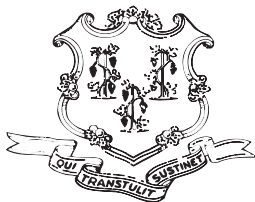


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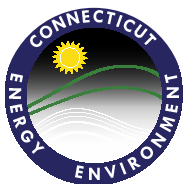


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Dear Boaters:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Connecticut's waters and present the 2012 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Connecticut Boater's Guide. You may notice that our name is different, but our commitment to serving the boaters of our state remain as strong as ever.

Connecticut has many types of water to enjoy - 230 lakes, ponds, 2,000 miles of rivers and streams and the open waters of Long Island and Fisher's Island Sound. DEEP operates and owns over 110 boat launches statewide. Our goal for water-based recreational activities is three fold:

- To ensure our boaters are educated and informed about safe boating practices,
- To provide safe access to varied types of waterways throughout the State, and
- To make clear the responsibility you hold as boaters to keep our waters clean and free from aquatic invasive species. Your actions will make a difference.

Unfortunately, during the 2011 season there were eight boating fatalities in Connecticut. One fatality is one fatality to many, so I encourage you to wear a life jacket – it is one of the easiest things you can do to ensure the safety of you and your passengers. Also, don't drink and boat. Alcohol was involved in 37% of the fatal accidents over the last 5 years

As the 2012 boating season gets underway we want to make it easier for you to find great places to go boating. Toward that end, we are putting more information concerning boat launch locations at your fingertips. Visit our website at [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep) or use the QR code with your smartphone to locate a boat launch.



We need your help to keep Connecticut's waterbodies from being overtaken by invasive species that impair water quality and degrade habitats. One of newer threats-zebra mussels-were recently found in the Housatonic River impoundments of Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar and Housatonic. Your actions CAN play a vital role in preventing the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species to other lakes.

Here are some simple precautions boaters and anglers can and should take to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals, including zebra mussels.

- **CLEAN:** all visible plant, fish, and animals as well as mud or other debris. Do not transport them home.
- **DRAIN:** all water from every space and item that may hold water.
- **DRY:** anything that comes in contact with water (boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, (etc.) for a minimum of 1 week during hot/dry weather or a minimum of 4 weeks during cool/wet weather.

DEEP's mantra to boaters is CLEAN-DRAIN-DRY!

Also, be a clean boater: keep fuel, sewage, and trash out the water.

Make the 2012 boating season a safe and clean one on Connecticut waters. For more information, be sure to visit the boating section of the DEEP's website at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating), contact the DEEP Boating Division directly at [deep.boating.division@ct.gov](mailto:deep.boating.division@ct.gov) or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BoatinginConnecticut](https://www.facebook.com/BoatinginConnecticut).



Wishing you fair winds,

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You can report violations of boating laws and regulations to Emergency Communications. Include the following information when you call: (1) the registration number of the violator, (2) the violation, (3) the date, time, location, and (4) your name and address.

Turn in Poachers (TIP) 800-842-4357

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Marine District (Old Lyme) Connecticut shoreline towns 860-434-0316

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Western District (Harwinton) West of Connecticut River 860-485-0226

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Station New London 860-442-4471  
Station Eaton's Neck 631-261-6959

Department of Transportation  
Harbor/Harbormaster Information 860-443-3856

Office of Secretary of the State  
Vessel Lien Information 860-509-6004

Department of Revenue Services  
Boat Sales & Use Tax Information 860-297-5962

Department of Motor Vehicles  
Vessel Registration Information 860-263-5151

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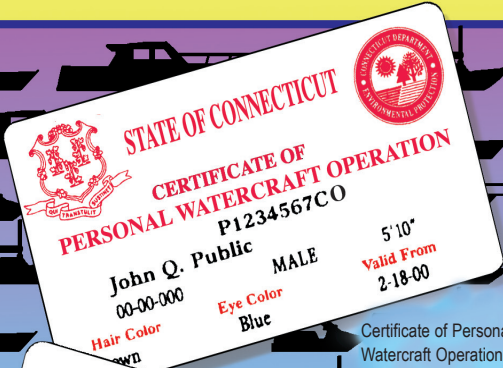


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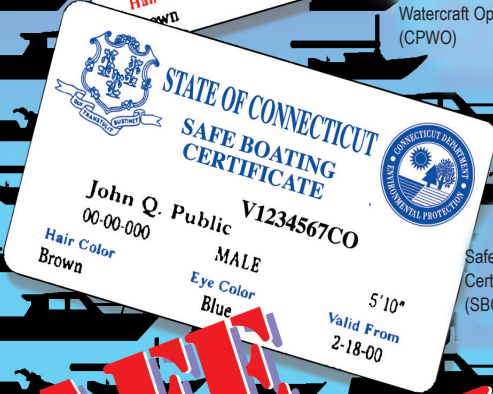
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PART ONE:  
Mandatory Boating  
Education and Certification



Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO)



Safe Boating Certificate (SBC)

**SAFE BOATING**



## Have Questions About Boating in Connecticut?

### *Answers Are Closer Than You Think . . .*

If you don't see what you're looking for in this guide, visit us on the Web at: [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating). You can also find us in our Public Relations Trailer around the State at boat shows, local fairs and other special events.



On Connecticut's waterways, look for the DEEP Boating Safety Vessel. We distribute literature and tips on Clean, Safe Boating and money saving ideas.



And of course, during regular business hours, the friendly staff of the Boating Division is available to assist you over the phone at 860-434-8638.

**T**o legally operate any boat with an engine or motor, or a sailboat 19½ feet in length or longer, the following persons must obtain a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation:

- Residents of Connecticut
- Owners of real property in Connecticut
- Anyone using their own vessel on Connecticut waters more than 60 days in a year.

A person who has a valid vessel operator license by the United States Coast Guard does not require a Safe Boating Certificate to operate a vessel other than a personal watercraft. They must have a copy of the license on board the recreational vessel on which they are operating.

To legally operate a personal watercraft on Connecticut waters, you must possess a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by Connecticut or a state recognized by Connecticut. Connecticut recognizes certificates from New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island for use upon our waters (see page 12, Reciprocity). The Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation are accepted in many states.

## Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation

A Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) will allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel, except a personal watercraft on Connecticut's waters. In order to meet the requirements for a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC), an individual must:

- Pass an approved basic boating course or
- Pass the DEEP's Equivalency Examination.

Note: You must save the diploma from the course/exam. You will need it to apply for a Safe Boating Certificate. Connecticut does not accept diplomas from on-line courses.

A Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) allows an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft. No person shall operate a personal watercraft on Connecticut's waters, regardless of residency, unless she/he has been issued and possesses a CPWO. In order to meet the requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO), an individual must:

- Pass an approved combination basic boating/personal watercraft course or
- Pass an approved basic boating course and an approved 2½ hour personal watercraft course or
- Pass the DEEP's Equivalency Examination.

NOTE: You must save the diplomas from the course(s)/exam. You will need them to apply for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. If you are upgrading from your Safe Boating Certificate to a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you are required to surrender your Safe Boating Certificate.

Any person obtaining a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) needs to have the certificate on board at all times while operating a vessel. A certificate is valid for the life of the person to whom it is issued and may be issued regardless of age. A person may not have more than one certificate. (i.e. one for the boat, one for the personal watercraft, etc.) (See page 36, Age Restrictions for operating boats with engines greater than 10 horsepower and personal watercraft.) The certificate may be suspended upon conviction of operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Coastal boaters are encouraged to take advanced boating education classes that include navigation.

For such classes, click on “Certification and Registration” on our website, then “Connecticut Coastal Boater Endorsement Program”.

## DEEP Processing Offices

DEEP Licensing & Revenue, 79 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
860-424-3105 M–F, 9–4 pm

DEEP Marine Headquarters, 333 Ferry Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371  
860-434-8638 M–F, 8–4 pm

Westport Office, Sherwood Island State Park, Westport, CT 06880  
203-226-3116 M–F, 8–1:00 pm and 1:30–4 pm

Western District Headquarters, 230 Plymouth Rd.,  
Harwinton, CT 06791 (Western District: certificates processed  
Monday, Thursday and Friday)  
860-485-0226 8:30–4 pm (call after Oct. 1 for winter hours)

Eastern District Headquarters, 209 Hebron Rd.,  
Marlborough, CT 06447 (Eastern District: certificates processed  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)  
860-295-9523 8:30–4 pm

## Obtaining a Boating Certificate (SBC or CPWO)

Where do I apply? Applications for a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) are available at DEEP Processing Offices, or at a city/town clerk's office or you can request an application on the DEEP website or by calling the DEEP Boating Division. If applying in person, applications are processed only at DEEP Processing Offices. Applications can be mailed only to Hartford and Old Lyme offices to be processed.

What do I bring? In order to obtain a SBC or CPWO, you must submit the orange application for a SBC or the pink application for a CPWO, along with the appropriate diploma(s), and a \$50.00 fee. The application must be notarized if mailed or if brought in by someone other than the applicant. If you are applying in person, you do not need to have the application notarized, but you will need a picture ID.

## Equivalency Examination

The DEEP's Equivalency Examination is a 50-question multiple choice test that is designed for the experienced boater to qualify for a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The DEEP recommends, however, that all boaters take a class to ensure they are up-to-date with current boating laws.

How do I apply? Examinations are offered only by the DEEP. Applications to register for the examination are available on the DEEP website or by calling the DEEP Boating Division. The examination fee is **\$75.00**. **It may only be attempted once.**

## Limited Durational Certificates

Upon request, a Limited Durational Certificate may be issued after an application for the Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation has been received by the DEEP. The certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue or until the permanent certificate arrives. It allows you to operate while waiting for your plastic certificate.

Where do I apply? Apply in person at any of the DEEP Processing Offices. Applications by mail will only be accepted by the Old Lyme office.

What do I bring? In order to request a limited durational certificate, you must submit a completed application, along with the appropriate diploma(s) and a \$50.00 fee. A photo ID is needed, if requesting a limited durational certificate in person.

## Duplicate Certificate

Any person who has been issued a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation may apply for a Duplicate Certificate if the original certificate was lost, stolen, destroyed, or the individual has changed his/her legal name.

Where do I apply? Applications are available at DEEP Processing Offices or you can request an application on the DEEP website or by calling the DEEP Boating Division.

What do I bring? The duplicate certificate fee is \$20.00. There is no charge for a name change due to marriage or divorce. You need to supply a copy of the marriage/divorce papers.

## Temporary Certificate

If you purchase and register a new or used boat other than a personal watercraft in your name, and do not have a Safe Boating Certificate, you may apply for a Temporary Safe Boating Certificate. It is valid for 3 months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you must qualify for and obtain a permanent Safe Boating Certificate.

If you purchase and register a new or used personal watercraft in your name and do not qualify for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you may apply for a Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation after you have taken an approved 2½ hour personal watercraft course. The temporary certificate is valid for 3 months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you must qualify for and obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

Where do I apply? Apply in person at any DEEP Processing Office.

What do I bring? For the Temporary Safe Boating Certificate bring your original registration (in your name because the Temporary Certificate is issued to the person whose name is on the registration), a photo ID and a \$50.00 fee. For the Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you additionally need proof of successful completion of an approved 2½ hour personal watercraft course.

**NOTE:** No person shall be issued more than one Temporary Certificate during his or her lifetime.

## Reciprocity

The Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation are accepted in many states. Connecticut recognizes certificates from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire for use upon our waters. Adherence to Connecticut state law remains the responsibility of the boater.

In addition, any person who possess a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by a state having an agreement of reciprocity with Connecticut must present evidence of the certificate to satisfy the educational requirements for the issuance of a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. **This must be done within 90 days of becoming a Connecticut resident.**

## Approved Boating Courses

There are three types of basic boating courses that are offered throughout the state:

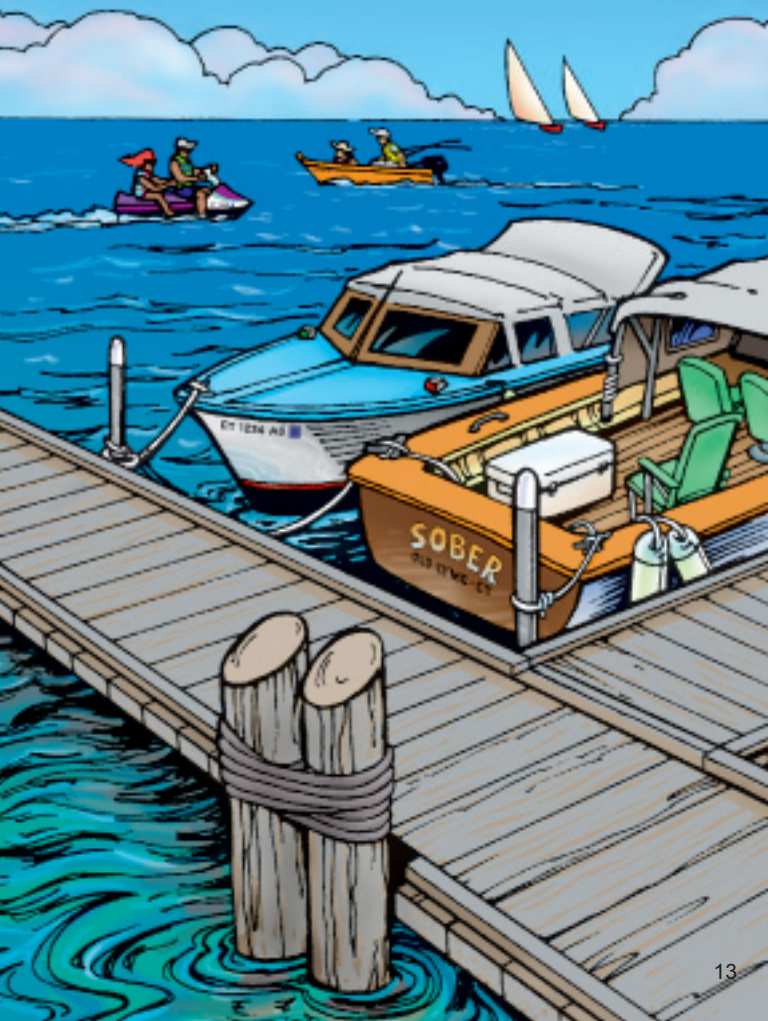
1. Combined basic boating and personal watercraft class. This 8-hour class qualifies you for a CPWO or SBC.
2. Basic boating class. This 8-hour class qualifies for SBC only.
3. Personal watercraft course. This 2½-hour class along with the basic boating class, qualify you for a CPWO. By itself, the class may qualify you for a temporary CPWO.

One-day classes, for a fee, are available statewide by private providers. There are a number of approved out-of-state basic boating courses that may qualify you for an SBC or CPWO. Call the Boating Division at 860-434-8638 for details.

Most Community Colleges in Connecticut are now offering the DEEP eight-hour combined basic boating and personal watercraft course. For information concerning the date and time of the classes, you should visit our website: [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating).

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Asnuntuck College	Enfield	860-253-3034
Capital Community College	Hartford	860-906-5136
Gateway College	No. Haven	203-285-2080
Housatonic College	Bridgeport	203-332-5051
Manchester Community College	Manchester	860-512-3232
Middlesex Community College	Middletown	860-343-6620
Naugatuck Valley College	Waterbury	203-575-8029
Northwestern CT. College	Winsted	860-738-6444
Norwalk College	Norwalk	203-857-7080
Quinebaug Valley College	Danielson	860-774-1133
Three Rivers College	Norwich	860-885-2608
Tunxis College	Farmington	860-255-3666

## PART TWO: Registration



**R**egistration of your vessel and learning the laws of boating are essential to be safe on the waterways of Connecticut. Just as you must have a vehicle registration of your car, you must have a Connecticut Certificate of Number (registration card with assigned registration number) and two validation decals to legally launch, moor or operate your boat. The only exceptions are:

- Non-motorized boats
- Sailboats less than 19½ feet in length
- Boats registered in other states using Connecticut waters for 60 days or less
- Boats documented with the U.S. Coast Guard using Connecticut waters for 60 days or less
- Boats owned in countries other than the United States.

## Vessel Registration

When you purchase a vessel, you are responsible for seeing that it is registered. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is the agency that handles boat registrations. Evidence of ownership must be submitted at the time of registration. Since Connecticut is not a title state, the bill of sale will suffice. Upon receipt of the application and fee, a Connecticut Registration Number will be assigned. A Connecticut Certificate of Number (registration card) and two Connecticut Validation Decals will be issued. A Certificate of Number is valid until April 30th of the decal year. Owners of boats, which already have been registered, will be sent a renewal notice from the DMV by mail. Connecticut registration numbers stay with the boat as long as it is registered in the state.

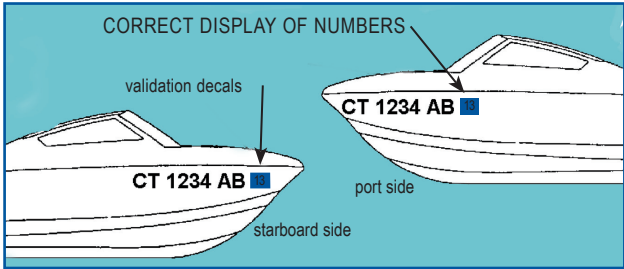
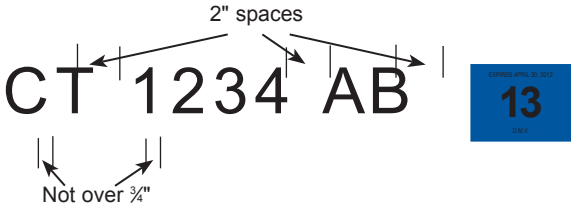
A vessel is considered properly registered when you have a valid certificate on board and your numbers and/or current decals are properly displayed. (Exception: Recently registered boats operating under a temporary certificate of number need not display a validation decal until provided by the DMV.)

## Position of Registration Number and Validation Decals

The Registration Number must be at least 3 inches high, contrasting in color to the hull background and in block form. It must be painted on or attached to both the port and starboard bow of the vessel and positioned so it is visible and legible from at least 100 feet away. The registration number must read from left to right on both sides of the vessel. A Validation Decal must be placed two inches to the right of and in line with the assigned registration number. No other letters, numbers or validation decals (other than the current ones) may be displayed.



## CORRECT SPACING OF REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DECAL



## Vessels Numbered by Other States and Reciprocity

Documented vessels and vessels numbered by another state, which are moored, docked or operated more than 60 days in Connecticut in any calendar year, must obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Decal from DMV and display a current Connecticut validation decal (but not a Connecticut registration number) on both sides of the bow. In addition, the owner must acquire a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and/or a Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation in order to operate the vessel on Connecticut waters. Connecticut boat users should check and obey local laws when operating in other states.

Note: Every entity leasing, renting or otherwise providing slips, dock space, dry storage, or moorings for vessels not registered in Connecticut is required to maintain a list of such vessels. Transient vessels need not be listed. The list must be available during normal business hours for inspection by any boating law enforcement officer. The rules for information collected differ slightly for those entities that provide such space by lease and those that provide such space by membership. Any questions, please contact the Boating Division regulatory unit. (CGS Section 15-150a).

## Certificate to Be On Board

A Certificate of Number or Certificate of Decal must be on board the vessel whenever the owner or any person authorized by the owner is aboard, except that rented boats may carry a rental agreement in lieu of a certificate.



