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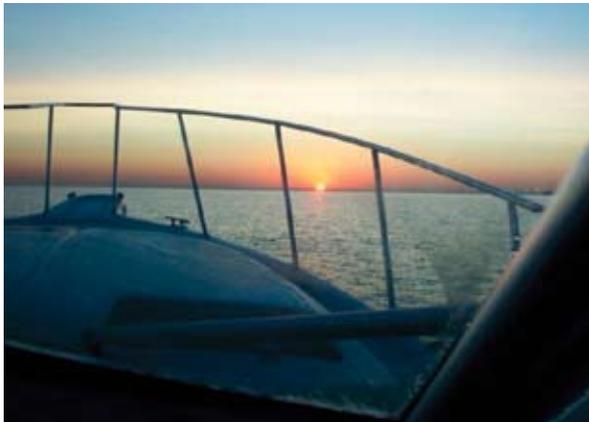


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Dear Connecticut Boaters,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our annual guide to boating in Connecticut. This publication provides a wealth of information about recreational boating opportunities in our great state, and offers ideas and opportunities to enjoy lakes, streams, rivers, our many harbors and ports, and of course, the open waters of Long Island Sound.

As you will see, this guide provides information about places to launch your boat and important boating laws and regulations to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable time while exploring the beautiful waterways of Connecticut.

New this year, the guide contains details about obtaining Connecticut's Safe Waterskiing Endorsement and age requirements now in effect for towing skiers, tubers and surfers. In addition, youth can now get involved directly in promoting clean and safe boating to their peers through their schools in our new Student Ambassador Program. Find out more about this program inside the guide, and if your school isn't already involved, consider joining.

This guide includes important information about how you, as a boater, can help protect our environment, including methods to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The interactive pumpout map on our website has been updated and is more user-friendly for mobile devices, making it easier than ever to locate and schedule a pumpout.

As we say here at DEEP, "Boating is Serious Fun". My family and I have enjoyed many special moments together out on the water, and look forward to many more. You can follow me on Twitter (Twitter.com/CommissionerRob or @CommissionerRob) to follow our adventures. I hope that you will join us during the upcoming boating season. Please be sure to boat safely, boat sober, use pumpouts, and wear your life jacket. Hope to see you on the water!

Sincerely

Robert J. Klee  
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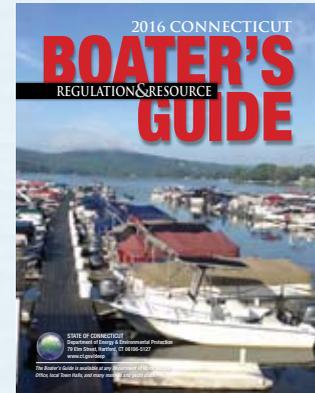
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# Education & Certification

## Boats other than Personal Watercraft

Residents of Connecticut, persons owning real property in Connecticut, or persons with vessels registered in Connecticut must have either a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to legally operate any boat with a motor, or a sailboat 19 1/2 feet in length or longer.

### Exceptions:

- On inland bodies of water with a 10 horsepower limit and between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, no certificate is required for a person operating an electric motor (rated at 106 lbs. of thrust or less). However, the vessel must be registered.
- A person who has a valid operator's license issued 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 the original license on board the recreational vessel on which they are operating.

## PWC only

Any person operating a personal watercraft must possess either a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by Connecticut or a certificate issued by a state with a reciprocal agreement by Connecticut. Connecticut recognizes certificates from New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island for use upon our waters (see page 14, Reciprocity).

## Safe Waterskiing Endorsement

Boaters wishing to operate a vessel while towing a skier (or person on a tube), after October 1, 2015, must: (1) be at least age 16, (2) possess a valid boating certificate from Connecticut, a reciprocal state (see list on page 14), or a US Coast Guard Vessel Operators license, and (3) possess a CT Safe Waterskiing Endorsement (only if you have obtained a certificate listed above after October 1, 2015).





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## Student Ambassador Program

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-Boating Division is happy to announce that the Student Ambassador program will be continuing for the 2015-2016 school year. The Student Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for high and middle school students needing to complete a senior year or school community projects, while delivering important boating safety messages to students throughout their school.

Becoming a Student Ambassador is a simple process. Participating schools appoint a maximum of three students to be a DEEP Student Ambassador for their school, submit their name(s) to the Boating Division, and the Boating Division provides support to the student to successfully complete a boating safety project. Once projects are completed, the Student Ambassador's work is displayed at their school, and the student receives a certificate from the Commissioner of the DEEP for their work. Launched in 2015, the Student Ambassador's projects were also on display at the Legislature Office Building. Students walk away with a sense of pride for being selected, providing information to their peers and will acquire a valuable distinction for their resumes.

For more information and how to participate, contact Jerry Desmond at 860-447-4350 or email to [jerry.desmond@ct.gov](mailto:jerry.desmond@ct.gov).

## Non-Resident Certificate Requirements

- Connecticut recognizes a valid Safe Boating Certificate or **Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation** issued by a reciprocal state (NY, MA, RI or NH) for a non-resident even if they



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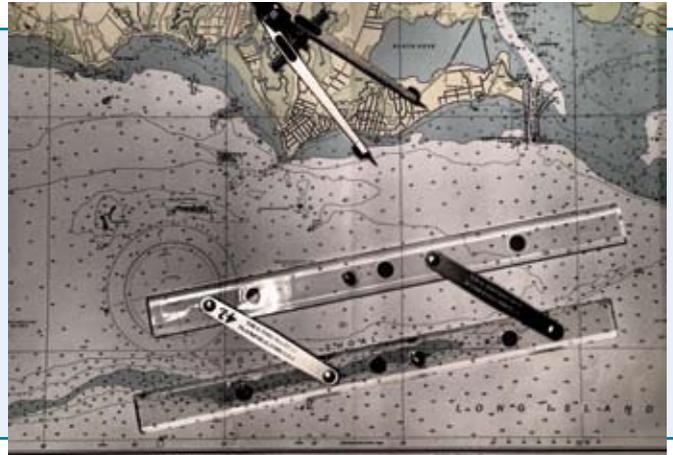
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A navigation course is especially critical for coastal boaters. Some topics include Longitude/Latitude, time, distance, speed calculations, chart plotting, GPS and more. After successful completion the endorsement will be printed on your certificate. For such classes, select "Certification and Registration" on our website, and click on the Connecticut Coastal Boater Endorsement Program.



own real property in Connecticut or have a vessel registered in Connecticut waters (because the vessel is in CT waters more than 60 days in a year). Personal watercraft operators MUST have a recognized Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate legally.

