26	234
Gallagher Lake	153	49	24	25	0	43	16	44	354
Strawberry Lake	209	90	88	28	8	37	30	64	554
Zukey Lake	186	60	52	22	3	31	14	35	403
TOTALS	1854	1090	579	279	207	391	226	600	5217

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