## Taxability of Vessels and Trailers

As a general rule, when a Connecticut resident or an individual who maintains a place of abode in Connecticut buys a vessel or trailer, the 6.35% Connecticut sales or use tax is due. **In addition, a luxury tax may be assessed on vessels valued over \$100,000.**

Out-of-state residents or nonresidents entities that have purchased a vessel with the intent of using it in Connecticut waters must pay a Connecticut use tax. This Connecticut use tax liability must be reported on the "Individual Use Tax" line of the purchaser's Form CT-1040 NR/PY Connecticut Nonresident Income Tax Return. This use tax can be offset by documenting that sales or use tax has been properly paid to another state or municipality.

For Further Information: Call the Department of Revenue Services during business hours, Monday through Friday: 1-800-382-9463 (in-state), or 860-297-5962 (from anywhere) TTY, TDD and Text Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911.

## Hull Identification Number (HIN)

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique, 12 digit number, assigned by the manufacturers to vessels built after 1972. HINs identify one vessel from another. The HIN is usually found on the starboard side of the boat's transom. The HIN should be recorded by the owner and put in a place other than the boat in case warranty problems arise or the vessel is lost or stolen. Owners of vessels manufactured after October 1, 1972, that do not have a HIN should call the Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

## Change of Address/Change of Ownership/ Change of Registration Status

If you change your address **or sell or otherwise dispose of your vessel**, you must, **within 15 days and in writing**, notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, Marine Vessel Section, 60 State St., Wethersfield, CT 06109. **Then, for an address change, keep your Certificate of Number on the boat after updating the address on the back of the certificate.**

## Boat Rentals

A rented vessel that is required to be registered must display "BL" numbers. The rental agreement must be carried onboard.

# PART THREE: Safety Equipment Information

Type III  
Inflatable  
Flotation Aid

Type I  
Off-shore  
Life Jacket

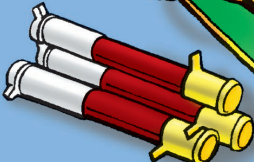
Type V  
Special  
Purpose

Type II  
Near-shore  
Buoyant Vest

Type I  
Off-shore  
Life Jacket

Type IV  
Throwable  
Device

Type IV  
Throwable  
Device



## CONNECTICUT AND U.S. COAST GUARD MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Equipment	Class A Less than 16 feet (less than 4.9 m)	Class 1 16 feet to less than 26 feet (4.9 to less than 7.9m)	Class 2 26 to less than 40 feet (7.9 to 12.2m)	Class 3 40 to less than 65 feet (12.2 to less than 19.8m)
<b>Backfire Flame Arrestor</b>	The device must be suitably attached to the air intake with a flameight connection and is required to be Coast Guard Approved or comply with SAEJ-1928 or UL 1111 standards and marked accordingly.			
<b>Ventilation – Boats built before Aug. 1, 1980</b>	At least two ventilator ducts, fitted with cowls or their equivalent, for the purpose of properly and effectively ventilating the bilges of every closed engine and fuel tank compartment of boats constructed or decked over after April 25, 1940, using gasoline as fuel.			
<b>Ventilation – Boats built on or after Aug. 1, 1980</b>	At least two ventilator ducts for the purpose of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and every closed compartment containing a gasoline tank, except those having permanently installed tanks which vent outside the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Also, engine compartments containing a gasoline engine having a cranking motor must be open to the atmosphere or contain power operated exhaust blowers which can be controlled from the instrument panel.			
<b>Personal Flotation Devices</b>	One approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board or being towed on water-skis, etc. Check label if using Type V.			
<b>Sound-Producing Devices – Whistle</b> See page 22	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have a whistle audible for at least one-half mile, and a bell.
<b>Visual Distress Signals</b> Required on coastal waters only	Must carry approved visual distress signals for nighttime use when operating at night.	Must carry visual distress signals approved for both daytime use and nighttime use.		
<b>Fire Extinguishers (Must say Coast Guard Approved)</b>	At least one B-1 type approved hand portable fire extinguisher. Not required on outboard motorboats less than 26 feet (7.9 meters) in length and not carrying passengers for hire if the construction of such motorboat will not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable gases or vapors and if fuel tanks are not permanently installed.	At least two B-1 type approved portable fire extinguishers; OR at least one B-II type approved portable fire extinguisher.	At least three B-1 type approved portable fire extinguishers; OR at least one B-1 type plus one B-II type approved portable fire extinguisher.	
NOTE: When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in the machinery space(s), it will replace one B-1 type portable extinguisher.				

**A**s a boat operator your fun on the water depends on your behavior. It is your responsibility to have the safety equipment required by law, to keep it on board in good condition, and know how to properly use it. **YOU ARE IN COMMAND!**

## Connecticut Life Jacket and Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Laws

Because more than 90 percent of boating fatalities could have been avoided by wearing a lifejacket:

- There must be a wearable life jacket on board for each person aboard every vessel.
- Each life jacket must be readily accessible.
- Each life jacket must fit the intended wearer.
- If the vessel is required to have a Type IV “throwable” PFD (see page 18), it must be immediately available.

Life jackets must:

- Be U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- Have a legible label.
- Be of the correct size and fit for the wearer. A life jacket should fit comfortably snug and never cover your face or ride up past your ears.
- Be in serviceable condition (all straps and buckles must be in good condition and able to perform their jobs; all seams and material must be intact).
- Be worn by children under 13 years old on any vessel that is underway unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.
- Be worn by anyone operating or riding on a PWC.
- Be worn by anyone being pulled behind a boat (such as tubing or skiing).
- Be worn by anyone in a manually propelled vessel from October 1 through May 31 (must be Type I, II, III, V or V-hybrid), except as noted on next page.

Remember:

- Ski belts are not legal life jackets.
- Inflatable lifejackets may not be used by persons engaged in high-speed water sports (such as riding PWCs or waterskiing) and may not be used by persons weighing under 90 lbs. or under 16 years of age.

All vessels 16 feet and over, except kayaks and canoes, must also carry a Type IV throwable device in addition to the required number of wearable life jackets.

## Special Rules for Wearing Life Jackets in Manually Propelled Racing Vessels

Persons operating Racing Shells, Racing Canoes, Racing Kayaks and Rowing Sculls and involved in competitive racing or the preparation for competitive racing are not required to wear or carry life jackets if accompanied at all times by an escort vessel. The escort vessel may escort up to three racing vessels and must be able to see all escorted vessels at all times and without the assistance of artificial devices other than eyeglasses. The requirement for an escort vessel may be waived during an organized race event where a Marine Event Permit has been approved by the Commissioner and other steps have been taken for the safety of the participants.

## Visual Distress Signals (VDS)

Visual distress signals are to be used to summon assistance when in distress.

In the State of Connecticut no VDS are required anywhere except when boating on Long Island Sound (LIS) and on Fishers Island Sound (FIS).

The following vessels only need to carry VDS on LIS and FIS between sunset and sunrise:

- Recreational vessels under 16 feet;
- Open sailboats less than 26 feet that are not equipped with propulsion machinery; and
- Manually propelled vessels.

All other vessels need to carry 3 daytime and 3 nighttime VDS (or the equivalent) at all times while on FIS and LIS.

- Visual distress signals must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition and stowed to be readily accessible.
- U.S. Coast Guard approved pyrotechnic visual distress signals and associated devices include:
  - Pyrotechnic red flares, hand-held or aerial.
  - Pyrotechnic orange smoke, hand-held or floating (day use only).
  - Launchers for aerial red meteors or parachute flares.
- If VDS are required there must be a minimum of 3 daytime and 3 nighttime signals, or 3 combination day/night signals. Pyrotechnic devices will have an expiration date that must not have passed.
- Non-pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices include:
  - Orange distress flags.
  - Electric distress signals.

- Other VDS, such as those listed below, are useful and easy to carry and are recognized as distress signals, but do not count toward the requirement to carry approved VDS on LIS and FIS.
  - Signaling mirror.
  - Water dye.
- No person, operator or owner in a vessel shall display or allow the display of a visual distress signal except when assistance is needed because of immediate or potential danger to the vessel or to persons aboard.

## Expired Flare Disposal

- Disposal of marine flares may be done by appointment only, by calling the DEEP Boating Division, 860-434-8638. Ask for the Navigation Safety/Boating Access Unit.
- Take advantage of our “Flare Days.” You can dispose of flares and test them out. Watch your local newspapers for site locations and times.

## Fire Extinguishers

- Fires involving burning wood, fabrics and paper (Class A) can be put out with water.
- Most boat fires consist of burning flammable liquids such as oil or gasoline (Class B). Check the table at the beginning of this section to determine how many Type B-1 fire extinguishers you must have on your boat.
- Check frequently to be sure that fire extinguishers are properly mounted where they can be easily reached. Check pressure gauges for proper pressure. Shake dry chemical units to be sure the chemical hasn't solidified and become useless. Replace any questionable extinguishers.

## Backfire Flame Arrestors

Internal combustion engines may backfire. To safeguard against fire, all inboard motorboats with carburetion must have a backfire flame arrestor system on each carburetor. Know where they are and keep them clean.

## Ventilation

Regulations require ventilation of all enclosed engine and fuel tank compartments on gasoline-powered boats. Intake ducting must extend midway to the bilge or at least below the carburetor air intake level. Exhaust ducting must extend from the lower bilge to cowls in the open air. Manufacturers install exhaust blowers in engine compartments so that gasoline fumes can be removed before the engines are started. If your boat is installed with an exhaust blower, it is recommended that you turn it on for at least four minutes before starting the engine.

## Whistle (Horn) and Bell

- Navigation rules (part of Federal Law) require all vessels (including canoes and kayaks) to have audible signaling devices. (See chart on page 18.)
- Every vessel of 12 meters (39.36 ft.) or less in length must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.
- Every vessel of at least 12 meters (39.36 ft.) in length but less than 20 meters (65.6 ft.) in length must have a whistle capable of being heard for at least one-half mile, and a bell.

## Mufflers (Noise Levels)

No one shall operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless the boat is equipped with a muffler or muffler system allowing it to be operated in compliance with state law.

Noise levels range from 90dB(A) for older engines to 88dB(A) for engines made after January 1, 1993. Any marine police who believes a motorboat is being operated in excess of the established noise levels may request the operator to submit the motorboat to an on-site noise level test. No person shall sell a motorboat which does not operate in compliance with the established noise levels. Boaters should contact the Boating Division if they are selling a vessel used only in marine races.

No one shall operate a motorboat on the waters of this state that is equipped with a muffler or muffler system cutout, bypass or similar device that prevents the motorboat from operating in compliance with state noise levels and without authorization from the Commissioner.

## Trailing Your Boat

The DMV has laws relative to boat trailers. Each trailer having a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more shall, when operated on any public highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels. For trailers having a gross weight of greater than eight thousand pounds, the brakes shall be capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle.

**NOTE:** Exceeding noise levels is a serious problem. Marine Police will be targeting areas, especially on the Connecticut River, to check for compliance. Exceeding noise levels will result in a fine of \$220. Failing to submit to an on-site noise level test will result in a fine of \$435. Subsequent failures to submit will result in a fine of \$535.



**NOTE:** Connecticut law limits the width of vehicles and trailers that travel on Connecticut's highways and bridges to 8½ feet. Vehicles or loads wider than this require an oversize vehicle permit. Oversize vehicle permits are available through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

## Courtesy

Boating at high speeds is dangerous in restricted or congested areas. Each skipper is responsible for spotting and avoiding swimmers and slow-moving vessels. This is also important when picking up or dropping off water-skiiers.

J. H. Torrance Downes



For information about ordering a Long Island Sound license plate, call 1-800-CT-SOUND.

# PART FOUR: Boating and Environmental Awareness



## Connecticut's Clean Marina Program



Connecticut's Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program that recognizes Connecticut's marinas, boatyards, and yacht clubs that go above and beyond regulatory compliance as "Certified Clean Marinas." Look for certified marinas flying a Clean Marina Flag at their facility.

## Connecticut's Clean Boater Program



Using sound environmental boating practices protects our resources and ensures the future health of Connecticut's waters. The Clean Boater Program encourages the state's boaters to use clean boating techniques.

Support marinas that are environmentally responsible. For information about the Clean Boater Program contact the Boating Division at 860-434-8638; for information about the Clean Marina Program contact the Office of Long Island Sound at 860-424-3034 or visit: [www.ct.gov/deep/cleanmarina](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cleanmarina).

**NOTE: It is illegal to discard fishing line on land or in state waters.**

## Boat Hull Maintenance

New recommendations for hull-washing are of special interest. Your marina may not allow the cleaning of boat bottoms painted with toxic anti-fouling paint. Consider hauling your boat to clean it. If your marina does allow underwater hull cleaning, please proceed with caution:

- DO NOT clean boat bottoms painted with ablative paints.
- Use hard bottom paint if you need to clean your boat bottom throughout the season (sailboats).
- Ask your marina operator if there are any specific guidelines you need to follow while cleaning your boat bottom.
- Use only soft material (sponges, not brushes!) to clean growth off the hull.
- Use stainless steel pads and/or brushes only on UNPAINTED surfaces.
- Stop cleaning in the water if colored plumes of paint appear in the water.
- Do not paint zincs. When replacing zinc anodes, bring them ashore for recycling.
- Hire a professional diver and tell them you expect them to minimize pollution.

## MARPOL Regulations

All vessels must obey MARPOL regulations developed in the 1970s to protect the marine environment from operational pollution. Vessels over 26 feet must display a durable placard explaining MARPOL Annex V disposal regulations. The U.S. legislation that implements MARPOL Annex V, bans the dumping of plastics in all navigable waters of the United States. It also places restrictions on the disposal of other types of shipboard solid wastes.

## Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs)

All vessels with an installed toilet are required to have a Coast Guard certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) attached to the toilet. See [www.ct.gov/deep/cva](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cva).

A macerator alone is not a certified MSD. A macerator only grinds the sewage. It does not treat it to kill bacteria and viruses. All Coast Guard certified Type I and Type II MSDs have a certification label affixed by the manufacturer. Holding tanks are not required to have a certification label. See the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website at: [www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel\\_sewage/vsdmsd.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/vsdmsd.html).

The U.S. Coast Guard can issue fines of up to \$2,000 for the illegal discharge of untreated sewage. Section 15-175(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that any person owning or operating a vessel from which untreated sewage is discharged from a MSD or bypass into the waters of this state has committed a class A misdemeanor. A class A misdemeanor is a criminal offense for which a person, if convicted, may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than one year and be fined an amount not more than two thousand dollars. State conservation officers and municipal marine police may enforce this law.

## No Discharge Areas

It is illegal to discharge untreated sewage from your boat into any of Connecticut's waters.

**Connecticut:** All waters of Fisher's Island Sound and its harbors from the Rhode Island State boundary to Byram Point, Greenwich, as well as the navigable reaches of all Connecticut rivers and tidal streams that drain into Long Island Sound within state boundaries, including the Hammonasset River, Menunketesuck River, Niantic River, Thames River, Housatonic River from the Derby Dam, and Quinnipiac River from the southern border of North Haven. **New York:** Long Island Sound, including the open waters, harbors, bays and navigable tributaries of the Sound and a portion of the East River, from the Hell Gate Bridge in the west to the northern bounds of Block Island Sound in the east. Included in the NDZ are: Poconic Estuary and East Hampton, Mamaroneck Harbor, Huntington-Northport Bay Complex, Port Jefferson Complex, Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Complex, and Hudson River. **Rhode Island:** All waters.

See the EPA website at: [www.epa.gov/region01/eco/nodiscrg/](http://www.epa.gov/region01/eco/nodiscrg/) for a list of NDAs in New England waters.

## Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)

Non-native aquatic plants or animals are also known as invasive or aquatic nuisance species (ANS) and grow at a rate such that they displace beneficial native species.



EURASIAN MILFOIL

### Freshwater Aquatic (Non-Native) Plants

Introduction of non-native plants, such as Eurasian or Variable Leaf Milfoil and Fanwort, can damage the ecosystem and reduce recreational activities. As of October 1, 2003, it is illegal to transport vegetation on vessels or trailers. Violation of the law carries a fine up to \$100 and requires a court appearance.

### Zebra Mussels

Zebra mussels are tiny freshwater bivalves that can clog power plants, industrial and drinking water intakes, foul boat hulls and engine cooling systems, and disrupt aquatic ecosystems. Zebra mussels are in the Twin Lakes, Salisbury and the Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar, and Housatonic. Extra care must be taken when boating in those waters.



ZEBRA MUSSEL

ADULTS  
are  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  
JUVENILES  
are too small to see



### STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

### Marine ANS

If a vessel sits at a dock for too long, growth can occur on the hull. ANS can also collect in bilge areas, live wells, or other places that may collect water. If a vessel moves between seasonal ports, the introduction of an ANS may occur. Many of the fouling species exist because they are invasive and have no predators. By using the tips listed above, you can help prevent the spread of ANS.

**FOR CLEANING PROCEDURES  
ON HOW TO HELP PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE  
SPECIES, SEE THE INSIDE OF THE  
BACK COVER.**

The Federal Clean Vessel Act directs excise tax dollars, collected on fishing tackle and motorboat fuel, to construct, operate and maintain pumpout stations for Type III MSDs, and dump stations for portable toilets. A list of pumpout facilities appears on these following pages.

# Pumpout Facilities Directory 2012

Stations below are listed east to west.

- Indicates Clean Vessel Act Funded



## Shoreside station facilities

Pumpout boat

### WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

- 1 Westerly Yacht Club  
Pawcatuck River  
401-596-7556 or VHF CH 10  
Apr-Oct 7am-6pm; pumpout
- 2 Avondale Boat Yard Inc.  
Pawcatuck River  
401-348-8187 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Oct 8am-5pm; \$7.50-pumpout

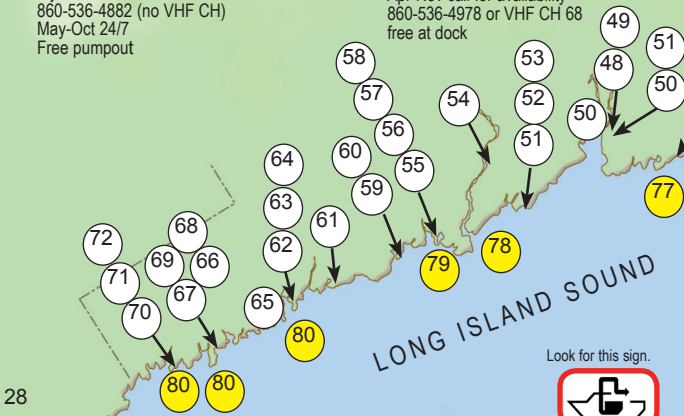
### STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT

- 3 Norwest Marine  
Pawcatuck River  
860-599-2442 or VHF CH 68  
Apr-Nov 24/7; \$5-pumpout (need token)
- 4 Dodson Boatyard  
Stonington Harbor  
860-535-1507 or VHF CH 78  
May 15-Sept 15 8am-9pm  
Sept 16-Nov 15 8am-7pm  
\$5-pumpout, free with fuel purchase
- 5 Stonington Sewage Treatment Facility  
Stonington Harbor  
860-535-5055 (no VHF CH)  
call for availability
- 6 Mystic River Marina  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-3123 or VHF CH 68  
May-Dec M-Th 8am-5pm;  
Fri,Sa 7am-7pm, Sun 7am-6pm
- 7 Mystic Shipyard East  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-4882 (no VHF CH)  
May-Oct 24/7  
Free pumpout

- 8 Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-2293 or VHF CH 9  
May-Nov 1 (staffed) Sun-Th 8am-5pm  
Fri & Sat 8am-8pm self-service after hours  
\$5-pumpout, free for customers
- 9 Mystic Seaport  
Mystic River  
860-572-0711 or VHF CH 68  
Jul-Aug 8am-7pm; May-Jun, Sept-Oct 8am-4pm; Free pumpout

### GROTON

- 10 Mystic Shipyard, LLC  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-6588 or VHF CH 9, 68  
Apr-Nov 8am-7pm  
Free pumpout
- 11 Noank Village Boatyard  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-1770 or VHF CH 72  
Apr 15-Nov 15 8am-4:30pm to purchase token; 24/7 with token  
\$5-pumpout (self-service)
- 12 Noank Shipyard  
Mystic Harbor  
860-536-9651 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-8pm  
\$5-pumpout, free for customers
- 13 Spicer's Noank Marina  
West Cove, Noank  
Apr-Nov call for availability  
860-536-4978 or VHF CH 68  
free at dock



Look for this sign.