### 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: Save the diploma from the course/exam. You will need it to apply for your Safe Boating Certificate in person.

A **Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO)** allows an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft. 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 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course; or
- Pass the DEEP's Equivalency Examination.

Any person possessing 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. (See page

26, 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.

### Obtaining a Boating Certificate (SBC or CPWO)

- Take an approved boating safety course. You will need to provide your instructor/course provider with your Conservation ID number, name (as it was entered when registering for a Conservation ID), and birth date.
- About a week after successfully completing your course, log back onto the Online Sportsmen Licensing System and follow the instructions to purchase your certificate. Currently there is a one-time fee of \$50 for a boating certificate.
- Print your certificate, which is your official document.
- After signing it, you must carry it whenever you operate your vessel.
- You can reprint your certificate at any time by logging back into the system or by visiting a participating license vendor.

### Obtaining A Safe Waterskiing Endorsement

- Boaters who obtained the certificate from DEEP after October 1, 2015, will automatically receive a Safe Waterskiing Endorsement on their SBC or CPWO.
- Boaters who obtain a certificate or license from a reciprocal state or the US Coast Guard after October 1, 2015, will be able to obtain a Safe Waterskiing Endorsement through an online course and the Sportsmen's Database.
- Boaters who obtained a SBC or CPWO prior to October 1, 2015, will be grandfathered and will not be required to have the endorsement. These boaters have the opportunity to access the

online education, if desired.

Visit [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) for additional information regarding the Safe Waterskiing Endorsement and the online course.

## Equivalency Examination

The DEEP's Equivalency Examination is a 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.

## Duplicate Certificate

You can print a duplicate certificate at any time by logging onto <https://www.ct.wildlifelicenses.com/internetsales> (online

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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 three months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you must qualify for and obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

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 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course. The temporary certificate is valid for three months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you must qualify for and obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

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**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 on our waters certificates from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire **and is expanding our reciprocity with other states (check our website)**. If you are boating in another state, check with that state first. Adherence to Connecticut state law remains the responsibility of the boater.

A new resident issued a certificate by a state having an agreement of reciprocity must, within 90 days of becoming a Connecticut resident, present evidence of the certificate for the issuance of a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

## Approved Boating Courses

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

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Clean all recreational equipment.  
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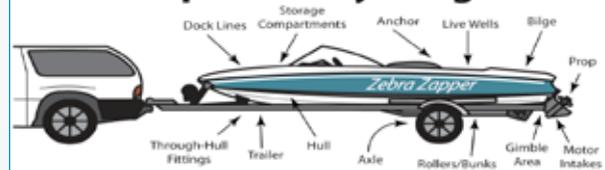
### **BEFORE LEAVING THE LAUNCH:**

- ✓ 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.

### Before leaving and before launching... **inspect everything!**



### **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.

**What can I do  
to prevent the  
spread of  
non-native  
species!**

**N**on-native aquatic plants or animals are also known as nuisance or aquatic invasive species (AIS). These species tend to grow at a rate such that they can displace beneficial native species, disrupt the ecosystem and drastically reduce recreational activities, including swimming. Please prevent new introductions of invasive plants and animals:

**Clean, Drain, Dry your boat and gear.**

## FRESHWATER

Plant species such as Eurasian milfoil, variable leaf milfoil and fanwort have been introduced into Connecticut's lakes and ponds, and can impact the ecosystem and reduce recreational activities. Invasive plants can form a dense mat just below the water's surface, which interferes with boating, swimming and other recreational activities.

### 1. Eurasian milfoil:

Submerged, perennial aquatic plant with green feathered type leaves. The stems are brownish-red to light green. Milfoil produces pink flowers between July and August.



Photo Credit Robert Videk, Doronicum Kft. Hungary

### 2. Fanwort:

Submerged plant that ranges in color from grass green to olive and to reddish brown. The leaves are finely divided and strictly opposite arranged. Small white flowers with six petals emerge among the floating leaves.



Photo Credit Alison Fox, University of Florida, United States

### 3. Zebra mussel:

Zebra mussels are small, striped rigid mussel that grows to a maximum length of 2.5 cm (approximately one inch) in length. The shell color is black or brown with variable white to yellow striped or zig zag patterns and they can live up to five years.



Zebra mussels have recently become established in Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar and Housatonic in western Connecticut and for a longer period of time in the Twin Lakes, Salisbury. These mussels can impact the ecosystem, foul boat hulls and engine cooling systems, are sharp to step on and can clog power plant, industrial and drinking water intakes.

### 4. Quagga mussel:

The quagga is slightly larger than the zebra mussel. The shell is striped but is more pale toward the end of the hinge. Color patterns vary widely with black, cream, or white bands. The quagga has a rounded angle and a convex ventral side. Quagga mussels have not been found in Connecticut waters.



Comparison of zebra and quagga mussels (Photo: Michigan Sea Grant)

### 5. Chinese mitten crab:

The claws are of equal size and appear "furry" with whitish tips. The smooth shell is brown to green with four spines (the fourth can be small) on each side. There is a notch between the eyes. In June, 2012, a juvenile Chinese mitten crab was collected from the Mianus River in Greenwich. This is the first confirmed report of this invasive in CT. This crab reproduces in saltwater but spends most of its life in freshwater.



## 6. New Zealand mud snails:

Relatively small snail that has brown or black cone shaped shell with seven to eight whorls. Between the whorls are deep grooves. This snail has the ability to reproduce quickly and populations can rapidly reach high densities under suitable conditions. New Zealand mud snails have not been found in Connecticut waters.



## 7. Rusty crayfish:

A large crayfish with reddish spots on each side of the body just in front of the tail, grayish green color, smooth mandibles (mouth parts without serrated edge) and black bands on tips of claws. Rusty crayfish are aggressive and can displace native crayfish. They feed heavily on invertebrates that are important food sources for fishes and can destroy aquatic vegetation beds, impacting habitat used by other invertebrates and game fish. Rusty crayfish are often spread via bait buckets. Rusty crayfish can be found in a number of freshwater systems throughout Connecticut.