By following clean boating practices, we can help improve the quality in Connecticut's waters for swimming, shellfishing, and the enjoyment of our fellow boaters. For more information about pumpouts, call the Office of Long Island Sound Programs at 860-424-3034 or the Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

- **14** Shennecossett Yacht Club  
Pine Island Bay  
860-445-9854 or VHF CH 68  
May-Oct M,T,Th,Fr,Su 7am-7pm  
Sat 8am-9pm  
Free pumpout (self-service)
- **15** City of Groton, Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Thames River  
860-446-4086 or VHF CH 72  
Memorial Day-Labor Day M-F 7am-7pm;  
Sa-Sun 7am-10pm  
Free pumpout

### **NORWICH**

- **16** The Marina at American Wharf  
Thames River, Norwich Harbor  
860-886-6363 or VHF CH 68  
Apr-Oct 15 8am-8pm  
\$5-pumpout

### **NEW LONDON**

- **17** Crocker's Boatyard, Inc.  
Shaw's Cove  
860-443-6304 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-4:30pm  
Free with fuel
- **18** Thamesport Marina  
Thames River  
860-437-7022 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 15-Oct 9am-5pm  
\$5-pumpout, free for customers

### **EAST LYME**

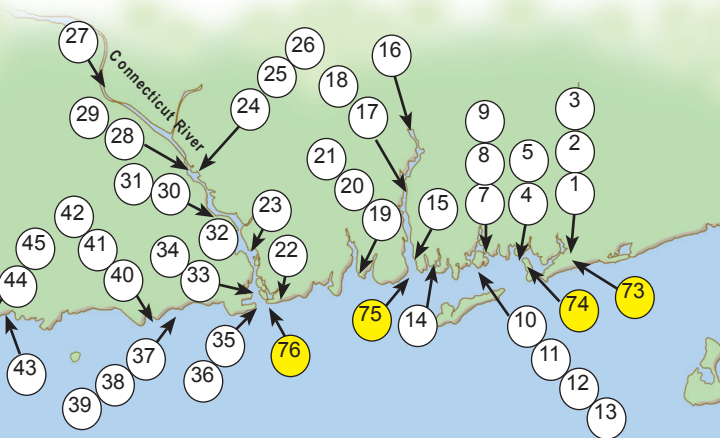
- **19** Three Belles Marina  
Smith Cove  
860-739-6264 or VHF CH 9  
Free for customers  
call for availability
- **20** Port Niantic Marina  
Niantic River  
860-739-2155 or VHF CH 10  
Apr-Nov 8am-5pm  
\$5-pumpout
- **21** Niantic Dockominium Association  
Niantic River  
203-624-7911 or VHF CH 16  
May 15-Nov 15, M-F 8am-5pm,  
Sa-Su 8am-6pm  
Free pumpout

### **OLD LYME**

- **22** CT DEEP Marine Headquarters  
Connecticut River  
860-434-8638 (no VHF CH)  
Memorial Day-last Sun in Oct  
10am-5pm; Free pumpout

### **LYME**

- **23** Reynold's Garage & Marine  
Hamburg Cove  
860-434-0028 (no VHF CH)  
May-Nov, M-F 8am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm;  
\$5-pumpout



It is illegal to discharge the contents of a holding tank in Long Island Sound. Please use shoreside pumpout stations and pumpout boats. To find out more information on the pumpout facilities, please visit [www.ct.gov/deep/cva](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cva)

**PORTLAND**

- **24** Yankee Boat Yard & Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-342-4735 or VHF CH 68  
Apr-Nov 8am-6pm; free pumpout
- **25** Portland Boatworks  
Connecticut River  
860-342-1085 or VHF CH 9  
May-Nov 8am-4:30pm; \$5 pumpout
- **26** Petzold's Marine Center  
Connecticut River  
860-342-1196 or VHF CH all  
Apr-Nov, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm  
\$5 pumpout, free with gas

**GLASTONBURY**

- **27** Seaboard Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-657-3232 or VHF CH 68  
Apr-Oct 9am-5pm  
Free pumpout/dump station

**HADDAM**

- **28** Midway Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-345-4330 or VHF CH 13, 16  
May 20-Oct 15 24/7; Free pumpout
- **29** Andrews Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-345-2286 or VHF CH 68  
Apr-Nov weekdays (on call); weekends  
staffed 9am-5pm;  
free pumpout

**CHESTER**

- **30** Christholm Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-526-5147 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 24/7; Free at dock
- **31** Hays Haven Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-526-9366 (no VHF CH)  
Memorial Day-Nov 8am-5pm  
Free pumpout/dump station

**DEEP RIVER**

- **32** Brewer Deep River Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-526-5560 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct, M-F 8am-4:30pm; Sa-Su 8am-5pm  
\$5 pumpout/free with fuel

**ESSEX**

- **33** Brewer Dauntless Shipyard  
Connecticut River  
860-767-0001 or VHF CH 9  
May 1-Nov 15 8am-5pm  
Free pumpout
- **34** Brewer Dauntless Marina  
(formerly The Chandlery)  
Connecticut River  
860-767-8267 or VHF CH 68

Memorial Day-Labor 8am-8pm  
Labor Day-Nov 15 8am-6pm  
\$5 pumpout for non-members

**OLD SAYBROOK**

- **35** Ragged Rock  
Connecticut River  
860-388-1049 or VHF CH 9  
June-Nov Mon-Fri 9-4; \$5-pumpout
- **36** Saybrook Point Marina  
Connecticut River  
860-395-3080 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct 8am-dusk; Free pumpout

**WESTBROOK**

- **37** Harry's Marine Repair  
Westbrook Harbor, Patchogue River  
860-399-6165 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Oct 8am-4pm  
\$5 pumpout; free dump station
- **38** Brewer Pilots Point Marina Inc.  
(South & Pumpout Boat)  
Westbrook Harbor  
860-399-7906 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct 7am-9pm; Free pumpout/dump  
station (self-service after hours);  
\$5 Pumpout Boat
- **39** Brewer Pilots Point Marina Inc. (North)  
Menunketesuck River, Westbrook  
Harbor  
860-399-5128 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct 24/7  
Free self-service pumpout/dump station

**CLINTON**

- **40** Cedar Island Marina Inc.  
Clinton Harbor  
860-669-8681 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct 8am-5pm;  
Free pumpout (self-service)
- **41** Clinton Yacht Haven  
Clinton Harbor  
860-669-7254 (no VHF CH)  
May-Oct M-Sa 8:30am-5pm  
Free pumpout (self-service)
- **42** Riverside Basin Marina  
Hammonasset River  
860-669-1503 or VHF CH 16  
yr. round (weather permitting)  
Free pumpout/dump station

**GUILFORD**

- **43** Guilford Yacht Club  
West River  
203-458-3048 or VHF CH 71  
May 15-Sept 8am-6pm  
\$5-pumpout, free for members

**BRANFORD**

- **44** Brewer's Bruce & Johnson's  
Branford River  
203-488-8329 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-4:30pm  
\$5-pumpout, free for customers



**45** Branford Yacht Club  
Branford River  
203-488-9798 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov 15 Fri-Sun 8am-7:30pm,  
Mon-Thu 8am-4:30pm;  
weekends 8am-7:30pm  
\$5-pumpout, free with fuel

### **NEW HAVEN**

- **46** Waucoma Yacht Club  
Quinnipiac River, New Haven Harbor  
203-789-9530 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov M-F 12pm-6pm  
Free pumpout (self-service)
- **47** City of New Haven Long Wharf  
New Haven Harbor  
203-946-6779 (no VHF CH)  
May-Oct M-F 9am-5pm  
Free pumpout
- **48** Oyster Point Marina  
New Haven Harbor  
203-952-3524 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-5pm 7days a week  
Free pumpout
- **49** Quinnipiac River Marina  
Quinnipiac River  
203-376-3116 (No VHF CH)  
Apr 1-Nov 1, 10am-4pm 7 days a week

### **WEST HAVEN**

- **50** West Cove Marina  
West River  
203-933-3000 (no VHF CH)  
May-Sep, Wed-Fri 3pm-7pm,  
Sat-Sun 8am-7pm;  
\$5 for pumpout

### **MILFORD**

- **51** Milford Landing  
Milford Harbor  
203-874-1610 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct Weekdays 7am-8pm,  
Weekends 7am-10am  
\$5-pumpout
- **52** Milford Boat Works  
Milford Harbor  
203-877-1475 or VHF CH 68  
Jun-Oct Sun-Thu 8am-7pm,  
Fri-Sat 8am-8pm  
Free pumpout
- **53** Port Milford Marina  
Milford Harbor  
203-301-2223 (no VHF CH)  
Jul 1-Dec 15 8am-4pm 7 days a week  
\$5-pumpout

### **STRATFORD**

- **54** Brewer Stratford Marina  
Housatonic River  
203-377-4477 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-6pm;  
\$5-pumpout, free for customers

### **BRIDGEPORT**

- **55** Cedar Marina  
Cedar Creek  
203-335-6262 (no VHF CH)  
May 15-Oct 15 M-F 8am-4pm  
Sa 8am-12pm & by appointment  
Free pumpout
- **56** Captain's Cove Seaport  
Black Rock Harbor  
203-335-1433 or VHF CH 18  
May-Dec 8am-8pm  
Free pumpout
- **57** Fayerweather Yacht Club  
Black Rock Harbor  
203-576-6796 or VHF CH14  
Memorial Day-Oct M,Tu,Th 8am-8pm;  
W, F, Sa, Su 8am-10pm  
\$5 pumpout, free for members
- **58** Miamogue Yacht Club  
Bridgeport Harbor  
203-334-9882 or VHF CH 9  
April 1-Nov 1 24/7  
Free pumpout (self-service)

### **FAIRFIELD**

- **59** South Benson Marina  
Ash Creek  
203-256-3010 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 15-Nov Sun-Fri 9am-6pm  
Sat-Sun 6am-6pm  
Free pumpout (token)  
(self-service)/dump station
- **60** Pequot Yacht Club  
Southport Harbor  
203-255-5740 or VHF CH 69  
May-Labor Day 8am-midnight,  
Labor Day-Oct 8am-sunset, call for appt  
Free pumpout

### **WESTPORT**

- **61** Ned Dimes Marina  
Compo Cove, Saugatuck River  
203-341-1063 or VHF CH 11  
May 1-Oct 8am-8pm  
Free pumpout

### **NORWALK**

- **62** Norwalk Cove Marina  
Charles Creek  
203-604-1295 or VHF CH 9, 72  
May-Oct M-F 8am-7pm  
Sa-Su 8am-6pm  
Free pumpout
- **63** Norwalk Visitors' Dock Norwalk  
Harbor 203-866-8810 or VHF CH 9, 13,  
16  
Apr 1-mid Sept 6am-2pm, mid Sept-Oct  
9am-5pm  
Free pumpout

- **64** Rex Marine Center Norwalk River  
203-866-5555 (no VHF CH)  
Year round M-F 8:30am-3:30pm, Sa-Su  
8am-6pm  
Free pumpout/dump station
- **65** The Boatworks Inc.  
Rowayton / Fivemile River  
203-866-9295 (no VHF CH)  
Apr 15-Nov 15 24 hrs 7 days  
Free pumpout (self-service)

### **STAMFORD**

- **66** Cummings Park Marina  
Westcott Cove  
203-977-5139 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov 24/7  
Free pumpout (self-service)/dump station
- **67** Harbour Square Marina  
Stamford Harbor, East Branch  
203-324-3331 (no VHF CH)  
May-Dec 8am-8pm  
\$5 pumpout
- **68** Czescik Municipal Marina  
Stamford Harbor, East Branch  
203-977-5008 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov M-F 4pm-8pm, Sa-Su 8am-4pm  
Free pumpout (self-service)/dump station
- **69** Stamford Landing Marina  
Stamford Harbor, West Branch  
203-965-0065 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 9am-5pm; Free pumpout

### **GREENWICH**

- **70** Beacon Point Marina Mianus River  
203-661-4033 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov 8am-7pm; Free pumpout
- **71** Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club  
Mianus River 203-869-4689 (no VHF CH)  
Apr-Nov 24/7  
Free pumpout (self-service)
- **72** Grass Island Marina  
Greenwich Harbor  
203-618-9695 (no VHF CH)  
May-Oct 15 24/7  
Free self-service pumpout

## Pumpout boats

- **73** Town of Westerly Pumpout boat  
Pawcatuck River, Little Narragansett Bay  
Stonington Harbor (2 boats)  
401-348-2572 or VHF CH 8  
late May-Oct M-F 9am-4pm  
Sa-Su 9am-5pm
- **74** Coastal Environmental Services  
Pumpout Boat - New London Harbor  
East to Mystic River (3 boats)  
860-514-7664 or VHF CH 68  
Mystic: mid May-mid October, Thurs-Tues

(off Wed) 9am-6pm  
Thames: Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

- **75** Save the River/Save the Hills Niantic River Pumpout Boat  
Niantic River (1 boat)  
860-287-2774 or VHF CH68  
Memorial Day-Labor Day Fri-Mon 9am-5pm;  
after Labor Day Sat-Mon 9am-5pm
- **76** Lower CT River Pumpout Boat  
Chester, Deep River, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook (2 boats)  
860-463-9753 of VHF CH 72  
Memorial Day-Labor Day Fri-Sun: all towns;  
Mon-Wed: Chester, Deep River, Lyme;  
Thu: make-up day; Labor Day-Oct  
9am-5pm all towns
- **77** Town of Branford Pumpout Boat  
Branford Harbor, Thimble Islands (1 boat)  
203-430-9305 or VHF CH 9  
May-June call for appointment  
July-Oct Fri 3pm-8pm; Sat-Sun 8am-4pm
- **78** Town of Stratford Pumpout Boat  
Housatonic River (1 boat)  
pumpoutboat@stratfordwaterfront.org or  
VHF CH 68  
May-Oct, Thu-Mon 10am-6pm
- **79** City of Bridgeport Pumpout Boat  
Bridgeport Harbor,  
Black Rock Harbor (1 boat)  
203-384-9777 or VHF CH 9, 16  
May-Oct, Fri-Sun, 10am-6pm
- **80** Soundkeeper Pumpout Boat  
Norwalk: Saugatuck Harbor, Compo Cove,  
Norwalk Harbor, Five Mile River, and  
Noroton Harbor (2 boats)  
StamfordL Stamford Harbor (1 boat)  
Greenwich: Greenwich Harbor  
Mianus River (1 boat)  
www.soundkeeper.org/pumpout.asp  
or VHF CH 77  
Memorial Day-Oct 10, Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm

To see photos of the pumpout stations and  
get more information, visit the CVA website



# PART FIVE: Boating Regulations



**B**oating laws and regulations are enacted primarily to protect today's boater. Stay abreast of new rules and regulations; they may change yearly.

## Enforcement

Several law enforcement agencies enforce Connecticut's state statutes and regulations and federal navigational laws. The United States Coast Guard patrols federal waters and enforces federal laws. Municipal police officers, state conservation police officers, town marine officers, lake patrolmen and POST-certified harbor masters are empowered to enforce state boating regulations. In their jurisdiction, enforcement officers have authority to stop and board boats to check for compliance with federal or state law or to search without warrant, upon probable cause that other laws have been violated.

Law enforcement vessels engaged in enforcement activities may display a flashing blue light or audible signal. No flashing lights, except flashing yellow lights on high speed ferries, submarines and air cushion vessels and alternating flashing, yellow and red lights on vessels used for public safety activities, may be displayed by vessels other than law enforcement vessels. No sirens shall be used on vessels other than law enforcement vessels, except that any vessel may be equipped with a theft alarm if it is designed so that it cannot be used as an ordinary warning signal.

If approached by a law enforcement or fire rescue vessel using its lights and audible signal, a vessel operator is required to (1) immediately slow to a speed just sufficient to maintain steerage only; (2) alter course within its ability to not inhibit or interfere with the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel; and (3) unless otherwise directed by an officer onboard such vessels, proceed at a reduced speed until beyond the area of operation of the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel. If someone willfully or negligently obstructs or retards a law enforcement or fire rescue vessel answering an emergency call or pursuing a fleeing law violator, the offender shall be fined up to \$200 or imprisoned for up to seven days, or both.

If a vessel operator passes within 200 feet of a stationary law enforcement vessel using its lights and audible signal or a fire rescue vessel using its lights, the vessel operator is required to slow the operator's vessel to "slow-no-wake" speed until it is more than 200 feet away from the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel. If someone fails to slow as required, the offender shall be subject to a fine of between \$50 to \$200.

## Definitions of Terms

The following definitions will prove useful in understanding the rules and regulations related to boating.

**Regulated Navigational Area.** Water area within a defined boundary

for which regulations for vessels navigating within the area have been established under 33 CFR Part 165.

**Restricted Visibility.** Conditions in which visibility is restricted by fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, sandstorms or any other similar causes.

**Safety Zone.** A water area, shore area, or water and shore area to which, for safety or environmental purposes, access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles or vessels. The Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is authorized to create temporary safety zones for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours, unless an emergency warrants otherwise.

**Security Zone.** An area of land, water, or land and water, which is designated under 33 CFR Part 165 by the United States Coast Guard for such time as is necessary to prevent injury or damage to the area or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States.

**Slow-No-Wake.** A vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than 6 miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerageway when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger or injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind.

State and Federal Waters

- **Federal Waters** Navigable waters of the United States, as defined by 33 CFR 2.36(a), within the territorial limits of the state.
- **State Waters** All waters within the territorial limits of the state except federal waters.
- **Waters of state** All waters, including federal waters, within the territorial limits of the state.

**Underway.** When a vessel is not moored, anchored, made fast to the shore, or aground.

## Restricted Safety and Security Zones

No person shall operate, allow the operation of a vessel, or anchor any vessel on the waters of the state within a safety or security zone or a regulated navigational area.

## Restricted Operating Distances and Speed Areas

No person shall operate a vessel or cause a water-skier to pass within one hundred feet of a flag, buoy or other device, marking the location of an underwater swimmer or diver.

No person shall operate a motorboat, excluding a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of shore, or a dock,

pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water-skier.

No person shall operate a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of shore, or a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water-skier.

When within 100 feet of buoys marking a restricted swimming area or boat access area, vessels shall be operated at Slow-No-Wake.

## Speed Regulations

When no limits are posted, operate the boat so it will not endanger others. The boat must be able to stop safely within the clear distance ahead. When passing near marinas, fishing areas, swimming areas, a vessel at anchor, or similar places, reduce speed. Operators are responsible for damage caused by their wakes.

In Connecticut, speed is limited by law for certain conditions and areas. Comply with posted regulatory signs and the regulations printed within this chapter.

Every vessel must, under crowded conditions or in reduced visibility, go at a moderate speed with careful regard for existing circumstances and conditions. Actions such as speeding in confined or restricted areas or skiing at prohibited times or in restricted areas can also be construed as reckless or negligent operation.

## Reckless Operation

Reckless operation is the failure to exercise the degree of care necessary to prevent endangering another person or their property.

## Age Restrictions

No person under age 16, issued a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) after 3/9/04 or a certificate approved by the Commissioner, shall operate a personal watercraft without the onboard supervision of a person at least age 18 who has a CPWO. Operators between ages 12-16, issued a Connecticut CPWO on or before 3/9/04, may operate a personal watercraft by themselves, although the DEEP recommends that a person 18 years or older who has a certificate accompany them.

A child under the age of 16 may be permitted to operate a vessel, other than a personal watercraft, without obtaining a SBC or CPWO, if the youth is under the direct supervision of a person at least age 18 who has had a boating certificate for at least 2 years.

A child under the age of 12 who has obtained a SBC or CPWO may not operate a vessel with greater than 10 hp, unless the youth is accompanied on board by a person at least age 18 who has been issued a

safe boating certificate.

Owners who knowingly permit a child under the age of 16 to operate their vessel without a SBC or CPWO when one is required will be held accountable for the actions of the child.

## Hazardous Conditions

Enforcement officers can terminate a voyage and require the operator to return to the nearest mooring if they discover a hazardous condition. The operator must then correct this condition before proceeding on his way.

## Mooring to Buoys

The only buoys you are permitted to moor to are mooring buoys. Mooring to a navigation buoy or other aid to navigation or regulatory marker is illegal.

## Overloading

Never overload your boat with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity. Capacity labels are required on all vessels less than 20 feet manufactured after 1972, and are affixed by the manufacturer. Connecticut law forbids altering, defacing or removing the plate.

## Riding on Decks or Gunwales

While underway in a vessel under power, do not ride on the bow, gunwale, transom, or in any position which is obviously dangerous. Riding on or hanging over the bow can interfere with stability and may restrict the operator's visibility. No operator of a vessel under power shall allow any person to be on a decked-over bow of such vessel while underway unless the bow of the vessel is equipped with a handrail that encompasses the bow, and all persons on the bow are inward of such handrail. On vessels under power with open bows not decked-over, no operator shall allow any person to sit or stand on the gunwale at the bow of the vessel while underway. These provisions shall not apply to persons in or on the bow of vessels engaged in anchoring, mooring, or docking activities, and when the vessel is proceeding at a dead slow speed.

## Diving and Underwater Operations

In Connecticut, anyone involved in underwater swimming or diving is required to display a clearly visible red flag with a white diagonal stripe. The flag must be two-sided, not less than 13 inches high and 15 inches long. The white diagonal stripe must be reflectorized if the flag is to be used at night. It is extremely dangerous and a violation of the law for a diver to surface or swim more than 50 feet from this flag. No more than four divers may use the

same diver flag unless it is displayed from a boat, in which case the number of divers must be limited to the legal capacity of the boat.

The blue/white ALPHA flag is also used to show underwater operations from a vessel in federal waters. It may be used in addition to the state's diver down flag. It is illegal to snorkel or SCUBA dive from a state boat launch. Boaters must not come within 100 ft. of the dive flag.

## Water-skiing, Parasailing and Wing-In-Ground (WIG) Vessel

Water-skiing includes the towing of any person behind a vessel under power, such as water-skiing, tubing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, etc.

In Connecticut, water-skiers are required by law to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while engaged in water-skiing, except for those skiers who are engaged in barefoot water-skiing and are wearing a specifically designed "barefoot wetsuit" and those skiers who are engaged in trick water-skiing and are wearing standard double trick skis at least 8 inches wide and not over 46 inches long, and being towed at not more than 20 mph using a tow rope longer than 50 feet long.

A life jacket must be made readily available aboard the tow vessel for each skier electing not to wear one under the above exceptions, in addition to those life jackets normally required to be aboard. Ski belts and inflatable life jackets are not permitted.

The operator of the boat is required to have a responsible observer at least 12 years of age facing the skier to assist the operator and monitor the progress of the water-skier. The water-skier, the observer, and the boat operator shall use hand signals for communication. The maximum length of a towline measured from the tow post to the water-skier's tow handle is 100 feet. No elastic component may be part of the towline. Except when the vessel is engaged in towing a water-skier and at least one person onboard the vessel is using it for training purposes, the rigid metal tow pole, often used for barefoot skiing, may either be removed from the boat or must be dismantled or folded and placed inside of the gunwale and parallel to the center line of the boat.

The operator of the vessel and the water-skier are responsible for operating in a manner which does not harm or strike another person or vessel. Water-skiing is forbidden between  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset until sunrise or when visibility is restricted to less than 100 yards.

Operation of a vessel at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of shore, or 200 feet for personal watercraft, is illegal. Therefore, water-skiing in a narrow channel or river less than 200 feet wide or 400 feet for personal watercraft is a violation.



Towing of a person or persons on an inner tube without handholds is prohibited.

Kite-skiing and parasailing are prohibited anywhere water-skiing is prohibited or subject to special regulations. Kite-skiers and parasailers shall not fly over or under obstructions such as utility lines and bridges; nor shall they fly over dams, locks, docks, launching ramps, swim areas, marinas or congested areas.

All water-ski jumps and slalom courses require a permit. Contact the Boating Division or visit our website for information.

Self-propelled water-skis and surfboards, and remote control devices which tow water-skiers, are prohibited in Connecticut.

A wing-in-ground (WIG) effect vessel must be approved by the DEEP before operating recreationally and by the U.S. Coast Guard before operating for commercial or for research purposes.

## Personal Watercraft Restrictions

Personal Watercraft are subject to the following operation restrictions (for age restrictions, see page 36):

- No person shall operate a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise or during periods of reduced visibility.
- No passenger shall ride in front of the operator on a personal watercraft.
- No passenger shall ride upon a personal watercraft unless the passenger is able to securely hold onto the person in front of them or to the handholds on the personal watercraft, and is able to keep both feet on the deck of the personal watercraft so as to maintain balance while the personal watercraft is in operation.
- All persons aboard a personal watercraft shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device, and no operator of a personal watercraft shall allow any person to be aboard who is not wearing such a device. Inflatable life jackets are not allowed.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within two hundred feet of shore or of a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless said personal watercraft is approaching such float, dock or shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in water-skiing to take off or land.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft towing a water-skier and no person shall water-ski while being towed by a personal watercraft unless: (1) a capacity label affixed by the manufacturer indicates a carrying capacity of at least three persons: the operator, the observer

and the skier, (2) minimum overall length of 119 inches, minimum overall width of 46 inches, minimum horizontal seat length of 39 inches [at least 13 inches additional seat length per person for greater than three person capacity], (3) handholds at or near the rear of the seat suitable for use by a rearward-facing observer, and (4) an observer age 12 or older facing the skier at all times. The boat operator, observer and water-skier must obey all other water-ski rules.

- No person operating a personal watercraft shall cross or jump the wake of another vessel, when within one hundred feet of the vessel creating such wake, in such a manner that the hull of the personal watercraft jumping the wake completely leaves the water.
- A “shut-off lanyard,” if so equipped, must be attached to the operator, his clothing, or his personal floatation device in a manner which will shut off the engine in the event the operator is ejected from the personal watercraft while underway.

## Marine Event Permits

Onstate waters; all marine parades, regattas, races, tournaments, fireworks over water, exhibitions, or other activities requiring exclusive use of a portion of a water body, use of a state boat launch, or modification or suspension of any laws or regulations require a permit issued by the DEEP. Applications must be received by the DEEP Boating Division at least 45 days prior to the event. Go to the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) for details. NOTE: If your event is on tidal waters, contact the U.S.C.G. website at <http://www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp> for details.

## Marker (Buoy or Beacon) Permits

All markers (buoys or beacons) other than a diver’s flag require a permit from the DEEP. This includes markers placed for swim areas, speed zones, navigation, information, and water ski courses or jumps. Go to the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) for details.

## Boating Under the Influence (BUI)

No person may operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A person shall be considered to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor if the ratio of alcohol in the blood is 8-hundredths (.08) of one percent or more of alcohol, by weight, or if the person is under 21 years of age, the level is .02. The penalty for a first violation may be: a fine between \$500 and \$1,000; one year suspension of boating privileges, 6 months (at least 48 hours of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail or suspended plus

probation requiring 100 hours community service.

The penalty for a second violation within ten years may be: a fine between \$1,000 and \$4,000; three years suspension of boating privileges, two years (at least 120 days of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail and probation requiring 100 hours of community service.

The penalty for a third violation and subsequent violations within ten years may be: a fine between \$2,000 and \$8,000, suspension of boating privileges for life, three years (at least 1 year of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail and probation requiring 100 hours of community service. Penalties for refusal to submit to a chemical test are more substantial than failing the test.

## Boating Accidents and Reporting

All operators of vessels involved in an accident must remain at the scene and assist any other vessel or person involved, if possible, without endangering their own vessel or the people aboard. The operator must also give his/her name, address and vessel identification number to the other operator(s) or owner of the damaged property.

Operators involved in a boating accident which results in any of the circumstances noted below shall IMMEDIATELY notify the nearest law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the area and, not later than 48 hours after the accident, report the matter on a form provided by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, (DEEP) Boating Division.

1. The death of any person from whatever cause.
2. The disappearance of any person from on board.
3. The injury of any person sufficient to require medical attention beyond simple first aid.

Any accident in which the total damages to all property affected is in excess of \$500 must be reported by the operator not later than 5 days after the accident on forms provided by the DEEP. The form can be downloaded by visiting the DEEP website: [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating).

The operator of the vessel must make out the report, if they cannot do so, the owner or a survivor of the accident must initiate the report.

## Boat Disposal

If you are the registered owner and have documentation to show this, then you can simply dispose of the boat. CGS Sec. 15-147 requires that you notify the DMV within 15 days of transfer, destruction, theft, loss or abandonment.

Below are some organizations that accept donated boats. You are encouraged to look online for additional organizations

- Boats with Causes: 1-888-228-7320  
[www.boatswithcauses.org/ct-boat-donation.htm](http://www.boatswithcauses.org/ct-boat-donation.htm)
- Teddy Bear Cops: 1-877-327-1229  
[www.givecars.com/charity-boat-donation.html](http://www.givecars.com/charity-boat-donation.html)
- Boat Angel: 1-800-227-2643  
[www.boatangel.org](http://www.boatangel.org)
- Boats4Causes: 1-888-444-2392  
[www.cars4causes.net/boat-donation-new](http://www.cars4causes.net/boat-donation-new)
- BOATS for Veterans: 1-800-409-3274  
[www.donate-your-boat.org](http://www.donate-your-boat.org)
- American Lung Association: 1-800-LUNGUSA  
[www.lungusa.org/associations/charters/new-england/donate](http://www.lungusa.org/associations/charters/new-england/donate)

If you wish to dispose of your vessel at your local transfer station, contact them first to see if they accept vessels. Some require that the vessels be cut into pieces and have all liquids removed. Please properly dispose of all liquids.

If you encounter an abandoned boat, see the guidance on the DEEP - Boating Division website.

A vessel under contract left on commercial property cannot be transferred or disposed of directly unless a lien has been filed with the Secretary of the State. If you have any questions, call the Boating Division or the Secretary of the State's office.

Violation of other statutes not listed here may require a court appearance.

Consult the statutes or applicable penalties.

STATUTE NO.	INFRACTION	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
15-9(a)	Failure to obey order of harbor master	174.00
15-129(a)(1)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding personal flotation devices	75.00
15-129(a)(1)	Failure to comply with federal requirements for personal flotation devices and children	75.00
15-129(a)(3)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding backfire flame controls	75.00
15-129(a)(4)	Defective muffling device	75.00
15-129(a)(5)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding fire extinguishers	75.00
15-129(a)(6)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding sound signals devices	75.00
15-129(a)(7)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding visual distress signals	75.00
15-129(c)	Exceeding permitted noise level	220.00
15-129(e)	Failure to comply with order re noise test (1st offense)	435.00
15-129(e)	Failure to comply with order re noise test (subsequent offense)	535.00
15-129(h)	Altered or removed muffler	120.00
15-129(a)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding the use of navigation lights	75.00
15-129(a)d)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding anchor lights	75.00
15-131	Violation of rules from preventing collisions	120.00
15-132	Failure to help collision victim	120.00
15-133(b)	Interference with navigation	220.00
15-133(c)	Alteration of boat capacity label	75.00
15-133(f)	Violation of boating regulations	220.00
15-133(g)	Improper mooring to navigational aid	80.00
15-134(a)	Failure to have an observer while towing skier	80.00
15-134(b)	Skiing in prohibited area	80.00
15-134(c)	Illegal skiing in darkness	80.00
15-134(d)	Reckless skiing	75.00
15-135(a)	Failure to use SCUBA flag, buoy or other device	80.00
15-135(c)	Operating a vessel within one hundred feet of SCUBA flag	80.00
15-139(b)	Violation of boating safety regulations	80.00
15-140b	Illegal marine parade, regattas, races	80.00
15-140d	Illegal obstruction to navigation or public use of waters	120.00
15-140e	Illegal operation of boat without a certificate or operators license	120.00
15-140g	Failure to carry boating operation certificate	80.00
15-140h	Illegal operation of a boat by a person less than 12 years old	120.00
15-140j	Permitting person less than 16 years old to operate a personal watercraft without a certificate	80.00
15-140(j)	Failure to have certificate of personal watercraft operation on board while operating such watercraft	80.00
15-140(h)	Permitting passenger to ride in front of operator of personal watercraft	120.00
15-140m	Reckless boating, second degree	75.00
15-144(a)	Failure to display registration decals	75.00
15-144(a)	Failure to carry vessel registration	75.00
15-144(c)	Failure to display vessel registration	120.00
15-144(h)	Illegal operation of vessel without number/registration (1st offense)	75.00
15-146	Failure to report change of address	75.00
15-147	Failure to report transfer, loss or theft of vessel	136.00
15-149(a)	Failure to make written report to DEP of boating accident involving death, serious injury or disappearance	75.00
15-149(a)	Failure to make written report to DEP of boating accident involving property damage in excess of \$500	75.00
15-153	Altering or defacing registration or certificate of number	75.00
15-154(b)	Failure to stop vessel or take to designated area upon command	70.00
15-154(e)	Failure to reduce speed when passing stationary law enforcement or fire rescue vessel	75.00
15-171	Discharging sewage in No Discharge Zone	up to 25,000.00
15-175(a)	Discharge of untreated sewage	up to 2,000.00
15-175(b)	Owning/Operating vessel without marine sanitation device or with device in nonoperable condition	75.00
15-180	Transporting vessel or trailer without inspecting for and properly removing and disposing of vegetation	90.00
26-16-1	Prohibited acts at boat launches	75.00
26-19	Operation of motorboat in Bantam River	50.00
26-21	Defacing, obliterating or destroying posted notice	87.00

PART SIX:  
Boat Launch Information  
& Digest of Local  
Regulations



## Boating Education Assistant Program

In 2003, the state stopped charging boaters to park at boat launches after finding it was not cost effective. The Boating Division, instead, invested its resources to provide a valuable service known as the Boating Education Assistant Program.

Boating Education Assistants (BEA) perform the following duties:

- Conduct Vessel Safety Checks;
- Show boaters how to prevent the spread of invasive species;
- Discuss clean boating techniques;
- Encourage boaters to pledge to be Clean Boaters;
- Assist with parking;
- Help keep the launches clean; and
- Provide a friendly face at the launch.

If you encounter one of our BEAs, take them up on their offer for a safety inspection - it could save your life. Pledge to be a Clean Boaters and receive a free spill kit. To schedule a safety check, call Gwendolynn Flynn at 860-434-8638.

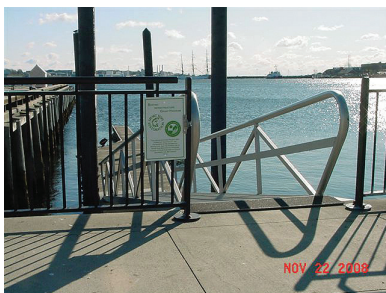


Ahoy anglers...  
Do you know?...It is illegal to cast into a permitted swim area.  
It comes with a \$75 fine.

## Transient Boater/Tie-Up Available

Finding a place to dock for the evening in coastal Connecticut has gotten easier! The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), through US Fish and Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program, is providing grants to municipalities and private facility owners for transient tie-up opportunities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Congress created this program recognizing that infrastructure for large boats was not being addressed with funds generated by Federal excise tax on fishing equipment, trolling motors, import duties on boats and motorboat fuels. The tax from motorboat fuels is a significant portion of the funds collected under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and is now available to transient boaters under this user pay-user benefit program.

Six projects are complete: moorings in Norwalk, New Haven and New London; slips in Chester, New London and Lyme and bathroom facilities and slips in Old Saybrook. Four projects are in the construction phase. See our website for specific locations and more information on the terms of the tie-up. Contact Gwendolynn Flynn at the DEEP Boating Division for program information.





**R**egulations are in force throughout the year, unless otherwise noted. Regulatory markers may be placed seasonally by the DEEP and private parties as a reminder, however the regulations are in effect regardless. The following pages contain state regulations, laws and local ordinances affecting boating.

Operate your vessel in a manner so as not to interfere with any other vessels, structures or people. Always have due regard for conditions and circumstances such as weather, current, visibility, water depth, width of channel, proximity to shore, water hazards, vessel traffic and water use.

## Prohibited Activities at Boat Launches

Sec. 26-16-1 of the Regulations of State Agencies:

At any boating access area which is under the control of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and is intended to provide public access, or parking related to such access to streams, lakes, ponds or tidal waters, including Long Island Sound, the following regulations shall apply:

- a. No person shall discard any fish or portion thereof.
- b. No person shall dispose of any litter, as defined in Section 22a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except into a receptacle provided for such purpose, and no person shall dispose at such facility of any litter not generated at such access area.
- c. No person shall wash or clean any vehicle except a boat trailer. A vessel or boat trailer may be cleaned only with plain water. No person shall use any detergent or chemical agent to clean a vessel or boat trailer.
- d. No person shall park a vehicle except in an area designated by the Commissioner for parking.
- e. No person shall kindle a fire.
- f. No person shall engage in camping.
- g. No person shall engage in disorderly conduct.
- h. No person shall damage any building, equipment, poster or vegetation.
- i. No person shall use any such facility for purposes other than:
  1. fishing, where permitted;
  2. parking where permitted for the purpose of fishing, boating, hunting, or observing wildlife;
  3. launching of boats or;
  4. the observation of wildlife from constructed observation decks.
- j. No person shall use any such facility for any purpose when it is posted closed by the Commissioner.







- k. No person shall tie up, moor or anchor a vessel in a manner that may obstruct or interfere with the launching of any other vessel except when actively launching or retrieving a vessel.
- l. No person shall leave any vessel unattended in the water or on land, or tied to any state dock or pier.
- m. No person shall moor or anchor a vessel or leave a vessel on land at any such facility.
- n. No person shall engage in any commercial activity at such facility unless so authorized by the DEEP.
- o. No person shall erect or post any notice or sign unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner.
- p. No person shall consume any alcoholic liquor. "Alcoholic liquor," as used in this subsection, shall have the same definition as in section 30-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- q. No person shall engage in sport fishing from the courtesy docks or from the ramp surface when said sport fishing interferes with boating activities. "Courtesy docks" means, in this subsection, floating or non-floating platforms that are located adjacent to a launch ramp for use by boaters to facilitate the loading or unloading of boats.
- r. No person shall engage in bathing, swimming, snorkeling or SCUBA diving.