## 8. Asian clam:

A bivalve that can grow as large as 5 cm (2 inches) wide and live up to seven years. Asian clams can be identified by the presence of yellow and brown color concentric rings on their shell. The outer side of the shell can flake, revealing white spots. Asian clam excretions encourage algal growth which reduces water quality for native flora and fauna. Asian clams can aggressively colonize the bottom of waterways and can outcompete native species for space. Asian clams can be found in a number of freshwater systems throughout Connecticut.



## MARINE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

If a vessel sits at a dock for too long, growth can occur on the hull. Invasive species 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 AIS may occur. Many of the fouling species that grow on vessel hulls exist because they are invasive and have no predators. Often the introductions are from ballast water taken on in foreign waters and discharged in US waters. Steps are being taken nationally to minimize these introductions. Local boaters can help by removing the species on their boats and trailers and properly preparing and maintaining their boat's bottom.

## HELP KEEP Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) OUT OF CONNECTICUT'S WATERS!

**It is critical that boaters take responsibility for stopping the spread of these plants and animals.**

Failure to remove all vegetation and the listed aquatic invasive species, that are visible and identifiable without optical magnification, is subject to a fine of \$95 for each such violation.



**IT IS ILLEGAL TO TRANSPORT** on a boat or trailer any vegetation and the following aquatic invasive species (as determined by the Commissioner pursuant to CGS Section 15-180; see [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating)):

**Zebra mussel** (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

**Quaqua mussel** (*Dreissena bugensis*)

**Chinese mitten crab** (*Eriocheir sinensis*)

**New Zealand mud snail** (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

**Asian clam** (*Corbicula fluminea*)

**Rusty crayfish** (*Orconectes rusticus*)

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

SEE PAGE 15 for methods to remove AIS

# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

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. All pumpouts and dumpstations available the recreational boating public are **FREE IN CONNECTICUT**.



## Shoreside station facilities

## Pumpout Facilities Directory 2016

Stations below are listed east to west.

● Indicates Clean Vessel Act Funded

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 Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

● Pumpout boat

### GREENWICH

- **1** Grass Island Municipal Marina  
**Greenwich Harbor**  
203-618-9695  
May-Oct 15 24/7
- **2** Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club  
**Mianus River**  
203-869-4689  
Apr-Nov 24/7
- **3** Beacon Point Marine  
**Mianus River**  
203-661-4033  
May 1-Oct 1 8am-8pm; Oct 2-Dec 1 8am-5pm 7 days a week

### STAMFORD

- **4** Stamford Landing Marina  
**Stamford Harbor**  
203-965-0065 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 9am-5pm; Closed Wed.
- **5** Czescik Municipal Marina  
**Stamford Harbor**  
203-977-5008  
Apr-Nov 24/7

### DARIEN

- **6** Darien Boat Club  
**Darien Harbor**  
203-655-1927  
April 15-Nov 30  
8am-10pm  
7 days a week

### NORWALK

- **7** The Boatworks  
**Five Mile River**  
203-866-9295  
Apr 15-Nov 15, 24/7
- **8** Norwalk Cove Marina  
**Charles Creek**  
203-838-7600 or VHF CH 9, 72  
May-Oct M-F 8am-7pm  
Sat-Sun 8am-6pm
- **9** Rex Marine Center  
**Norwalk River**  
203-866-5555  
Mar 1-Nov 15; 7 days a week,  
8:30am-4:30pm
- **10** Norwalk Visitor's Dock  
**Norwalk Harbor**  
203-866-8810  
Apr 1-Oct 31, 24/7

### WESTPORT

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

### FAIRFIELD

- **12** Pequot Yacht Club  
**Southport Harbor**  
203-255-5740 or VHF CH 69  
May-Sept. 2; 8am-midnight,  
Sept. 3-Oct 8am-sunset, call for appt

- **13** South Benson Marina  
**Ash Creek**  
203-400-2838  
Apr. 15-Nov 10am-6pm 7 days a week

### BRIDGEPORT

- **14** Fayerweather Yacht Club  
**Black Rock Harbor**  
203-576-8860 or VHF CH 14  
May 27-Oct 8am-10pm 7 days a week
- **15** Captain's Cove Seaport  
**Black Rock Harbor**  
203-335-1433 or VHF CH 18  
May 1-Nov 30 8am-5pm 7 days a week
- **16** Cedar Marina  
**Cedar Creek**  
203-335-6262  
April 15-Oct 15 Mon-Sat 7am-5pm
- **17** Miamogue Yacht Club  
**Bridgeport Harbor**  
203-334-9882 or VHF CH 9  
April-Nov 1 24/7

### STRATFORD

- **18** Brewer Stratford Marina  
**Housatonic River**  
203-377-4477 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 15-Memorial Day Weekend M-F  
8am-4:30pm limited hours; Memorial Day  
Weekend-Labor Day Su-Th 8am-6pm;  
Fri-Sat 8am-8pm

### MILFORD

- **19** Milford Boat Works  
**Milford Harbor**  
203-877-1475 or VHF CH 68  
Jun-Oct, 8am-7pm, 7 days a week
- **20** Milford Lisman Landing  
**Milford Harbor**  
203-874-1610 or VHF CH 9  
May-Oct 7am-8pm 7 days a week

- **21** Port Milford Marina  
**Milford Harbor**  
203-301-2223  
May-Oct 8am-4pm

### WEST HAVEN

- **22** West Cove Marina  
**West River**  
203-933-3000  
May-Sep Wed-Fri 3pm-7pm,  
Sat-Sun 8am-7pm

### NEW HAVEN

- **23** Long Wharf Pier  
**New Haven Harbor**  
203-946-6779  
Temporarily Out of Service
- **24** Waucoma Yacht Club  
**Quinnipiac River**  
203-789-9530  
Apr-Nov M-F 12pm-6pm
- **25** Quinnipiac River Marina  
**Quinnipiac River**  
203-376-3116  
Apr 1-Nov 1 9am-5pm 7 days a week
- **26** Pequonnock Yacht Club  
**New Haven Harbor**  
203-258-1104  
Apr 1- Nov 30 9am-6pm, 7days a week