## Local Regulations and Public Boat Launches

NOTE: Floating docks, where provided, will be installed no later than April 15th and the removal process will begin no earlier than November 15th, weather conditions and water levels permitting. Unless otherwise noted, the boat launches are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Boat Launch photos and additional information is available at:

<http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/boating/boatingmap.htm>

In addition, when a state boat launch parking lot is full, the launch is closed and the additional launching/retrieval of vessels may not be allowed.

	TRAILERED LAUNCH		SEASONAL WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY PARKING FEE MAY BE CHARGED
	CAR TOP/CARRY-IN ACCESS ONLY		NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED
	HC ACCESSIBLE – NOTE: CONDITIONS MAY LIMIT ACCESSIBILITY		STATE PARK – NOTE: LAUNCH OPEN ONLY DURING PARK HOURS

## TIDAL WATERS (Listed by Town)

### Branford - Branford River —



**Regulations:** Stony Creek, 6 mph in the established channel from the reef extension of Linden Point northward. Branford Harbor, slow-no-wake in all waters north of the line from Indian Neck Point to Lovers Island. All tidal marshes, marsh channels and estuaries, slow-no wake. All shores, 6 mph within 100 yards of any shore.  
**Launch:** Turn south off Rte. 1 onto Rte. 142 (Short Beach Rd.), then left on Stannard Ave. to Goodsell Point Rd. Crowded on weekends, steep ramp. Parking: 50 cars.

### Bridgeport - Seaside Park —



**Regulations:** Bridgeport Harbor Breakwater to point between Tongue Point and Pleasure Beach Pier: 12 mph. From that point to inner harbor including Johnson's Creek, Yellow Mill River and Poquonnock River: 5 mph and no wake. Entrance to Black Rock Harbor at Green Can 19 to head of Cedar Creek Channel and Burr Creek: 5 mph and no wake.  
**Launch:** Located in Seaside Park. I-95 South, Exit 27, continue straight onto South Ave. At end of South Ave., turn left onto Barnum Dyke. Turn right at Waldemere Ave. into park. Bear right at the monument, launch is at the end. I-95 North, Exit 26, go straight onto Admiral Street. Turn right onto Iranistan Ave., then next right onto South Avenue. (Follow directions above.) Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Park is open 9:00 a.m. to sunset, \$5 fee for non-city residents. Parking: 60 cars.

### Bridgeport - Brewster St. —



**Launch:** I-95 South, Exit 25, left on Fairfield Avenue. Turn left onto Ellsworth Ave., left onto Brewster Street. Launch is on the right. I-95 North, Exit 26, left at end of ramp. Take next left onto Cherry St. to Fairfield Ave. (Follow directions as above.) Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Parking: 5 cars.

### Bridgeport - Newfield Ave. —



**Launch:** I-95 North, Exit 29, east on Stratford Ave., right onto Newfield Avenue. Launch is at the end. Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Parking: 4 cars.

## Chester

**Regulations:** Chester Creek - Steerage speed; no anchoring which obstructs channels or fairways. No water-skiing in designated anchorages and mooring areas. No unattended rafting of more than two vessels in Harbor Management Area.

## Clinton

**Regulations:** Slow-No-Wake/6 mph speed limit on the Hammock River, Hammonasset River to Can #11, Indian River from the Rte. 1 bridge to Can #11, and in Clinton Harbor from Can #11 to Can #3. Water-skiing is permitted in the area bounded on the east by the water main to Cedar Island, on the south by the south bank of the Hammonasset River, on the west by the west bank of the Hammonasset River, and on the north by a line 100 feet south of the southerly border of the federal channel of Clinton Harbor until the channel ends, then by the north bank of the Hammonasset River.

## Darien

**Regulations:** Greater Darien Harbor including Noroton Bay, Noroton Harbor, Hay Island Harbor, Scott Cove area, Tokeneke Beach area, Five Mile River – 5 mph limit.

## East Haddam - Connecticut River —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook-Hartford, Connecticut River.

**Launch:** Located at mouth of Salmon River off Rte. 149, 1.5 miles north of junction with Rte. 82. Access is flooded at times during the spring months. Parking: 60 cars.

## East Lyme —



**Regulations:** 6 mph speed limit within: (a) federal navigation channel, (b) 200 ft. of shore-upper Niantic River, (c) Pattagansett River Estuary area (see signs), (d) 100 ft. of shore, dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel. No obstruction of channels or fairways. Swimming prohibited in channels, water-skiing prohibited in channels/anchorages, within 200 ft. of shore in upper Niantic River, in Pattagansett River restricted speed area, and within 100 ft. of any dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel.

**Launch:** Located on the Niantic River at Grand St., which is one block north of and parallel to Main St. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme.

## East Lyme —



**Launch:** Rte 156. Turn north onto Rope Ferry Road, just west of the Niantic River Bridge. Launch is at the end. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme. Parking 80.

## Essex

**Regulations:** Middle Cove and all fairways, mooring areas and anchorages in Essex — water-skiing and obstruction of free use prohibited; no swimming in designated channels and fairways and no discharging of any untreated sewage into the waters of Essex Harbor.

## Fairfield

**Regulations:** All Fairfield waters — no mooring or abandoning of vessels without Park Commission approval.

## Greenwich

**Regulations:** Inner Harbor, including Byram Harbor, Greenwich Harbor, Cos Cob Harbor, Greenwich Cove, Tomac Creek, Port Chester Harbor — 5 mph limit and no water-skiing. Outer Harbor, bounded by Byram Point, Great Captain Island, Little Captain Island, Greenwich Point — vessels to proceed at Slow-No-Wake speed when passing other vessels. Island Beach — vessel operation prohibited within 400 feet except for discharge of passengers at float and use of boat access area. Main Beach (E. Greenwich Point) — vessel operation prohibited within 500 feet except at south end of beach near rocky area.

## Groton - Bayberry Lane —

**Launch:** I-95, Exit 87, Rte. 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway) which becomes Shennecossett Rd. Follow this road south, then left onto Bayberry Lane. Very crowded. Launch may flood at high water levels above 3.5 ft MLLW. Parking: 30 cars.

## Groton - Bluff Point —

**Launch:** Rte. 1, south on Depot Rd., go under train trestle at the end. Launch is at the end of the road to the west of the park entrance. Parking: 40 cars.

## Groton - Mystic River —

**Regulations:** **Slow-No-Wake:** (Area 1) Between the entrance to the Mystic Harbor and Red Navigation Marker No. 22, excluding Beebe Cove. Entrance to Mystic Harbor is a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Mouse Island, east to Red Navigation Buoy "4" (Whale Rock), to Green Navigation Buoy "9", to the northern tip of Ram Island and the southernmost tip of Mason Point, and (Area 2) from Red Navigation Buoy "26" northward to Green Navigation Buoy "53". **Launch:** I-95, exit 89. Go south on Allen St., then take your first left onto Sandy Hollow Rd. At the end, turn left onto High St. Take next right onto Bindloss Rd. and at the end turn left onto River Rd. Launch is on the right on the west bank of the Mystic River, just north of I-95. Parking: 8 cars.

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### Groton - Pine Island beyond Baker's Cove

**Regulations:** May 15 to September 15 - Slow-No-Wake, no water-skiing.

### Groton - Stonington

**Regulations:** See Groton - Mystic River.

### Groton - Thames River —



**Regulations:** See New London - Norwich - Thames River. **Launch:** I-95 South, Exit 86, straight onto Kings Highway, bear right onto Bridge St., turn right onto Fairview Ave. I-95 North, Exit 85, Thames St. exit. Bear right off the exit onto Bridge St. Take next right onto Fairview Ave. Launch on the left. Parking: 25 cars.

### Guilford - East River —



**Regulations:** West River, East River, Sluice Basin — 4 mph limit. **Launch:** Located on the east bank of the East River. Rte. 1, south on Neck Road approx. 2 miles. Launch entrance on right. Parking: 25 cars.

### Guilford - Town Marina —



**Regulations:** West River, East River, Sluice Basin — 4 mph limit. **Launch:** Rte. 146, south onto Whitfield St., bear right onto Seaside Ave. to Town Marina. Launch is at the end. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Guilford. Parking: 20 cars.

### Haddam - Connecticut River -

### Haddam Meadows State Park —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook-Hartford Connecticut River. **Launch:** In State Park, east off Rte. 154. Bear right after entering State Park. Launch at the end of the road. Parking: 100 cars

### Hartford - Connecticut River - Riverside Park —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook-Hartford, Connecticut River. **Launch:** I-91, Exit 33, east on Jennings Road. Take first right, then next left to Riverside Park and launch area. Launch is owned by the City of Hartford and operated by Riverfront Recapture. Parking: 30 cars.

### Hartford - Connecticut River - Charter Oak —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook- Hartford, Connecticut River. **Launch:** I-91, Exit 27. Go east off the exit and take the first left onto Brainard Rd., then left onto Reserve Rd. Charter Oak Landing is on the right. Launch is owned by the City of Hartford and operated by Riverfront Recapture. Parking: 26 cars.

## Ledyard - Poquetanuck Cove —

**Launch:** Rte. 12, take first road southwest of Poquetanuck Cove Bridge to launch site. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Ledyard. Parking: 4 cars.

## Ledyard - Thames River —

**Regulations:** See New London-Norwich, Thames River. **Launch:** Stoddard Hill. West side of Rte. 12 in Ledyard. East side of Thames River. Parking: 20 cars.

## Lyme —

**Regulations:** Hamburg Cove – 6 mph limit (enforced by Harbormaster). **Launch:** In Hadlyme, just north off Rte. 148, adjacent to the Hadlyme Ferry. Parking: 10 cars.

## Madison - Hammonasset Beach State Park —

**Regulations:** All shores — 6 mph limit and no water-skiing within 100 yards of shore. **Launch:** I-95, exit 62. Go south off of the exit. At light go straight into State Park then to Meigs Point. Launching over wide sandy beach. Parking: 35 cars.

## Milford Harbor

**Regulations:** Wepawaug River, Indian River, Beard's Creek seaward to a line from Welches Point to Charles Island to Silver Beach, also within 100 feet of channel from harbor entrance south to red buoy 4 and green can 5 – 6 mph when passing boats and anchorages. No water-skiing in Gulf Pond or within 200 feet of a designated channel or anchorage.

## Milford - Housatonic River

**Launch:** closed for bridge replacement.

## Milford - Shelton - Stratford - Housatonic River

**Regulations:** No person shall operate a motorboat in excess of Slow No Wake:

(A) When passing marinas, yacht clubs, fuel docks, anchorages and docks, boat launches and congested areas.

(B) Within the following specific areas:

- (1) the area bounded northerly by a point five hundred feet upstream from navigation aid #4 and bounded southerly by a point five hundred feet downstream from navigation aid #3;

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- (2) the channel east of Nells Island and all channels, creeks or waterways within the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, including Nells Island;
- (3) the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford and bounded southerly by navigation aid #14; and
- (4) the area bounded northerly by the northernmost tip of Wooster Island and bounded southerly by the southernmost tip of Wooster Island.

### New Haven —



**Launch:** Located in Lighthouse Point Park. I-95, Exit 51 going South or I-95, Exit 50 going North. Go south on Townsend Ave., then right onto Lighthouse Rd to the park. Launch is owned and operated by the City of New Haven. Parking: 60 cars.

### New London - Norwich - Thames River—



**Regulations:** On the Thames River, 6 mph limit within 200 feet of any dock, pier or wharf. Use of a vessel under power prohibited within 200 feet of a bathing beach or area or bathing raft or float in New London. Dead slow speed permitted through entrance to Alewife Cove and to moorings in New London. No boats within 350 feet of bathing beach. **Launch:** In New London, I-95 North, Exit 84, left at end onto Williams Street. Turn east onto State Pier Road. Launch is at end under I-95 bridge. I-95 South, Exit 84E, bear right at onto Williams Street. Follow as above. Parking: 50 cars.

### Norwalk

**Regulations:** 6 mph, minimal wake: Five Mile River; within 300 feet of shore between Five Mile River and Noroton Point; Wilson Cove (Noroton Point to Tavern Island to the knob of Wilson Point); portions of Village Creek; the entire inner harbor (Keyser Point to light no. 10 to Round Beach to Calf Pasture Beach); and within 300 feet of Calf Pasture Beach.

### Old Lyme - Four Mile River —



**Launch:** Located on west side of Four Mile River. Rte. 156, east on Oakridge Dr., first right to launch area. Shallow launch conditions at low tide; clearance problem at high tide. Parking: 55 cars.

### Old Lyme - Great Island —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook — Hartford, Connecticut River. **Launch:** Rte. 156, south to end of Smith Neck Road and Great Island Wildlife Area. Shallow at low tide. Parking: 35 cars.



## Old Lyme - Lieutenant River —



**Launch:** Located on the west side of Rte. 156, south of Ferry Road. Parking: 3 cars.

## Old Saybrook - Baldwin Bridge —



**Regulations:** See Old Saybrook-Hartford, Connecticut River.  
**Launch:** Rte. 9 south, take Exit 2 and turn left. Take the first right onto Essex Road. Or, Rte. 9 north, take Exit 1 and turn right onto Essex Road. Launch located under the I-95 bridge on Ferry Road. Parking: 75 cars.

## Old Saybrook - Hartford - Connecticut River

Shad fishing occurs on the Connecticut River, south of the Putnam Bridge to Long Island Sound. Boaters should use caution, during sundown on Sunday to sundown on Friday, April through June, to avoid gill nets being used by Shad fisherman. Please be alert for the 1,000 feet nets equipped with small floating lights at each end.

**Regulations:** The following overall speed limits shall apply:

- (A) A 25 mph nighttime speed limit from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise on all days of the year.
- (B) A 30 mph limit from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset on Saturdays and Sundays from the Saturday preceding Memorial Day to the Sunday preceding Labor Day inclusive and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
- (C) 45 mph limit from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Monday through Friday, inclusive, during all seasons, and on Saturdays and Sundays from the Saturday following Labor Day to the Friday preceding Memorial Day, inclusive.

No person shall operate a motorboat in excess of Slow-No-Wake:

- (A) When passing marinas, yacht clubs, anchorages and docks, boat launches and congested areas.
- (B) Within the following specific areas:
  - (1) The area between the Saybrook breakwaters bounded northerly by the Saybrook inner light and bounded southerly by the Saybrook outer light in Old Saybrook;
  - (2) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #15 and bounded southerly by the southern most point of Saybrook Point in Old Saybrook;
  - (3) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River RED NUN #20 and bounded southerly by the railroad bascule bridge in Old Saybrook;

- (4) The area bounded northerly by a point 800 feet upstream from the East Haddam Bridge and bounded southerly by a point 1,500 feet downstream from the East Haddam Bridge;
- (5) The area bounded northerly by a point 500 feet downstream from the highway bridge in Middletown and bounded southerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #87;
- (6) The area bounded northerly by the navigation aid Connecticut River light #113 and bounded southerly by the water tower on property now or formerly known as the Connecticut Foundry in Rocky Hill;
- (7) The area bounded northerly by the railroad bridge (north of the Bulkeley Bridge) and bounded southerly by navigation aid #143 (south of the Charter Oak Bridge).

## Stamford

**Regulations:** No vessel may operate at a speed greater than 6 mph, or at a speed which creates more than a minimum wake, in the following posted speed zones: in Stamford Harbor from a point 250 feet inside the breakwall north within the marked channel, and all waters north of a line drawn from Nav. Aid buoy #6 east to Shippan Point and from buoy #6 west/northwest on a course of 283° true to the southern tip of land on the Stamford side of Tomac Cove; all waters north of the 6 mph-“no wake” buoys in Westcott Cove and Cove Island channel. No vessels will be allowed to operate between the pier area buoys and the Cummings Park Fishing Pier.

## Stratford

**Regulations:** Housatonic River and greater Stratford Harbor – 4 mph limit when passing boats and anchorages. See Milford-Shelton-Housatonic River.

## Stonington —



**Regulations:** See also Groton-Stonington, Mystic River. **Stonington Harbor – Slow-No-Wake** for mechanically propelled vessels within the area bounded by the railroad causeway to the north, and within the area bounded to the south by the breakwater, and generally within a line from fixed navigation aid No. 5 (the end of the breakwater) to fixed Red Navigation Aid No. 8. **Launch:** Located at Barn Island Wildlife Area. Turn southeast off Rte. 1 at Greenhaven Road then south on Palmer Neck Road approximately 1.5 miles to end. Very crowded on weekends. Parking: 60 cars.

## Waterford —



**Launch:** Located on Jordan Cove at Pleasure Beach. Rte. 213, south on Goshen Rd., launch is straight ahead. Very crowded on weekends. Parking: 45 cars.

## Waterford —

**Regulations:** In Alewife Cove, 6 mph. On the Thames River, no vessel shall operate at a speed greater than 6 mph, or at a speed that creates more than a minimal wake, within 200 feet of a moored vessel or a structure. Water-skiing permitted only in certain designated open water areas as delineated on the water use plan. **Launch:** Located approximately .25 mile northeast of Rte. 156 bridge across Niantic River in Waterford. Parking: 100 cars.

## Westbrook

**Regulations:** Patchogue River, Menunketesuck River and within 500 feet of shoreline — 5 mph limit and no water-skiing except in special areas.

## Westport —

**Regulations:** Saugatuck River, Bermuda Lagoon, Shorehaven Marsh, harbors and congested areas – 5 mph limit. No water-skiing or surf-boarding in any channel. **Launch:** Under I-95 on the east side of river. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, take first right to launch. Parking: 25 cars.

## Wethersfield

**Regulations:** Wethersfield Cove – 6 mph limit.

## Windsor - Connecticut River —

**Launch:** Located just south of the Windsor/South Windsor (Bissell) Bridge in Wilson. Turn east off Rte. 159 onto East Barber Street. Launch is at the end. Parking: 18 cars.

## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS

**NOTE:** On inland bodies of water on which the horsepower or size of engine is restricted, the propeller must be removed from a non-complying engine and the outboard motor or lower unit must be tipped up to demonstrate that the propeller has been removed.

**Alexander's Lake** — Killingly, 215 acres.

**Regulations:** Motors limited to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10 horsepower).

**Amos Lake** — Preston, 113 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Launch:** Turn east onto narrow road off Rte. 164 approximately 1.5 miles south of junction with Rte. 165. Parking: 25 cars.

**Anderson Pond (Blue Lake)** —



North Stonington, 56.6 acres.

**Launch:** Access road west off Rte. 201. Parking: 8 cars.

**Ashford Lake** — Ashford, 50.8 acres.

**Regulations:** 10 mph limit, no water-skiing, no motors 8:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Avery Pond** — Preston, 50.6 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Turn east onto Lynn Drive off Rte. 164, continue straight ahead on narrow dirt road to launch. Parking: 10 cars.

**Babcock Pond** — Colchester, 119 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 16 east of intersection with Rte. 149. Access is on the south side of Rte. 16 at Wildlife Observation Area. Parking: 5 cars.

**Ball Pond** — New Fairfield, 82.5 acres.



**Regulations:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 39, east on Gillotti Rd., left on Ball Pond Rd., launch is on the left. Parking: 8 cars.

**Bantam Lake** — Litchfield/ Morris, 947 acres.

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit in Nick's Cove. Boats towing water-skiers not permitted within 150 feet of shore, except taking off or landing, no riding on deck, no motors 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., no kite skiing or parasailing without permission.

**Bantam River** — Litchfield.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Barber Pond** — Bloomfield, 9 acres.

**Regulations:** Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to October 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

**Bashan Lake** — East Haddam, 273 acres.

**Regulations:** 35 mph limit. 6 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m. No sitting on deck, bow or gunwale. No person shall tow more than two water-skiers simultaneously. Vessels towing water-skiers shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction. **Launch:** East off Rte. 82 onto Mt. Parnassus Rd. or Millington Rd., left onto Ballahack Rd., go about .9 miles on dirt road to access area. Narrow, rocky channel. Parking: 10 cars.

**Batterson Park Pond** — Farmington/New Britain, 140 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Watercraft launched and recovered only at the state boat ramp. **Launch:** I-84, Exit 37, south onto Fienemann Rd., left onto Alexander Rd., launch on left. Parking: 25 cars.

**Beach Pond** — Voluntown, 372 acres.

**Regulations:** No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.

**Launch:** On north side of pond. Rte. 165, north on Forge Hill Rd., right on North Shore Rd. to the launch. Parking: 25 cars.

**Beachdale Pond** — Voluntown, 45.9 acres.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** East side of Rte. 49, one mile north of Rte. 138 and Rte. 165 junction. Parking: 20 cars.

**Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond)** —

Windham, 8.5 acres.

**Regulations:** Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to October 31. Use of all motors prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 14, north onto Back Road, located approximately 2 miles up on west side of Back Road. Parking: 15 cars.

**Beseck Lake** — Middlefield, 116 acres.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for the period June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Launch:** West side of Rte. 147 approximately 1.75 miles south of junction of Rts. 66 and 147. Crowded on weekends; shallow waters in northern end of lake. Parking: 20 cars.

## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS

Bibbins Pond — See Beaver Brook Pond, Windham.

### Bigelow Hollow

State Park — Union, 24.5 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Launch:** In State Park off Rte. 171, 1.3 miles east of junction with Rte. 190.

Gravel ramp. Parking: 15 cars.

Billings Lake — North Stonington, 97.4 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 201, turn east onto Billings Lake Rd. Parking: 6 cars.

Bishops Swamp — Andover, 53 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Black Pond — Meriden/ Middlefield, 76 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Launch:** I-91, take East Main St. exit, which is Exit 16 going north or Exit 17 going south. Go east off exit onto East Main Street. Launch is approximately two miles down on the right. Parking: 10 cars.

Black Pond — Woodstock, 73.4 acres.



**Regulations:** 5 hp limit. **Launch:** Rte. 198, turn east onto Camp Road. Launch is 1.0 mile on left. Parking: 10 cars.

Black Rock Pond — Watertown, 5 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

Blissville Pond — Lisbon, 50 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited.

Bloomfield Town Park Ponds — Bloomfield, 10 acres.

**Regulations:** No boating during closed park hours.

Blue Lake — See Anderson Pond, North Stonington.

Bog Meadow Pond — Norwich.


**Regulations:** Use of boats and canoes prohibited.


Bolton Lake, Upper (Willimantic Reservoir) — Vernon.




50.3 acres


**Regulations:** Motors limited to 6 hp. **Launch:** Rte. 44, north on Cedar Swamp Rd. in Coventry. Left onto Vernon Branch Rd. Launch on right just after causeway. Dirt ramp. Parking: 2 cars.

**Bolton Lake, Middle (Willimantic Reservoir)** — Vernon   
121 acres. **Regulations:** Motors limited to 6 hp. **Launch:** Rte. 44, north on Cedar Swamp Rd. in Coventry. Left onto Vernon Branch Rd. Launch is on left just after causeway. Parking: 5 cars.


**Bolton Lake Lower (Willimantic Reservoir)** — Bolton, 175 acres.   
**Regulations:** Motors limited to 6 hp. **Launch:** North off Rte. 44 in Bolton just west of the Quarryville Cemetery. Parking: 30 cars.





**Bolton Notch Pond** — Bolton, 16.6 acres.   
**Launch:** Access from small, narrow unimproved road just before the junction of Rts. I-384 and 6 going west on Rte. 44. Undeveloped site, shallow pond. Parking: 5 cars.

**Breakneck Pond** — Union, 91.7 acres.  
**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Burr Pond** — Torrington, 85.1 acres.   
**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Exit 46 off Rte. 8, west on Pine Wood Rd., left on Winsted Rd., right on Mountain Rd., launch on left past entrance to Burr Pond State Park. Heavily used, good sailing, shallow at ramp. Parking: 25 cars.

**Bush Pond** — Ledyard/North Stonington.  
**Regulations:** 5 mph limit, no water-skiing.

**Candlewood Lake** — Danbury, 5,064 acres.   
**Regulations:** Slow-No-Wake in Lattins Cove from the south end north 2,500 ft, and in Squantz Cove from the causeway south 1,500 feet. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. M.S.D. (toilet) on vessels shall not be capable of overboard discharge. **Launch:** Located in Lattins Cove. I-84 to Rte. 7 north; take Federal Rd. exit; north on Candlewood Lake Rd., left onto Nabby Rd. After .75 miles, take left onto Forty Acres Rd., launch is on the right. Parking: 100 cars.

**Candlewood Lake - Squantz Pond State Park** — New Fairfield, 5,064 acres.      
**Regulations:** Same as Candlewood Lake - Danbury. See above. **Launch:** Located in Squantz Cove just east off Rte. 39 south of State Park main entrance. Parking: 100 cars.

Cedar Lake — Chester, 69.3 acres. 

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit. **Launch:** Rte. 148, north on Cedar Lake Road, first right, follow signs. Parking: 6 cars.

Chatfield Hollow Pond — See Schreeder Pond, Killingworth.

## Cheshire Town Park Ponds — Cheshire.

**Regulations:** Launching or use of vessels powered by engines or motors prohibited without permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Colebrook River Lake — Colebrook and Mass., 826 acres. 

**Regulations:** 20 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** East side of Rte. 8. Great variability in water level, ramp may be unusable. Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers. Parking: 50 cars.

## Columbia Lake — Columbia, 281 acres.

**Regulations:** Two water-skiers per boat maximum. No water-skiing after sunset. No racing, wake jumping or figure 8. Operation of internal combustion engines forbidden 10 pm to 7 am, April 1 to September 30; then 6 pm to 8 am, October 1 to March 31. Operation of outboard motors over 80 hp or inboard motor over 150 hp prohibited. Public Access: none.

Compensating Reservoir — See Lake McDonough, Barkhamsted.

Connecticut River - Enfield — 

**Launch:** Located one mile northwest of junction of U.S. 5 and I-91. West on Bridge Lane to Parson Rd. Launch is on right. Crowded during shad season. Launch jointly owned and operated by the DEP and Northeast Utilities. Parking: 20 cars.

Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug) — Coventry, 373 acres. 

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit from sunset to one hour after sunrise all days and on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. from May 15 to September 15 and from noon to 2 p.m. on July 4. Forty mph limit at other times. Vessels towing water-skiers to proceed in a counterclockwise direction. Town permission required for towing of more than two skiers at one time, parasailing, or hosting marine event. No drinking of alcoholic beverages while operating vessel. **Launch:** Rte. 31, south on Lake St., launch is .75 mile on right. Parking: 26 cars.



### Cream Hill Pond — Cornwall, 72 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited on all bodies of water in Cornwall.

### Crescent Lake — Southington, 45 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### Crystal Lake — Ellington/Stafford, 183 acres.



**Regulations:** 6 mph limit sunset to 9 a.m. and on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m., 45 mph limit at other times. No person shall operate a personal watercraft, jet-ski type vessel. No person shall tow anyone or anything, except a disabled vessel, with a motorboat on Sundays from noon until 3:00 p.m. No kite-skiing or parasailing. No towing of more than two water-skiers. No water-skiing from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m. from the third Saturday in April to third Saturday in May. An operator of a vessel towing a water-skier shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction around the lake. No mooring over 75 feet from shore. No discharge of sewage or boat camping overnight without a no-discharge toilet aboard.

**Launch:** Just off Rte. 30 on west side of lake. Parking: 7 cars.

### Crystal Lake — Middletown, 32.4 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of electric motors is permitted. **Launch:** Rte. 9, exit 11, west on Rte. 155, south on Millbrook Rd., west on Livingston Rd. Same entrance as Middletown Park. Launch is operated by the City of Middletown. Closed December 1 to March 1. Parking: 9 cars.

**Day Pond — Colchester, 4 acres. Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

### Diamond Lake — Glastonbury, 30 acres.

**Regulations:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

### Dodge Pond — East Lyme, 34.3 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 161, west on Hope St. to north on Lake Ave. and Lake Ave. Ext. Shallow pond. Parking: 30 cars.

### Dog Pond — Goshen, 65.8 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 4, go 0.7 mile west of junction with Rte. 63 and turn south onto West Street. **Launch** is 1.3 miles on the right. Parking: 4 cars.

### Dooley Pond — Middletown, 18.5 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** At north end of pond. From Rte. 17, turn east onto Brush Hill Rd., take second right to launch. Parking: 20 cars.

Eagleville Lake — Coventry/ Mansfield, 76.9 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 32, west on Rte. 275, Stonehouse Rd. Launch is on the right. Parking: 10 cars.

Gardner Lake — Salem/Montville/Bozrah, 529 acres.



**Regulations:** 6 mph limit from sunset to 8 a.m. **Launch:** Located east off Rte. 354 in Salem just north of Rte. 82. Parking: 54 cars.

Gay City Pond — Hebron, 2 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

Glasgo Pond — Griswold, 168 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 201, east on Hillview Heights, bear right to launch. Parking: 20 cars.

Gorton Pond — East Lyme, 52.4 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph, no water-skiing. Jet skis, wetbikes and similar vessels prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 161, west on Roxbury Rd., right onto Kevin Rd., launch is on the right. Parking: 15 cars.

Great Hill Pond — Portland, 76.1 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of motors over 6 hp prohibited, 12 mph limit.

Great Pond — Ridgefield.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Green Falls Reservoir — Voluntown, 48.2 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 138, take access road south to Green Falls State Park. Follow signs to launch. Open 24 hours/day during season. Open from the Friday before the third Saturday in April through December 30th. Parking: 6 cars.

Griggs Pond — Woodstock.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Halls Pond — Ashford/ Eastford, 81.5 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 198, west onto Halls Pond Rd. **Launch** is 0.8 mile on the left. Parking: 5 cars.

Hamlin's Pond — Plainville.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Sailboats

prohibited. Maximum 3 persons per boat, each person must wear a PFD. Persons under 16 in boat must be accompanied by an adult. Boats prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

### Hampton Reservoir — Hampton, 88.3 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 97, west onto Kenyon Rd. The launch is 1.5 miles on the left. Parking: 3 cars.

### Hanover Pond — Meriden.

**Regulations:** The operation of any remote-controlled craft prohibited. Steerage speed only for all vessels.

### Hatch Pond — Kent, 71.5 acres.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. Shallow pond, weed problems. **Launch:** Rte. 341, south on South Kent Rd, west on Bulls Bridge Rd. Launch entrance is 200 ft on the right. Parking: 10 cars.

### Hewitt Pond — North Stonington, 3 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

### Higganum Reservoir — Haddam, 30.8 acres.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 81, west onto Dish Mill Rd., bear right to launch area. No ramp. Parking: 4 cars.

### Highland Lake — Winchester, 445 acres.

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, and 6 mph limit from 5:00 p.m. Sunday to ½ hour before sunrise on Monday (Sunday before Memorial Day to Sunday preceding Labor Day). 45 mph limit on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Boats greater than 22 feet in length and pontoon boats greater than 30 feet in length are prohibited. No staging of personal watercraft, motorboat or water-skiing activities from town-owned beaches or park. Overnight mooring prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 44/183 in Winsted, west on Lake St. at Rte. 263 junction, bear **right** onto Boyd St., turn left onto Woodland Ave., take a right at the end of the road, launch is on the left. Parking: 28 cars.

### Hog Pond — See Uncas Lake, Lyme.

### Holbrook Pond — Hebron, 83.3 acres.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Access road east off Rte. 85, .7 miles north of junction with Rte. 66 in Hebron. Shallow launch

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conditions. Parking: 50 cars.

**Hop Brook Lake** — Middlebury, 26 acres.  

**Regulations:** Non-motorized vessels and boats with electric motors only. Park is open third Saturday in April until Columbus Day, 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

**Launch:** I-84 to Exit 17. South on Rte. 63 to junction of Rte. 188, park is to the east. Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers. Parking: 50 cars.

**Hopeville Pond**  
**State Park** — Griswold, 137 acres.   

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** I-395, Exit 86, south on Rte. 201, right into State Park. Open from the Friday before the third Saturday in April through November, 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Parking: 20 cars.

**Horse Pond** — Salem, 13.2 acres. 

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Off west side of Rte. 85, between Chesterfield and Salem Four Corners. Parking: 10 cars.

**Housatonic River** — New Milford.

**Regulations:** Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side and downstream side of Bleachery Dam.

**Howells Pond** — Hartland, 14.3 acres. 

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 20, north on West St., left on Dish Mill Rd, launch is on the right. Parking: 10 cars.

**Huntington State Park Pond** — Redding/ Bethel, 20 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Jobs Pond** — Portland, 36 acres.


**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited.

**Killingly Pond** — Killingly, 122 acres.

**Regulations:** Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approx. 10 hp).

**Lake Chaffee** — Ashford, 33 acres.

**Regulations:** 10 mph limit, no water-skiing, no motors 8:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake)** — East Haddam, 172 acres. 

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 11, Exit 6, west on Lake Hayward Rd., left onto East Shore Drive. Launch is on the right. Parking: 5 cars.

## Lake Housatonic Indian Well

State Park — Seymour/ Oxford/ Derby/Shelton, 328 acres.   

**Regulations:** Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 ft. on upstream side or 1500 ft. on downstream side of Lake Housatonic Dam. Vessels proceeding upstream or downstream bear to their right. Minimum steerage speed within 25 ft. of shore or dock. 45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. No kite skiing or parasailing without permission. **Launch:** State Park on the western side of the lake, 2.5 miles northwest of Shelton, off Rte. 110. Open April through September, call (203) 735-4311. Parking 45 cars.

Lake of Isles — North Stonington, 88.7 acres. 

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit. **Launch:** East off Rte. 2, north on Watson Rd. onto Lake of Isles Rd. Gravel launch. Parking: 10 cars.

Lake Kenosia — Danbury, 59.5 acres. 



**Regulations:** Operating a boat propelled by an internal combustion engine is prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 84, Exit 3 (Rte. 7), Park Ave. Exit. Turn west onto Backus Ave. then right onto Kenosia Ave. Launch is 0.7 mile on the left. Dirt ramp, shallow pond. Parking: 6 cars.

Lake Lillinonah — Southbury/Bridgewater/Newtown, 1,547 acres. 

**Regulations:** Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side or 1,500 feet on downstream side of Shepaug Dam. Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet downstream of the Bleachery Dam. 45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. **Launch:** On north shore of lake on east side of Rte. 133. Parking: 50 cars.

Lake Lillinonah (Pond Brook) — Newtown, 1,547 acres. 

**Regulations:** Same as Lake Lillinonah. **Launch:** Rte. 133, go south on Obtuse Rock Rd. just before the bridge in Brookfield. Road changes to Dinglebrook Lane in Newtown. Launch is next left after passing Hanover Rd. Parking: 60 cars.

Lake McDonough (Compensating Reservoir) —    
Barkhamsted, 391 acres.

**Launch:** West of Rte. 219 about 4 miles northeast of jct. with Rte. 44. Launch is owned and operated by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and open the third Saturday in April through Labor Day. Launching allowed only at the boathouse. Fee up to \$12. Parking: 50 cars.

## Lake Menunkatuck — Guilford

**Regulations:** 6 hp limit.

## Lake Pocotopaug — East Hampton, 511.7 acres.

**Regulations:** 40 mph speed limit and motorboats not to exceed **Slow-No-Wake (SNW)** between ½ hour after sunset and 7 a.m. **SNW within 200 feet of shore, dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel unless taking off with a water-skier or within 50 feet of other vessels. Beaching of vessels on community/public beaches prohibited. All motors must be complete with proper cover. Towing or launching into the air of persons prohibited. Ski jumps prohibited without permission. A vessel may tow no more than two persons at any one time. Vessels with built-in toilets capable of overboard discharge prohibited. Portable toilets discharge prohibited.**

## Lake Quassapaug — Middlebury/Woodbury, 271 acres.

**Regulations:** Motorboats shall not be operated at night between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Daytime speed limit is 25 mph except from third Saturday in April to the first Tuesday after Labor Day, daytime limit is 6 mph.

## Lake Saltonstall — Branford/East Haven, 422 acres.

Use is available by permit from the South Central CT Regional Water Authority, (203) 401-2654. Only Authority rental rowboats may be used. Renter-supplied electric motors may be used.

## Lake Teramuggus — Marlborough, 83 acres.

**Regulations:** Motors are limited to 3.3 hp.

## Lake Wangumbaug — See Coventry Lake, Coventry.

## Lake Waramaug —



Washington/Warren/Kent, 656 acres.

**Launch:** On Rte. 45, .75 mile north of junction with Rte. 202. Open 3rd Saturday in April until last week in June on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday 6 to 11 AM & 4PM to Sunset; last week in June until Labor Day from Friday thru Monday 6 AM to Sunset and Tuesday thru Thursday 10 AM to 5 PM; and after Labor Day to last Sunday in October on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday 6 to 11 AM & 4PM to Sunset. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Washington. All vessels must be inspected for aquatic vegetation. Parking: 9 cars (limited to 7 non-residents).

## Lake Waramaug State Park — Kent, 656 acres.

**Launch:** Located in State Park. Rte. 45, west on Lake Rd. to North Shore

Rd. Approximately 150 ft. carry to water. 12 HP limit. Call 860-868-6427 for vessel inspection prior to launching. Parking: 15 cars.

### Lake Winfield — Plymouth, 16 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited. Maximum 3 persons per boat, each must wear a PFD. Persons under age 16 in boats must be accompanied by an adult. Vessels prohibited within 75 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats and sailboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

### Lake Zoar — Newtown/ Oxford/ Monroe/ Southbury, 975 acres.



**Regulations:** 45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise; vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side or 700 feet on downstream side of Stevenson Dam.  
**Launch:** I-84, Exit 14, go south onto Lakeside Rd., turn right on Lee Farm Dr. to Scout Rd. Launch is at the end of Scout Rd. Parking: 60 cars.

### Lantern Hill Pond — Ledyard, 23.1 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 214, south on Lantern Hill Rd., launch on left. Approach to ramp is difficult. Parking: 6 cars.

### Leonard Pond — Kent, 20 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 341 in Kent, south on South Kent Road .8 mile. Access is on the left. Approximate 100 ft. carry to water. Parking: 3 cars.

### Little Pond — Thompson, 64.8 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 193, east on Sand Dam Rd., right on Jezierski Lane. Access is .7 mile on the right. Gravel launch, shallow pond. Parking: 6 cars.

### Long Meadow Lake — Bethlehem, 120 acres.

**Regulations:** 15 mph limit. Internal combustion engines prohibited.

### Long Pond — North Stonington, 109 acres.



**Regulations:** 5 mph limit, no water-skiing. Launch: Rte. 214, south on Lantern Hill Rd. Access is on the right. Parking: 35 cars.