### BRANFORD

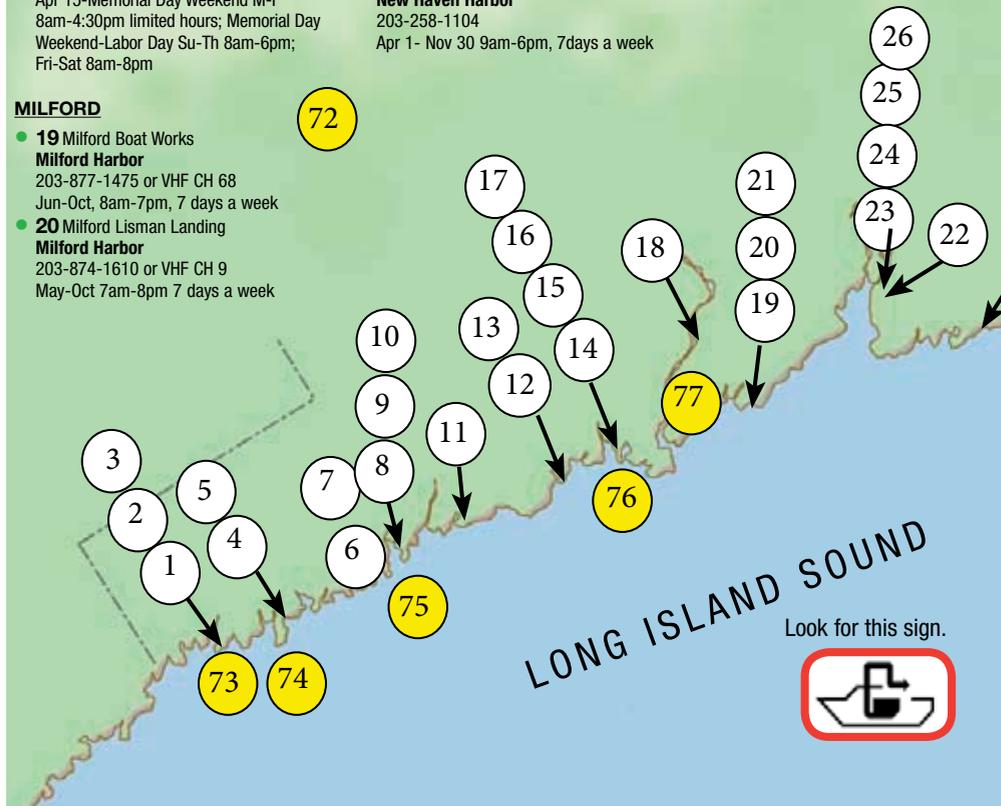
- **27** Branford Yacht Club  
**Branford River**  
203-488-9798  
Apr-Nov 15 Fri-Sun 8am-7:30pm,  
Mon-Thu 8am-4:30pm
- **28** Brewer's Bruce & Johnson's  
**Branford River**  
203-448-8329 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-4:30pm

### GUILFORD

- **29** Guilford Yacht Club  
**West River**  
203-458-3048 or VHF CH 71  
May 1-Oct 31; 9am-6pm; 7 days a week

### CLINTON

- **30** Clinton Yacht Haven  
Dockminium Association  
**Clinton Harbor**  
860-669-7254  
Apr 1-Dec 1; 24/7



- **31** Riverside Basin Marina  
**Hammonasset River**  
860-669-1503 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 1- Dec 1 7:30am-4:30pm  
7 days a week
- **32** Cedar Island Marina Inc.  
**Clinton Harbor**  
860-669-8681 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 15-Nov 15; 24/7

## WESTBROOK

- **33** Brewer Pilots Point Marina Inc., South  
Yard, **Westbrook Harbor**  
860-399-7906 or VHF CH 9  
May 1-Oct 31 9am-5pm
- **34** Harry's Marine Repair  
**Patchogue River**  
860-399-6165  
Apr-Oct 9am-4pm

## OLD SAYBROOK

- **35** Saybrook Point Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-395-3080 or VHF CH 9  
May 1-Oct 31 7:30am-7:30pm  
7 days a week
- **36** Ragged Rock  
**Connecticut River**  
860-388-1049 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 1 - Nov 30, M-F 9am-4pm

- **36a** S&S Marine, LLC  
**Connecticut River**  
VHF 72  
April 1-Dec1, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat  
9am-12pm
- **37** Brewers Ferry Point Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-388-3260 or VHF 9  
May1 - Oct 31 24/7

## OLD LYME

- **38** CT DEEP Marine Headquarters  
**Connecticut River**  
860-434-6148 or buzzer on weekdays  
VHF CH 9 or buzzer on weekends  
Memorial Day Weekend-Oct 31 M-F  
9am-4pm; Sat-Sun 10am-5pm

## ESSEX

- **39** Brewer Dauntless Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-767-8267 or VHF CH 68  
Apr 15-Nov10 7 days a week 8am-5pm
- **40** Brewer Dauntless Shipyard  
**Connecticut River**  
860-767-0001 or VHF CH 9  
Apr 15-Nov 10; 7 days; 8am-5pm

## LYME

- **41** Reynolds' Garage & Marine  
**Hamburg Cove**  
860-434-0028  
May-Nov, M-F 8am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm;

## DEEP RIVER

- **42** Brewer Deep River Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-526-5560 or VHF CH 9  
May 1-Oct 31, M-F 8am-4:30pm;  
Sat-Sun 8am-5pm

## CHESTER

- **43** Hays Haven Marina  
**Chester Creek**  
860-526-9366  
May 1-Nov 1, 7 days a week 8am-5pm
- **44** Chrisholm Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-526-5147 or VHF CH 9  
Stationary: Apr 1-Nov 23 24/7  
Portable: Apr 1-Nov 30 by appointment

## HADDAM

- **45** DAMAR Ltd./Midway Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-345-4330  
Jun 1-Oct 31 24/7

## PORTLAND

- **46** Petzold's Marine Center  
**Connecticut River**  
860-342-1196,  
Apr-Nov, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm,  
Sat 8am-1pm
- **47** Portland Boatworks  
**Connecticut River**  
860-342-1085  
May-Nov. 1, 8am-4:30pm

- **48** Portland Riverside Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-342-1911,  
May 1 - Oct. 15; 7 days 8am - 5pm
- **49** Yankee Boat Yard & Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-342-4735 or VHF CH 68  
Apr 1-Nov 30 8am-6pm

## GLASTONBURY

- **50** Seaboard Marina  
**Connecticut River**  
860-657-3232, VHF CH 68  
Apr-Oct 9am-5pm

## WETHERSFIELD

- **51** Wethersfield Cove Pumpout  
**Wethersfield Cove**  
May-Oct Fri-Sun 10am-6pm,

## NIAN TIC

- **52** Port Niantic Marina  
**Niantic River**  
860-739-2155 or VHF CH 10  
May 1-Oct 31, 7 days a week 8am-4:30pm
- **53** Niantic Dockominium Association  
**Niantic River**  
860-739-8585  
Mar 15-Nov 15 Sun-Thu 8am-4pm  
Fri-Sat 8am-6pm

## NEW LONDON

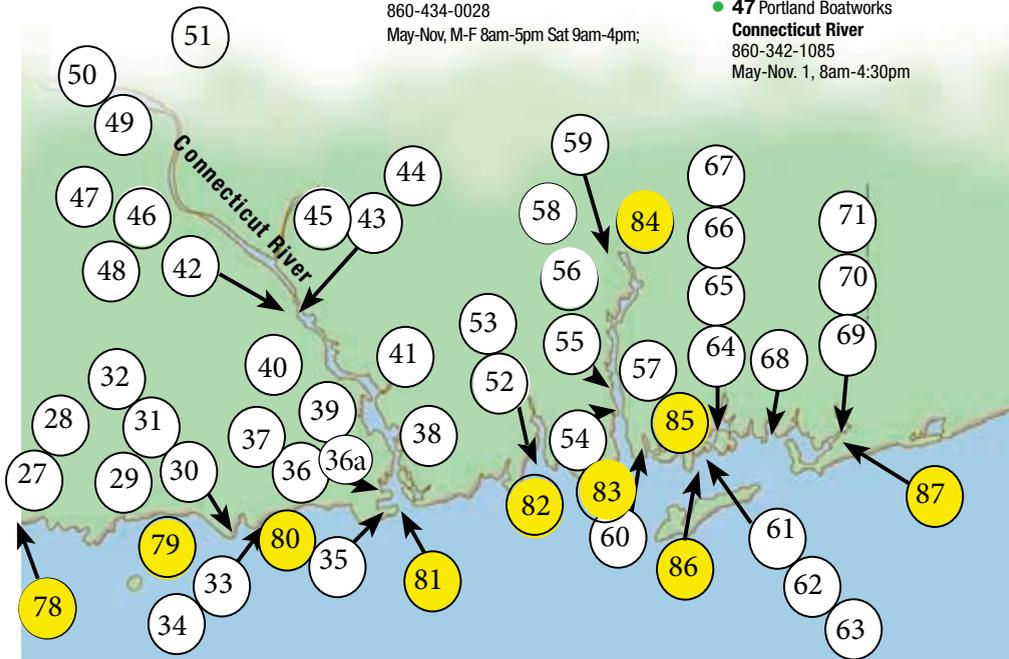
- **54** Thamesport Marina  
**Thames River**  
860-442-1151 VHF CH 9  
May 1-Oct 31 7 days a week 9am-5pm
- **55** Ferry Slip Dockominium Association  
**Thames River**  
860-460-8957  
10am-5pm 7 days a week
- **56** Crocker's Boatyard, Inc.  
**Shaw's Cove**  
860-443-6304 VHF CH 9  
Mar 1-Nov 30, 7 days a week 8am-4:30pm
- **57** City of Groton,  
Wastewater Treatment Facility  
**Thames River**  
860-446-4086 or VHF CH 72  
May 1- Oct 31; Mon-Fri 7am-7pm  
Sat 7am-3pm
- **58** New London City Pier  
**Thames River**  
VHF Channel 9  
Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day  
Staffed Thur-Mon 8am-4pm  
Self-service other times

## NORWICH

- **59** The Marina at American Wharf  
**Thames River**  
860-886-6363 or VHF CH 68  
Apr 1-Oct 31 8am-6pm; 7 days a week

## GROTON

- **60** Shennecossett Yacht Club  
**Pine Island Bay**  
860-445-9854 or VHF CH 68  
May 9-Oct 10 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week
- **61** Noank Shipyard  
**Mystic River**  
860-536-9651 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Nov 8am-8pm
- **62** Noank Village Boatyard  
**Mystic River**  
860-536-1770 or VHF CH 72  
May 1-Jan 1 24/7



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/pumpoutdirectory](http://www.ct.gov/deep/pumpoutdirectory)



## Pumpout boats

- **63** Mystic Shipyard, LLC  
**Mystic River**  
860-536-6588 or VHF CH 9, 68  
Apr 1-Dec 20, 24/7

### STONINGTON

- **64** Mystic River Marina  
**Mystic River**  
860-536-3123 or VHF CH 68  
Apr 1-Nov 30 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm  
Sat-Sun 8am-7pm
- **65** Mystic Shipyard East  
**Mystic River**  
860-536-4882  
Apr 1-Dec 20, 24/7
- **66** Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic  
**Mystic Harbor**  
VHF CH 9  
May 1-Oct 31 Fri-Sat 8am-6pm;  
Sun-Thur 8am-5pm
- **67** Mystic Seaport Museum  
**Mystic River**  
860-572-0711 or VHF CH 68  
May-Jun 8am-4pm; Jul-Aug 8am-7pm; Sept-Oct 8am-4pm
- **68** Dodson Boatyard  
**Stonington Harbor**  
VHF CH 78  
May 15-Sept 15 8am-9pm  
Sept 16-Nov 15 8am-7pm

### WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

- **69** Westerly Yacht Club  
**Pawcatuck River**  
401-596-7556 401-596-5792  
or VHF CH 10  
check for hours of operation
- **70** Avondale Boat Yard Inc.  
**Pawcatuck River**  
401-348-8187 or VHF CH 9  
Apr-Oct 8am-5pm; \$9.00
- **71** Norwest Marine Inc.  
**Pawcatuck River**  
VHF CH 68  
Apr-Nov 24/7

- **72** Candlewood Lake Pumpout Boat  
**Candlewood Lake** Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm  
(860)985-9474
- **73** Soundkeeper Pumpout Boat  
**Noroton Harbor, Norwalk Harbor, Five Mile River, Saugatuck Harbor, Compo Cove** May 1-Oct 31; Wed-Sun: 10am-4pm, VHF 77
- **74** Soundkeeper Pumpout Boat  
**Mianus River, Greenwich Harbor, Stamford Harbor**  
May 1-Oct 31: Wed-Sun: 10am-4pm  
VHF 77
- **75** Brewer Yacht Haven Marina Pumpout Boat  
**Stamford Harbor**  
May 1- Oct 31; 7 days/wk 10am-5pm  
VHF 9
- **76** Bridgeport City Pumpout Boat  
**Black Rock Harbor and Bridgeport Harbor**  
Memorial Day weekend - Columbus Day:  
Sat - Sun & Holidays: 10am-4pm  
VHF 68 or (203)218-6677  
True