### Mad River Impoundment — Winchester, 3 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

### Mamasasco Lake — Ridgefield, 89.2 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
**Launch:** At south end of lake. Rte. 116, turn south onto Mamasasco Road, launch is on left. Parking: 10 cars.

**Manitook Lake** — Granby, 54 acres.

**Regulations:** 5 mph limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7½ hp prohibited on Saturdays.

**Mansfield Hollow Lake**

(Naubesatuck) - Mansfield Hollow State Park —



Mansfield, 460 acres. **Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing.

**Launch:** Rte. 6, west on Old Willimantic Road, right onto Bates Rd., left on Bassett Bridge Rd. Launch is on right. Launch is owned by US Army Corps of Engineers. Parking: 50 cars.

**Mashapaug Lake - Bigelow**

Hollow State Park — Union, 287 acres.



**Regulations:** 10 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** In State Park, off Rte. 171, 1.3 miles east of Rte. 190. Parking: 15 cars.

**Messerschmidt Pond** — Westbrook, 73 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of electric motors permitted. **Launch:** Rte. 80, south on Stevenson Rd. (Rte. 145), launch is on the left. Parking: 10 cars.

**Millers Pond** — Durham, 32.6 acres.

**Regulations:** The use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**Mitchell Pond** — Salem.

**Regulations:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

**Mohawk Pond** — Cornwall/ Goshen, 16.2 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited.

**Launch:** Rte. 4, south on Great Hollow Rd., east on Great Hill Rd. to launch. Parking: 8 cars.

**Mono Pond** — Columbia, 113 acres.


**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 66, southeast onto Hunt Rd., launch is on right. Parking: 14 cars.

**Moodus Reservoir, Lower** — East Haddam, 486 acres.

**Regulations:** 35 mph limit. 6 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m. No sitting on deck, bow or gunwale. No person shall tow more than two water-skiers simultaneously. Vessels towing water-skiers shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction.

**Launch:** Two miles east of the junction with Rte. 149 and Rte. 151 on Rte. 149, turn south onto Mott Lane. Launch is on the right. Parking: 10 cars.



Moodus Reservoir, Upper — East Haddam, 486 acres. 

**Regulations:** Same as Lower Moodus Reservoir. **Launch:** Rte. 149, south on Bashan Falls Rd., east on Haddam-Colchester Tpke., right on Launching Area Rd., just before causeway. Parking: 10 cars.

Moosup Pond — Plainfield, 95.8 acres.

**Regulations:** Vessels greater than 18 feet in length or motors greater than 10 hp prohibited. Motors owned by waterfront property owners before 9/26/84 exempt.

Morey Pond — Ashford/ Union, 44.8 acres. 

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** In Nipmuck State Forest off Rte. 190, about .5 mile northeast of junction of Rtes. 190 and 89. Shallow launch conditions, shallow pond. Parking: 10 cars.

Mount Tom Pond - Mount Tom State Park — Litchfield/Morris/Washington, 56.3 acres.   

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Off Rte. 202 in State Park. Parking: 9 cars.

Muddy Pond (Pond Factory) — Woodstock, 130 acres.


**Regulations:** 5 hp limit.

Mudge Pond (Silver Lake) — Sharon, 207 acres. 


**Regulations:** 7½ hp limit, 6 mph limit. Motorboat operation prohibited ½ hour after sunset to sunrise and anytime within 200 feet of town beach. **Launch:** Rte. 4, north on Rte. 361, right onto Silver Lake Shore Rd., launch is on the left. Weed-choked in summer. Parking: 14 cars.

New Canaan Town Park Ponds — New Canaan.

**Regulations:** Use of vessels prohibited without permission of Director of Recreation.

North Farms Reservoir — Wallingford, 64.4 acres. 

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 68, north on Barns Rd., launch is on the left. Shallow pond, weed problems. Parking: 20 cars.

Norwich Pond — Lyme, 29 acres. 

**Regulations:** Operation of motorboats prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 156 north 3.8 miles from I-95, turn east onto access road into Nehantic State Forest. Parking: 9 cars.

Pachaug Pond — Griswold, 841 acres.



**Regulations:** No water-skiing within 1,000 feet of the dam. **Launch:** At north end of pond, south off Rte. 138. Parking: 40 cars.

Paderewski Pond — Plainville, 16 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of all motors prohibited. Maximum 3 persons per boat and each must wear a PFD. Persons under age 16 in boats must be accompanied by an adult. Boats prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats and sailboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

Park Pond — Winchester, 82 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph, no water-skiing. **Launch:** At north end of the pond. Rte. 263, south on Blue St. Parking: 12 cars.

Pattaconk Lake — Chester, 56.1 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during July and August. **Launch:** At Cockaponset State Forest in Pattaconk Lake Recreation Area, 3 miles north of Rte. 148 on Cedar Lake Road. Parking: 5 cars.

Pattagansett Lake — East Lyme, 128 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for the period of June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Launch:** On Rte. 1, one mile west of junction with Rte. 1 and Rte. 161. Launch is to the north. Parking: 15 cars.

Pickerel Lake — Colchester/East Haddam, 82.2 acres.




**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Launch:** At north end of pond. Rte. 16 to junction of Rte. 149. Turn south on Rte. 149. Go west about 1.5 miles on Pickerel Lake Road. Parking: 10 cars.

Pierrepont Pond -

Pierrepont State Park — Ridgefield, 45 acres.




**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 116, east onto Barlow Mountain Rd., take first left at junction of Barlow Mountain Rd. and North St. Access immediately on the right in State Park. Parking: 3 cars.

Pine Acres Lake — Hampton, 190 acres. 

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. 6, north on Potter Rd., into Goodwin State Forest. Launch is on the right. Dirt ramp. Parking: 15 cars.

Pond Factory — See Muddy Pond, Woodstock.

Powers Lake — East Lyme, 144 acres. 

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 1, north on Upper Pattagansett Rd., bear right onto Whistle town Rd. Launch is on the right. Parking: 20 cars.

Quaddick Reservoir -

Quaddick State Park — Thompson, 407.7 acres.   

Open April 15 through November 27, 8 a.m. to sunset. Parking: 6 cars.

Quinebaug Pond (Wauregan Reservoir) — Killingly, 87.6 acres. 

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Located in Quinebaug Pond State Park. Travel north on Rte. 12. Turn east on Shepard Hill Road. Dirt ramp. Parking: 12 cars.

Quonnapaug Lake — Guilford, 98.7 acres. 

**Regulations:** 6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. **Launch:** At north end of the lake just east off Rte. 77. Parking: 8 cars.

Rainbow Reservoir (Farmington River) — Windsor, 240 acres. 

**Regulations:** 35 mph limit. **Launch:** Rte. 75, west on Rainbow Rd., left on Merriman Rd. Launch is on the left. Parking: 15 cars.

Rogers Lake — Old Lyme/Lyme, 260 acres. 

**Regulations:** Marine heads are prohibited. Boats propelled by airplane propeller, fan or ducted fan are prohibited. Parasails are prohibited. Maximum of two water-skiers per boat. Personal watercraft operation permitted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Engines limited to 135 hp maximum. Motor-powered craft prohibited beyond sign in cove at northwest end of lake. Boat traffic to proceed in southerly direction only on west side of Picnic Island, southwesterly direction only in excess of steerage way between Picnic Island and Whale Island, counterclockwise pattern throughout lake when in excess of steerage way speed. Speed limits: year-round, sunset to 10 a.m., 6 mph;

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steerage way with no wake in cove by Hains Park and in boat launch channel.  
**Launch:** Turn north off Rte. 1 onto Grassy Hill Road and travel for approximately 1 mile. Launch is on the left. Parking: 20 cars.

**Roseland Lake** — Woodstock, 96.1 acres.



**Launch:** Courtesy of Roseland Park on west side of lake. Rte. 171, north on Roseland Park Rd. Park is on the right. Launch is privately owned and operated for the Town of Woodstock.

**Ross Pond** -

**Old Furnace State Park** — Killingly, 31 acres.



**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Rte. I-395, exit 91, east on Rte. 6. Take first right onto South Frontage Rd., then first right after park entrance onto Ross Rd., take next right to launch. Parking: 30 cars.

**Savin Lake** — Lebanon, 49 acres.

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Parking: 5 cars.

**Schreeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Pond)** — Killingworth, 3 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

**Scoville Reservoir** — Wolcott, 121 acres.



**Regulations:** Vessel operation prohibited between sunset and sunrise. No waterskiing, windsurfing or parasailing. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited. Sailboats prohibited. No launching from a roadway. **Launch:** Rte. 69, east on Nichols Road. Bear left onto Woodtick Rd., then turn left onto Scoville Road. Launch is at the end. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Wolcott. Parking: 10 cars.

**Shaw Lake** — See Lake Hayward, East Haddam.

**Shetucket River** — Lisbon.



**Launch:** Rte. 169, turn north onto Wheelabrator Corp. access road. Launch is on the left. Boat launch is owned and operated by town of Lisbon. Closed December 1 to March 1. Parking: 6 cars.

**Silver Lake** — See Mudge Pond, Sharon.

**Silver Lake** — Berlin/ Meriden, 146 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Launch:** Rte. 15 Berlin Turnpike,

north on Tollgate Rd., left onto Norton Lane. Launch is on the left. Parking: 15 cars.

### Somersville Mill Pond — Somers, 25 acres.

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit, no water-skiing.

### Squantz Pond

State Park — New Fairfield, 270 acres.



**Regulations:** Vessels launching from State boat launch are prohibited from using a motor or combination of motors in excess of 25 HP. Larger motors may be attached but the propeller must be removed and the motor inclined out of the water or as high as possible. No motorized vessels may land or unload passengers or equipment on DEP-owned property outside of the launch area. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. M.S.D. (toilet) on vessels shall not be capable of overboard discharge. **Launch:** Located west off Rte. 39 in State Park. Parking: 25 cars.

### Staffordville Lake — Stafford, 125 acres.

**Regulations:** 40 mph limit except 5 mph limit after 8 p.m. during July and August and after 7:30 p.m. at other times, also before 10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays and before noon on Sundays.

### Stillwater Pond — Torrington, 100 acres.



**Regulations:** The use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** From Rte. 4 proceed north on Rte. 272. Launch is on the right. Parking: 6 cars.

### Suffield Town Park Ponds — Suffield.

**Regulations:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

### Tetreault Pond — Killingly.

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing.

### Tobey Pond — Norfolk.

**Regulations:** Vessels with motors prohibited.

### Twin Lakes — Salisbury, 843 acres.



**Regulations:** **Seaplanes prohibited.** 3 water-skiers limit per boat, 35 mph limit except 6 mph limit within 200 feet of vessel or dock except taking off or landing water-skier, also 6 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise. Water-skiing activity to go counterclockwise on east and west

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halves of East Twin Lake. **Launch:** Rte. 44, north on Twin Lakes Rd., take the gravel road on the left, 2.7 miles north of Rte. 44 and .4 mile north of the marina. Launch is located on East Twin Lake. Parking: 4 cars.

**Tyler Lake** — Goshen, 187 acres.



**Launch:** Turn east on Tyler Lake Heights Rd. off Rte. 4 approximately miles 2.7 west of junction with Rte. 63. Parking: 5 cars.

**Uncas Lake (Hog Pond)** — Lyme, 68.9 acres.



**Regulations:** Operation of motorboats prohibited. **Launch:** In Nehantic State Forest. Travel over same road that provides access to Norwich Pond. Rte. 156 north 3.8 miles from I-95, turn east onto access road into Nehantic State Forest. Parking: 15 cars.

**Wauregan Reservoir** — See Quinebaug Pond, Killingly.

**West Branch Reservoir (Hogsback Reservoir)** —



Colebrook, 201 acres

**Launch:** Rte. 20, west on Hogsback Rd., then first left onto access road crossing dam. Launch is owned and operated by MDC. Parking: 30 cars.

**West Hill Pond** — Barkhamsted/ New Hartford, 261 acres.



**Regulations:** 8 hp limit from Memorial Day through September 15; 6 mph between sunset and sunrise; 15 mph maximum during daytime. No water-skiing. **Launch:** Rte. 44, south on West Hill Lake Rd., take first right (Perkins Rd.) to launch. Lake drawn down after Labor Day. Parking: 20 cars.

**West Lake** — Guilford.

**Regulations:** 6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**West Side Pond** — Goshen, 41.9 acres.



**Launch:** Rte. 63, go west on West Side Rd. for approximately 1.5 miles. Launch is on the right. Parking: 3 cars.

**West Thompson Lake** — Thompson, 239 acres.



**Regulations:** 5 mph limit, no swimming or water contact activities. **Launch:** Rte. 193, go straight across Rte. 12 at traffic light. Take first right, then first left after park headquarters to launch. Launch is owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Parking: 15 cars.

**Wharton Pond** — Wallingford, 3 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited

Willimantic Reservoir — See Bolton Lake, Bolton/Vernon/Coventry.

Winchester Lake — Winchester, 246 acres. 



**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing. **Launch:** At south end of lake. Rte. 263, north on West Rd. Launch is on the right. Parking: 25 cars.

Winnemaug Lake — Watertown, 155 acres.

**Regulations:** (effective on all lakes and ponds in Watertown) 7 mph limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached prohibited. Vessels prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas.

Wintergreen Lake - West Rock  
Ridge State Park — Hamden, 45 acres.  

**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. **Launch:** Exit 60 off Rte. 15, south on Rte. 10, west on Benham St., left onto Main St., access on the right. Water is 100 feet from parking area. Parking: 30 cars.

Wononscopomuc Lake — Salisbury, 348 acres.  

**Regulations:** Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10 hp). No water-skiing. **Launch:** In Lakeville, 1,500 feet south of the junction of Rtes. 44 and 41 on Ethan Allen St. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Salisbury. Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from third Saturday in April to Labor Day; from Labor Day to October 31, M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., weekends, 7:00 a.m. to noon. \$10 fee for non-residents.

Wood Creek Pond — Norfolk, 145 acres. 

**Launch:** Rte. 44, north on Rte. 272, right onto Ashpohtag Rd., take first left to launch. Shallow pond. Parking: 12 cars.

Wyassup Lake — North Stonington, 101 acres. 

**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period June 15 to first Sunday after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. No towing of surf boards or water-skiers at any time between the islands and the east shore. **Launch:** Rte. 2, north on Wyassup Lake Rd. Launch is on the right. Parking: 8 cars.



**NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION**



# THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

## State Maintained No Wake Zones

In addition, no person shall operate a motorboat in excess of Slow-No-Wake when passing marinas, yacht clubs, anchorages and docks, boat launches and congested areas. This applies to the width of the river.

**Key to Features**

- \* DEP Boat Launches
- + Railroads
- ▨ State No Wake Zones

**River Crossings**

- Interstate
- US Route
- State Route

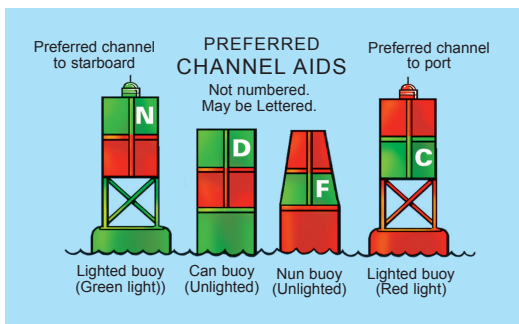
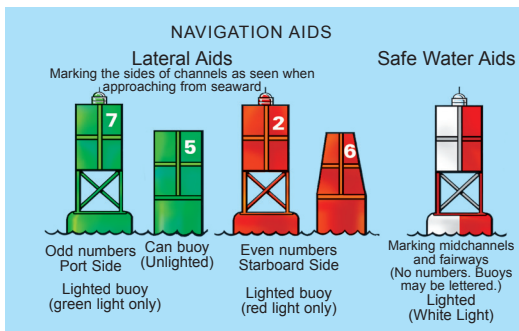


# PART SEVEN: Rules of the Road and Navigation



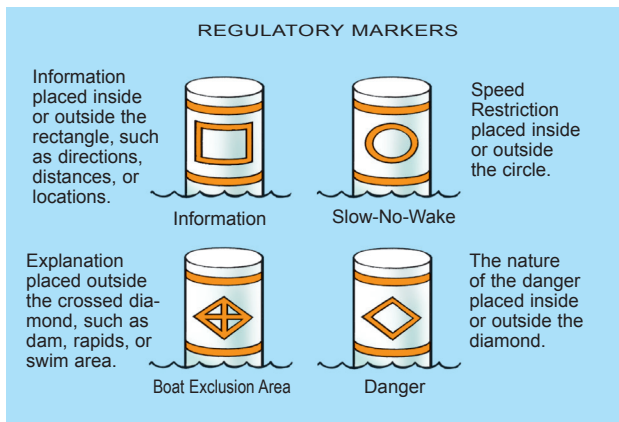
## U.S. Aids to Navigation

**A**nyone navigating in tidal waters of Connecticut should take a charting, piloting and navigation course. Navigation aids, buoys, or day beacons are used to mark safe channels and obstructions or hazards. Red and green buoys mark channel limits and are generally used in pairs. A boat should pass between a red buoy and its companion green buoy.



## State Markers

Regulatory markers, buoys and beacons (signs) show bright orange geometric shapes and black lettering on a white background. They identify speed zones and restricted areas, warn of danger, and give information. Regulatory buoys are recognized by their solid white color with horizontal orange bands at the top and bottom.



## The Sound Signals

All vessels are required to exchange sound signals when their paths will lead them into close quarters. Depending upon the size of your vessel, a mouth, hand or power operated whistle or horn is required. The following four signals are the only signals that may be used by vessels, when within sight of each other, to signal their intentions.

- One short blast – I intend to leave you on my port side.
- Two short blasts – I intend to leave you on my starboard side.
- Three short blasts – Indicates the operation of astern propulsion.
- Five or more blasts – Indicates danger.

## Anchor Lights

All vessels, when at anchor outside an officially marked anchorage, must exhibit, an all-around white light.

## High Speed Ferries

High Speed Ferries (HSF) are capable of speeds of 60 knots (70 miles per hour) and above. When an HSF is approaching:

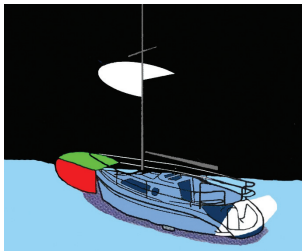
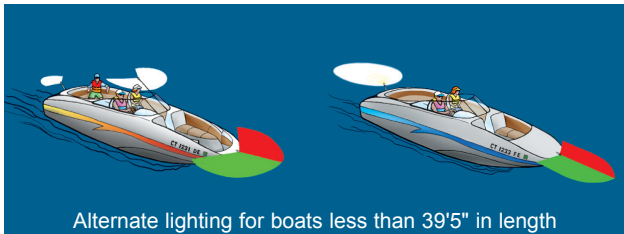
- Know and obey the USCG rules of the road.
- Make any changes in course or speed early and obvious to the HSF operator, and while still at least one mile from the ferry.

At night and in times of restricted visibility, display correct running lights and show a radar reflector. Monitor VHF Channel 13 for announcements from the ferry.

## Navigation Lights (Underway)

Recreational boats must display their required navigation lights at all times between sunset and sunrise, and during daylight periods of reduced visibility. Shown below are the lights required.

### POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS



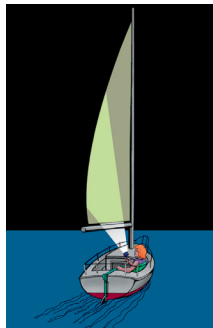
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Sailing vessel



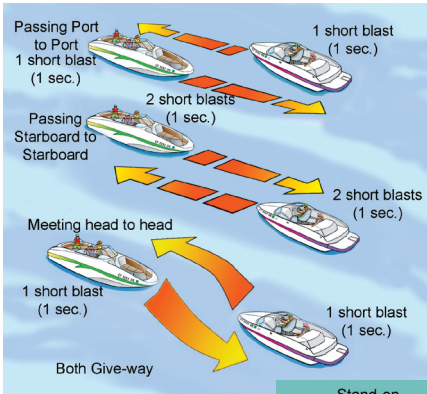
Rowboat or canoe



Sailboat under sail alone  
less than 23'  
Minimum requirement

The lighting arrangements shown in the figures here have been taken from the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

# Navigation Rules

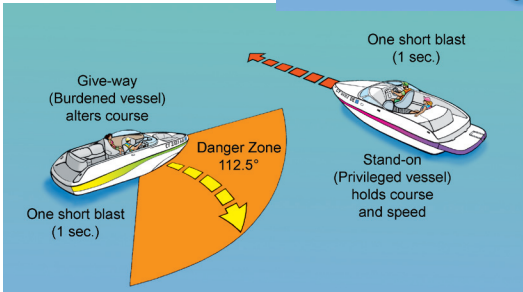
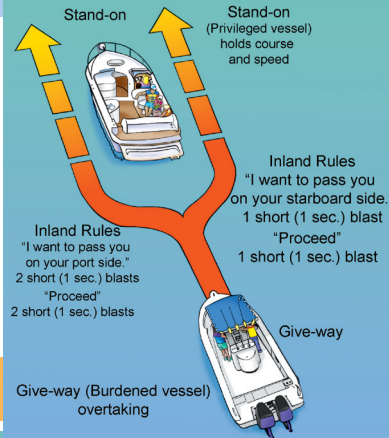


MEETING

## TERMS TO KNOW:

- Stand-on vessel:  
The vessel that should maintain its course and speed (unless collision is imminent.)
- Give-way vessel:  
The vessel that must take early and substantial action to avoid collision by stopping, slowing down, or changing course.

OVERTAKING



CROSSING

## PART EIGHT: Safety Information



## Homeland Security

**B**oaters must be cautious and constantly aware of surroundings. It is now illegal to stop or anchor beneath bridges. Secure and lock your boat when not on-board and, when stored, disable the engine. Avoid restricted areas such as dams, power plants, etc. and observe all security zones, especially around military installations.

Naval Vessel Protection Zone – You must stay at least 100 yards away from any military vessel and maintain minimum steerage speed within 500 yards. Violators face quick and severe response, not more than 6 years in prison and not more than a \$250,000 fine.

You should report the following to the U.S. Coast Guard (see page 3 for telephone numbers):

- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities near security areas, bridges, on or near the water.
- People establishing roadside stands near marinas and waterfront facilities.
- Unknown persons photographing or creating diagrams around power plants, under bridges, waterfront facilities or any other high risk areas.
- Unknown or suspicious persons loitering around waterfront areas.
- Suspicious persons attempting to borrow or rent watercraft
- Suspicious vendors attempting to sell or deliver merchandise or drop off packages in waterfront areas.

Safety and Security Zones - Boaters should not:

- Enter buoyed areas off of the Niantic Bay or Jordan Cove side of Dominion/Millstone Power Plant, Waterford, CT.
- Enter waters within 100 yards of any anchored U.S. Coast Guard vessel.
- Stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge or approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, expeditious transit beneath a bridge.



## Helpful Internet Addresses

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**(NOAA):** [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

Print-on-Demand Charts and Historical Map and Chart Collections:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/csdl/ctp/abstract.htm>

National Ocean Service Data Explorer (formerly Mapfinder):

<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/dataexplorer/>

Chart No.1: Nautical Chart Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm>

National Weather Service: [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking: [www.sarsat.noaa.gov](http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov)

Sunrise/Sunset Calculator:

<http://www.srb.noaa.gov/highlights/sunrise/sunrise.html>

National Ocean Service (NOS)

For a complete list of all NOS websites, go to:

<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/>

Real time tide information: [www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ports.html](http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ports.html)

### **U.S. Coast Guard websites**

U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners (by district):

[www.navcen.uscg.gov/](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/)

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

### **Other websites**

U.S. Power Squadrons: [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)

provides cooperative charting information & training

Maptech (for raster nautical charts): [www.maptech.com](http://www.maptech.com)

Print on Demand Charts: [www.oceangrafix.com](http://www.oceangrafix.com)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (provide information for navigable rivers, ports & channels: [www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil)

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles: [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv)

Connecticut Harbormaster:

[www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?A=1380&Q=259728](http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?A=1380&Q=259728)

## Tides and Currents

Boaters should be familiar with the effects of the tides and currents in Long Island Sound and lower river reaches. This body of water, rises and falls every 12 hours, and vast amounts of water move through places like Race Point on the western tip of Fisher's Island, Plum Gut on Long Island and Hells Gate in New York on the western end of the Sound.

Strong winds accompanying a tide in the same general direction would tend to increase the tidal effect. Conversely, a tide flowing against a strong wind would be diminished in effect. It should be noted, though, that a wind contrary to a tide could create a hazardous condition with steep and confused waves.

### APPROXIMATE TIDAL DIFFERENCES (BASED ON OLD SAYBROOK)

at Stonington	less 1 hour, 43 minutes
at Noank	less 1 hour, 33 minutes
at Norwich	less 1 hour, 25 minutes
at New London	less 1 hour, 11 minutes
at Millstone Pt.	less 1 hour, 2 minutes
at Old Saybrook Jetty	see tide tables
at Duck Island	plus 7 minutes
at Madison	plus 12 minutes
at Falkner Island	plus 19 minutes
at Branford Harbor	plus 24 minutes
at New Haven Harbor	plus 25 minutes
at Milford Harbor	plus 26 minutes
at Bridgeport	plus 33 minutes
at Cos Cob Harbor	plus 38 minutes

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at Essex	plus 28 minutes
at East Haddam	plus 1 hour, 31 minutes
at Portland	plus 2 hours, 40 minutes
at Hartford	plus 4 hours, 19 minutes

Remember, New London and Fisher's Island Sound tides occur before Old Saybrook. Bridgeport and Greenwich tides occur after Old Saybrook.

# 2012 TIDE TABLE - Old Saybrook

HIGH TIDE Predictions between 6 am and 7 pm\*

\*Adjusted for Daylight Savings Time

° = Full moon \* = New moon

NOTE: Low tide is approximately 6 hours preceding or following each time.

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
1	4:28p	5:47p	5:08p	6:51a	6:59a	8:12a
2	5:29p	6:43p	6:07p	7:42a	7:51a	9:04a
3	6:04a	7:11a	6:35a	8:29a	8:40a	9:56a
4	6:55a	7:56a	7:22a	9:13a	9:28a	° 10:49a
5	7:41a	8:37a	8:05a	9:56a	° 10:17a	11:44a
6	8:23a	9:16a	8:45a	° 10:42a	11:09a	12:39p
7	9:03a	° 9:55a	9:26a	11:31a	12:02p	1:36p
8	9:42a	10:35a	° 10:08a	12:21p	12:57p	2:32p
9	° 10:21a	11:17a	10:53a	1:13p	1:54p	3:28p
10	11:00a	12:02p	11:41a	2:09p	2:52p	4:25p
11	11:41a	12:48p	1:30p	3:07p	3:53p	5:25p
12	12:23p	1:39p	2:23p	4:11p	4:56p	6:23p
13	1:08p	2:35p	3:20p	5:20p	6:01p	6:43a
14	1:58p	3:38p	4:25p	6:29p	6:23a	7:37a
15	2:53p	4:49p	5:36p	6:57a	7:22a	8:26a
16	3:57p	6:00p	6:14a	7:55a	8:12a	9:12a
17	5:05p	6:35a	7:21a	8:43a	8:57a	9:55a
18	6:12p	7:32a	8:18a	9:25a	9:39a	10:38a
19	6:46a	8:22a	9:06a	10:06a	10:21a	• 11:22a
20	7:41a	9:07a	9:49a	10:46a	• 11:03a	12:06p
21	8:32a	• 9:50a	10:29a	• 11:26a	11:46a	12:49p
22	9:21a	10:32a	• 11:10a	12:09p	12:30p	1:32p
23	• 10:07a	11:15a	11:50a	12:52p	1:15p	2:14p
24	10:53a	11:57a	12:32p	1:37p	1:59p	2:57p
25	11:39a	12:41p	1:15p	2:22p	2:43p	3:42p
26	12:24p	1:25p	1:59p	3:08p	3:28p	4:33p
27	1:10p	2:13p	2:45p	3:58p	4:16p	5:29p
28	1:57p	3:05p	3:35p	4:52p	5:08p	6:28p
29	2:48p	4:05p	4:29p	5:47p	6:02p	6:50a
30	3:44p		5:29p	6:02a	6:18a	7:50a
31	4:45p		6:28p		7:17a	

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
1	8:45a	° 10:16a	11:30a	11:45a	12:45p	12:05p
2	9:39a	11:06a	12:15p	12:28p	1:30p	12:47p
3	° 10:32a	11:56a	1:00p	1:13p	2:17p	1:28p
4	11:26a	12:45p	1:46p	2:00p	2:05p	2:12p
5	12:19p	1:34p	2:34p	2:49p	2:56p	3:00p
6	1:13p	2:22p	3:26p	3:43p	3:51p	3:56p
7	2:05p	3:12p	4:22p	4:41p	4:49p	4:56p
8	2:57p	4:04p	5:23p	5:42p	5:43p	5:54p
9	3:50p	5:02p	6:24a	6:38p	6:14a	6:26a
10	4:45p	6:02p	6:51a	7:08a	6:58a	7:04a
11	5:42p	6:26a	7:44a	7:53a	7:42a	8:04a
12	6:02a	7:23a	8:22a	8:34a	8:26a	8:54a
13	7:01a	8:14a	9:09a	9:13a	• 9:12a	• 9:46a
14	7:55a	9:00a	9:47a	9:53a	10:02a	10:39a
15	8:43a	9:42a	• 10:26a	• 10:36a	10:54a	11:33a
16	9:28a	10:22a	11:07a	11:23a	11:50a	12:27p
17	10:12a	• 11:02a	11:50a	12:13p	12:47p	1:22p
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29	7:35a	9:13a	° 10:23a	° 10:39a	10:40a	11:01a
30	8:33a	10:00a	11:04a	11:20a	11:22a	11:40a
31	9:25a	° 10:45a		12:02p		12:18p

# Sunrises and Sunsets

## JANUARY - JUNE 2012

Subtract 1200 from higher numbers for PM time.

DAY	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M
1	0715	1631	0701	1705	0623	1741
2	0715	1632	0700	1707	0622	1742
3	0715	1632	0659	1708	0620	1743
4	0715	1633	0658	1709	0618	1744
5	0715	1634	0657	1710	0617	1745
6	0715	1635	0656	1712	0615	1747
7	0715	1636	0655	1713	0614	1748
8	0715	1637	0654	1714	0612	1749
9	0715	1638	0653	1715	0610	1750
10	0715	1639	0651	1717	0609	1751
11	0715	1640	0650	1718	0707 *	1852 *
12	0714	1641	0649	1719	0705	1853
13	0714	1642	0648	1720	0704	1854
14	0714	1644	0646	1722	0702	1856
15	0713	1645	0645	1723	0700	1857
16	0713	1646	0644	1724	0659	1858
17	0712	1647	0642	1725	0657	1859
18	0712	1648	0641	1726	0655	1900
19	0711	1649	0640	1728	0654	1901
20	0711	1650	0638	1729	0652	1902
21	0710	1652	0637	1730	0650	1903
22	0709	1653	0635	1731	0649	1904
23	0709	1654	0634	1733	0647	1905
24	0708	1655	0632	1734	0645	1906
25	0707	1657	0631	1735	0644	1908
26	0707	1658	0629	1736	0642	1909
27	0706	1659	0628	1737	0640	1910
28	0705	1700	0626	1739	0639	1911
29	0704	1702	0625	1740	0637	1912
30	0703	1703			0635	1913
31	0702	1704			0634	1914

DAY	APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M
1	0632	1915	0546	1947	0519	2017
2	0630	1916	0545	1948	0518	2017
3	0629	1917	0544	1949	0518	2018
4	0627	1918	0543	1951	0517	2019
5	0625	1919	0541	1952	0517	2019
6	0624	1920	0540	1953	0517	2020
7	0622	1922	0539	1954	0517	2021
8	0620	1923	0538	1955	0516	2021
9	0619	1924	0537	1956	0516	2022
10	0617	1925	0536	1957	0516	2022
11	0616	1926	0535	1958	0516	2023
12	0614	1927	0533	1959	0516	2023
13	0612	1928	0532	2000	0516	2024
14	0611	1929	0531	2001	0516	2024
15	0609	1930	0531	2002	0516	2024
16	0608	1931	0530	2003	0516	2025
17	0606	1932	0529	2004	0516	2025
18	0605	1933	0528	2005	0516	2025
19	0603	1934	0527	2006	0516	2026
20	0602	1936	0526	2007	0516	2026
21	0600	1937	0525	2007	0517	2026
22	0559	1938	0525	2008	0517	2026
23	0557	1939	0524	2009	0517	2026
24	0556	1940	0523	2010	0517	2027
25	0555	1941	0522	2011	0518	2027
26	0553	1942	0522	2012	0518	2027
27	0552	1943	0521	2013	0519	2027
28	0550	1944	0521	2014	0519	2027
29	0549	1945	0520	2014	0519	2027
30	0548	1946	0519	2015	0520	2026
31			0519	2016		

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# Sunrises and Sunsets

## JULY - DECEMBER 2012

Subtract 1200 from higher numbers for PM time.

DAY	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M
1	0520	2026	0545	2006	0616	1922
2	0521	2026	0546	2005	0617	1920
3	0521	2026	0547	2003	0618	1918
4	0522	2026	0548	2002	0619	1917
5	0523	2025	0549	2001	0620	1915
6	0523	2025	0550	2000	0621	1913
7	0524	2025	0551	1959	0622	1911
8	0525	2024	0552	1957	0623	1910
9	0525	2024	0553	1956	0624	1908
10	0526	2024	0554	1955	0625	1906
11	0527	2023	0555	1953	0626	1905
12	0527	2023	0556	1952	0627	1903
13	0528	2022	0557	1951	0628	1901
14	0529	2021	0558	1949	0629	1900
15	0530	2021	0559	1948	0630	1858
16	0531	2020	0600	1946	0631	1856
17	0531	2019	0601	1945	0632	1854
18	0532	2019	0602	1943	0633	1853
19	0533	2018	0603	1942	0634	1851
20	0534	2017	0604	1940	0635	1849
21	0535	2016	0605	1939	0636	1848
22	0536	2016	0606	1937	0637	1846
23	0537	2015	0607	1936	0638	1844
24	0538	2014	0608	1934	0639	1842
25	0539	2013	0609	1933	0640	1841
26	0539	2012	0610	1931	0642	1839
27	0540	2011	0611	1930	0643	1837
28	0541	2010	0612	1928	0644	1836
29	0542	2009	0613	1926	0645	1834
30	0543	2008	0614	1925	0646	1832
31	0544	2007	0615	1923		

DAY	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M	SUNRISE H M	SUNSET H M
1	0647	1831	0721	1744	0656	1621
2	0648	1829	0723	1743	0657	1621
3	0649	1827	0724	1742	0658	1621
4	0650	1826	0625 **	1641 **	0659	1620
5	0651	1824	0626	1640	0700	1620
6	0652	1822	0627	1638	0701	1620
7	0653	1821	0629	1637	0702	1620
8	0654	1819	0630	1636	0703	1620
9	0655	1817	0631	1635	0704	1620
10	0656	1816	0632	1634	0705	1620
11	0657	1814	0633	1633	0705	1620
12	0658	1813	0635	1632	0706	1621
13	0700	1811	0636	1631	0707	1621
14	0701	1809	0637	1631	0708	1621
15	0702	1808	0638	1630	0708	1621
16	0703	1806	0639	1629	0709	1622
17	0704	1805	0641	1628	0710	1622
18	0705	1803	0642	1627	0710	1622
19	0706	1802	0643	1627	0711	1623
20	0707	1800	0644	1626	0712	1623
21	0709	1759	0645	1625	0712	1624
22	0710	1758	0646	1625	0713	1624
23	0711	1756	0648	1624	0713	1625
24	0712	1755	0649	1624	0713	1625
25	0713	1753	0650	1623	0714	1626
26	0714	1752	0651	1623	0714	1627
27	0715	1751	0652	1622	0714	1627
28	0717	1749	0653	1622	0715	1628
29	0718	1748	0654	1622	0715	1629
30	0719	1747	0655	1621	0715	1630
31	0720	1745			0715	1630

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## Canoe and Kayak Safety

- Wear Your Life Jacket (PFD)! Is it the proper size and in good condition? There must be a wearable PFD aboard for each person. From October 1st through May 31st, you **MUST** wear a PFD (state law) when in a manually propelled vessel.
- Don't stand up in a canoe.
- Always paddle directly into or away from the wake of larger boats.
- If you **CAPSIZE**, stay with the boat. If you are in a strong current or white water, float down river feet first and toes up with the boat ahead of you.
- Do not drink alcohol before or while paddling. Alcohol affects balance, coordination, and judgement.
- For more stability in rough conditions, kneel on the bottom instead of sitting on the seats.
- The most experienced paddler should take the stern position.
- Load the boat evenly, fore and aft and side to side.
- Wear proper clothing, including a hat. If you end up in the water, do not remove your clothes. They help you float and protect you against hypothermia.
- Stay away from low head dams. They are extremely dangerous from both up and down stream.
- Rough water, white water, or rapids are no place for beginners. Always wear a solid, correctly fitted helmet when white water paddling.
- Paddle near shore, out of channels. Paddle within your ability.
- Always leave a **FLOAT PLAN** with someone ashore. Be specific about where you plan to go and when you will be back. Be sure to report back in when you return.



# What Can I Do to Prevent the Spread of Non-native Species?



## BEFORE LEAVING THE LAUNCH:

- ✓ **Clean:** remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- ✓ **Drain:** eliminates water from equipment, such as a live well, before transporting.

## AT HOME PRIOR TO YOUR NEXT LAUNCH:

- ✓ **Dry:** anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, fishing equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.) for a minimum of one week.
- ✓ If drying isn't possible, wash with hot water (preferably high pressure).
- ✓ Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- ✓ Dispose any unused bait in an upland trash.



## HOW CAN I CLEAN MY BOAT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD?

- ✓ Dry equipment for a minimum of one week (hot/dry weather) and a minimum of four weeks (cool/wet weather) before entering new waters.  
OR.....
- ✓ Wash with hot water, preferable high pressure.
- ✓ Dip equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing.
- ✓ Use a 1% salt solution and leave on for 24 hours prior to rinsing (2/3 cups of salt to 5 gallons of water).
- ✓ "Wet" with bleach solution (1 oz. per gallon) or soap and hot water (Lysol, boat soap, etc.) for 10 minutes prior to rinsing.

An impressionistic painting of two sailboats on a body of water. The sailboats have white sails and red accents at the base. The water is rendered in various shades of blue and green, with visible brushstrokes. The background shows a shoreline with trees and a building. The overall style is expressive and colorful.

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