- **77** Stratford Pumpout Boat  
**Housatonic River**  
Milford & Stratford Mem. Day weekend  
October 31: Thu-Mon: 10am-6pm  
VHF 68
- **78** Branford Town Pumpout Boat **Shoreline West Haven, North Haven, East Haven, Branford, Thimble Islands and Sachemhead Harbor, Guilford**  
April 11-Oct 11, Fri-Mon 9am-5pm  
VHF 68 or (860)514-7664 or pumpout.me
- **79** Cedar Island Marina Pumpout Boat  
**Clinton Harbor**  
May 21-Nov 6, Sat-Sun 8am-6pm AND  
June 17 - Sept 16, Fri 12pm-6pm  
VHF 9 or (860)669-8681
- **80** Brewer Pilots Point Marina South Yard Pumpout Boat  
**Westbrook Harbor**  
May 1-Oct 31: 7am-5pm  
VHF 9 or (860)399-7906
- **81** Connecticut River Pumpout Boat  
Haddam, Chester, Essex, Deep River, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook  
Mem. Day weekend-Labor Day, 7 days/  
wk. 9am-5pm; (one boat weekdays, two on weekends) Labor Day-Oct 31, (one boat) weekends only 9am-5pm  
VHF 72 or (860)463-9753
- **82** Niantic River Pumpout Boat  
**Niantic River**  
Mem. Day weekend-Labor Day, Fri-Mon:  
9am-5pm; Labor Day-Nov 1: Sat-Sun:  
9am-5pm  
VHF 68
- **83** Shrink the Boat, L.L.C. Pumpout Boat  
**Lower Thames River, Pine Island Bay;** Mem. Day - Columbus Day, Mon- Fri 9am-5pm and Sat- Sun & holidays 9am-6pm, and after Columbus Day - Nov 15 by reservation only on Wed in the Thames River  
VHF 68 or (860)245-6002

- **84** American Wharf Marina Pumpout Boat  
**Norwich Harbor**  
April 1-Oct 31: 8am-6pm  
VHF CH 68 or (860) 886-6363
- **85** Shrink the Boat, L.L.C. Pumpout Boat  
**Mystic River, Noank, Groton Long Point**  
Mem. Day - Columbus Day, Mon- Fri 9am-5pm and Sat- Sun & holidays 9am-6pm, and after Columbus Day - Nov 15 by reservation only and Sat in the Mystic River  
VHF 68 or (860)245-6002
- **86** Shrink the Boat, L.L.C. Pumpout Boat  
**Fishers Island, NY**  
Mem. Day - Columbus Day, Mon- Fri 9am-5pm and Sat- Sun & holidays 9am-6pm, and after Columbus Day - Nov 15 by reservation only on Wed  
(860) 245-6002
- **87** Westerly Pumpout Boat  
**Stonington Harbor, Little Narragansett Bay, Pawcatuck River, Watch Hill Harbor**  
Mem Day weekend-Columbus Day, Mon-Fri 9am-3pm; Sat-Sun & Holidays 9am-6pm  
VHF 8



Scan to view  
CVA  
Pumpout Map

## 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 Certified Clean Marina Flag at their facility. We are happy to announce that the DEEP and Connecticut Marine Trades Association (CMTA) are currently working together to reinvigorate the Clean Marina Program. Once the guidebook has been revised and new flags are printed, the CMTA will be accepting new applications. Visit [www.ct.gov/deep/cva](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cva).

## 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 or Clean Marina Program, contact the Boating Division at 860-434-8638 or visit: [www.ct.gov/deep/cleanmarina](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cleanmarina).

## 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 antifouling 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.

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

## 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. Visit [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. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency website at <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/vwd/vsdmsd.cfm>.

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: Peconic 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: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/ndisrcrg/> for a list of NDAs in New England waters.

# Registration & Titling

## Vessel Titling has Come to Connecticut, January 1, 2016

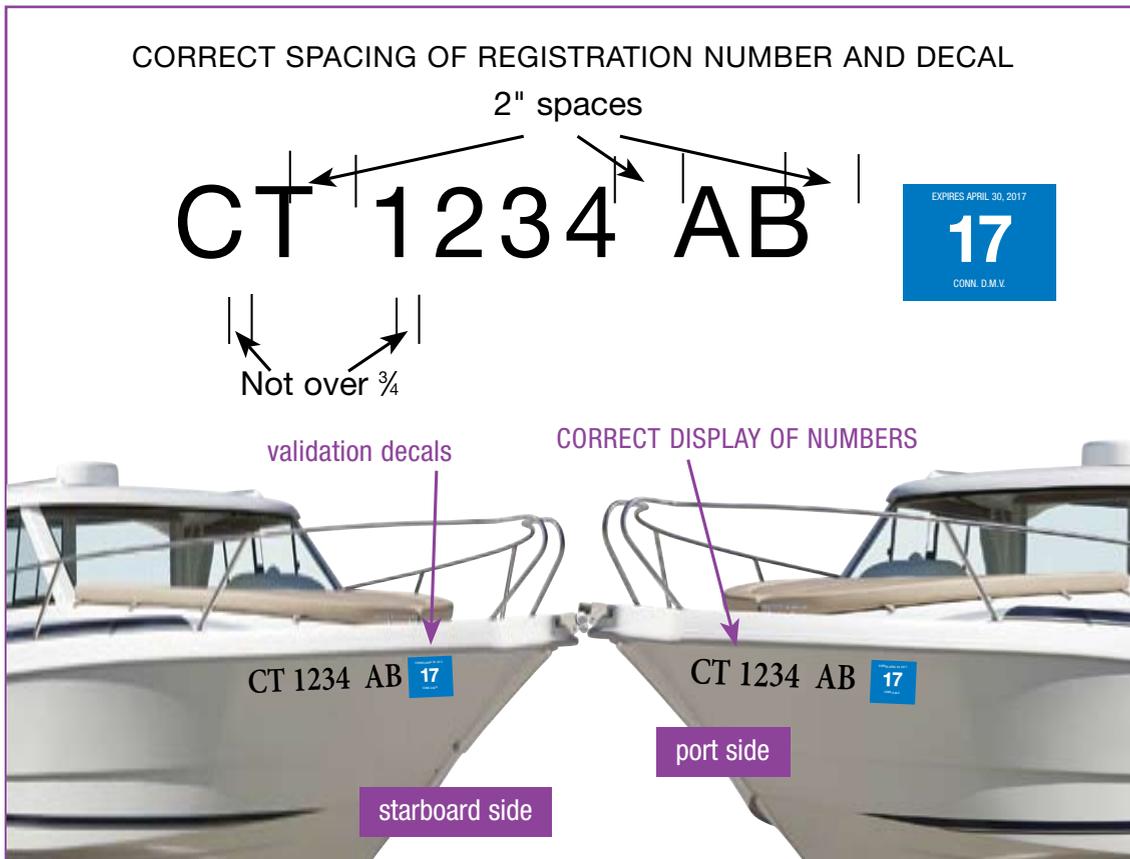
### Public Act 14-63

As of January 1, all motoboats and all sailboats 19.5 feet in length or longer are required to be titled through the Department of Motor Vehicles IF:

- They have a model year or construction date of 2017 or later; and
- They are registered in Connecticut where Connecticut is identified as the state of principal use; and
- They are NOT documented with the United States Coast Guard or titled in another state.

The fee for titling a vessel is \$25.

Watch for more information on the DEEP and DMV websites!



Registration 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 19 1/2 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; and
- 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. 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.) Visit [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv) and search "watercraft registration" for more information.

## Position of Registration Number and Validation Decals

The Registration Number must be at least three 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.

## 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 boating certificate that is recognized by Connecticut 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.

Out-of-state residents or nonresident 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 Test 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 registered vessels manufactured after October 1, 1972, that do not have a HIN should call the Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

## Boat Rentals

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

## 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. In the case of an address change, keep your Certificate of Number on the boat after updating the address on the back of the certificate.

**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

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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 six 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 waterskier 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 waterskier.

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 waterskier.

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 March 9, 2004, 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 March 9, 2004, may operate a personal watercraft by themselves, although the DEEP recommends that a person 18 years or older who has a certificate accompany them.

**No person under the age of 16 may operate a vessel that is engaged in recreational towing activity, such as water-skiing or tubing.**

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 two years.

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

Owners who knowingly permit an underage child 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.

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

As of October 1, 2015, only persons 16 years of age or older may operate a vessel that is engaged in recreational towing activity, including waterskiing and tubing. Operators of towing vessels engaged in towing activity must have a "Safe Waterskiing Endorsement" issued by the Commissioner of the DEEP, unless they received one of the certificates listed below prior to October 1, 2015. Only operators with a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, US Coast Guard license, or a boating license from NY, NH, MA, or RI may operate a vessel engaged in recreational towing activity.

Beginning October 1, 2015, all approved classes that lead to certification will include instruction regarding safe-waterskiing, and students will gain their endorsement automatically at the time their Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation is issued. For those persons with a US Coast Guard License or a boating license from a reciprocal state who received their license after October 1, 2015, and who wish to gain a Safe Waterskiing Endorsement in order to allow them to operate a vessel that is engaged in recreational towing, an online class is available through the DEEP website. There is no fee to take the class but there will be a fee to take the examination that leads to endorsement at the end of the class. This online class is also available and recommended for those who wish to update their waterskiing safety skills. Because these persons are not required to take the examination, they will not pay a fee.

Waterskiing includes the towing of any person behind a vessel under power, such as waterskiing, tubing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, etc.

In Connecticut, waterskiers are required by law to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while engaged in waterskiing, except for those skiers who are engaged in barefoot waterskiing and are wearing a specifically designed "barefoot wetsuit" and those skiers who are engaged in trick waterskiing and are wearing standard double trick skis at least eight 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

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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 waterskier. The waterskier, 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 waterskier's tow handle is 100 feet. No elastic component may be part of the towline. Except when the vessel is engaged in towing a waterskier 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 waterskier are responsible for operating in a manner which does not harm or strike another person or vessel. Waterskiing is forbidden between 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, waterskiing 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 waterskiing 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 waterski 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 waterskiers, are prohibited in Connecticut.

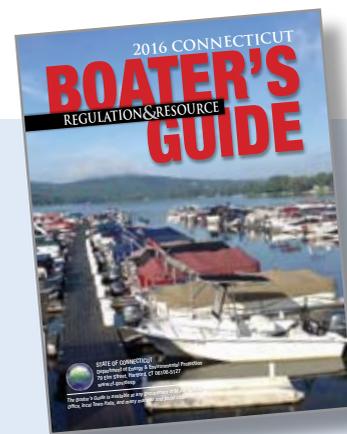
A wing-in-ground (WIG) effect vessel must be approved by the DEEP before operating recreationally and by the U.S. Coast Guard before operating for commercial or for research purposes.

## Marine Event Permits

On state 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 [www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp](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.



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3. You can be fined \$440

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For more information about Connecticut's new Abandoned Boat law (CGS Section 15-140c) please go to:

[www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats](http://www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats)

### The abandoned boat law has been changed!

PUBLIC ACT 14-57 An Act Concerning Abandoned Vessels (effective January 1, 2015)

Under the new law a boat is abandoned when it is:

- Free floating and unattended for more than 24 hours;
- Left on property without permission for more than 24 hours;
- **Left at a mooring without payment;**
- Left at a commercial facility for over a year without payment; and
- **Improperly registered and left on the waters of the state.**

If you are dealing with an abandoned boat:

1. Submit a Notice of Abandoned Vessel to the Commissioner along with a \$20 processing fee,
2. Wait 45 days
3. If the owner does not collect the boat in 45 days, you will be issued a Notice of Assumed Ownership. You can then do what you wish with the boat.

Complete instructions, rules, and necessary forms are available online at [www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats](http://www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats).

### WARNING TO ABANDONERS!

Fines for abandoning a boat will now range from \$300 to \$500, under this law you are liable for all costs associated with processing the abandoned boat.



MOORING FLOAT WITH BUILT IN DECK RING AND FENDER

Our new Mooring Floats are 24" OD x 2.5" ID x 12" HT with built in deck ring and fender. Mooring Floats are guaranteed for 12 years for color and net buoyancy. The cost per hull with hardware is \$230. 00. This equates to a nominal \$19.16 per year!

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## TUBING SAFETY TIPS

Tubing is a great water sport. Please remember that riders do not have the directional control that water skiers have. Take these special precautions to ensure fun.

- Riders are required to wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- By law you must have an observer at least 12 years old to watch for tuber safety.
- Make sure the vessel operator, observer and tubers are alert and sober.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations – regarding capacity in terms of passenger weight, number of riders, age limit and maximum towing speeds.
- Securely fasten the line – use a heavy duty line designed for towing tubes; check condition regularly.
- Know the area ahead of time – maintain a safe distance between the tube and other boats, piers and floating platforms.
- Learn how to balance weight – properly position tubers based on the tube's characteristics; some ride better with weight back, some need tubers to ride belly down.
- Turn off the engine and count to 10 before allowing a person into the water – the propeller continues to spin after the engine is shut off.
- Make sure the tuber and the observer understand and communicate hand signals; always listen to the tuber; use the spotter – the boat operator should not be watching the tuber.
- Use caution when making turns – tube speed increases during a turn and riders can fall off or be thrown; never have the tuber on the inside of a turn; plan ahead of the turn to make sure tube will have room to safely pass other boats or docks.
- Slow the boat speed when needed – when crossing wakes to avoid back injuries; when pulling more than one tube (and be extra vigilant) to prevent tuber collisions.
- Approach with caution on the operator side of the boat into the wind or current – then turn the engine off; keep engine off for re-boarding.
- Never back up to a person or allow them to use the propeller to re-board.
- Securely stow all gear and tube – at the end of the day before throttling up; never have the observer coil the line for tube if the boat is in gear and the tube is still in the water or has any chance of flying out of the boat.
- Vessel operator should ensure that all participants are not entangled in the tow line prior to accelerating.

For additional safe waterskiing information and our online waterskiing course, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating).

## Personal Watercraft Restrictions

Personal Watercraft are subject to the following operation restrictions (for age restrictions, see page 25):

- 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 200 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 waterskiing to take off or land.
  - No person shall operate a personal watercraft towing a waterskier without satisfying the Safe Waterskiing Endorsement requirements (See page 8) and no person shall waterski 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 waterskier must obey all other waterski rules.
  - No person operating a personal watercraft shall cross or jump the wake of another vessel, when within 100 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 flotation device in a manner which will shut off the engine in the event the operator is ejected from the personal watercraft while underway.

## 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.boats4causes.org](http://www.boats4causes.org)
- **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.

**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	15-135(c)	Operating a vessel within one hundred feet of SCUBA flag	75.00
15-129(a)(1)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding personal flotation devices	75.00	15-139(b)	Violation of boating safety regulations	80.00
15-129(a)(1)	Failure to comply with federal requirements for personal flotation devices and children	75.00	15-140b	Illegal marine parade, regattas, races	80.00
15-129(a)(3)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding backfire flame controls	75.00	15-140d	Illegal obstruction to navigation or public use of waters	80.00
15-129(a)(4)	Defective muffling device	75.00	15-140e	Illegal operation of boat without a certificate or operators license	120.00
15-129(a)(5)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding fire extinguishers	75.00	15-140e(f)	Unauthorized operation of a vessel engaged in water skiing	140.00
15-129(a)(6)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding sound signals devices	75.00	15-140g	Failure to carry boating operation certificate	120.00
15-129(a)(7)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding visual distress signals	75.00	15-140h	Illegal operation of a boat by a person less than 12 years old	80.00
15-129(c)	Exceeding permitted noise level	220.00	15-140j	Permitting person less than 16 years old to operate a personal watercraft without a certificate	120.00
15-129(e)	Failure to comply with order re noise test (1st offense)	435.00	15-140(g)	Failure to have certificate of personal watercraft operation on board while operating such watercraft	80.00
15-129(e)	Failure to comply with order re noise test (subsequent offense)	535.00	15-140(h)	Permitting passenger to ride in front of operator of personal watercraft	80.00
15-129(h)	Altered or removed muffler	120.00	15-140m	Reckless boating, second degree	120.00
15-129(a)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding the use of navigation lights	75.00	15-144(a)	Failure to display registration decals	75.00
15-129(d)	Failure to comply with federal requirements regarding anchor lights	75.00	15-144(a)	Failure to carry vessel registration	75.00
15-131	Violation of rules from preventing collisions	75.00	15-144(c)	Failure to display vessel registration	75.00
15-132	Failure to help collision victim	120.00	15-144(h)	Illegal operation of vessel without number/registration (1st offense)	120.00
15-133(b)	Interference with navigation	120.00	15-146	Failure to report change of address	75.00
15-133(c)	Alteration of boat capacity label	220.00	15-147	Failure to report transfer, loss or theft of vessel	75.00
15-133(f)	Violation of boating regulations	75.00	15-149a(a)	Failure to make written report to DEEP of boating accident involving death, serious injury or disappearance	136.00
15-133(g)	Improper mooring to navigational aid	220.00	15-149a(a)	Failure to make written report to DEEP of boating accident involving property damage in excess of \$500	75.00
15-134(a)	Failure to have an observer while towing skier	80.00	15-153	Altering or defacing registration or certificate of number	75.00
15-134(b)	Skiing in prohibited area	80.00	15-154(b)	Failure to stop vessel or take to designated area upon command	75.00
15-134(c)	Illegal skiing in darkness	80.00	15-154(e)	Failure to reduce speed when passing stationary law enforcement or fire rescue vessel	70.00
15-134(d)	Reckless skiing	80.00	15-171	Discharging sewage in No Discharge Zone	up to 25,000.00
15-135(a)	Failure to use SCUBA flag, buoy or other device	75.00	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	95.00
			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

# BOATING REGULATIONS

## 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 eight-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, six 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 10 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 10 years may be: a fine between \$2,000 and \$8,000, suspension of boating privileges for life, three years (at least one 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 five 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. (Page 31)

**DRINK COUNTING METHOD**  
Blood Alcohol Content  
In A One Hour Period



1 oz.  
80 - 100  
Proof



12 oz.  
Beer



6 oz.  
Wine

NUMBER OF DRINKS							
Cust. Weight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
100 LBS	.036	<b>.076</b>	.105	.140	.180	.220	.250
125 LBS	.030	<b>.060</b>	.090	.120	.150	.180	.210
150 LBS	.025	.050	<b>.075</b>	.100	.120	.150	.170
175 LBS	.020	.040	.060	<b>.085</b>	.105	.130	.145
200 LBS	.016	.036	.050	<b>.070</b>	.090	.105	.120
225 LBS	.014	.028	.043	<b>.065</b>	.080	.100	.110

**REMEMBER:** The liver removes the equivalent of one ounce of 80 proof alcohol per hour. One ounce of 80 proof alcohol, 12 ounces of beer, or 6 ounces of table wine all have the same effect on the body. As a professional bartender, you **MUST** know your state's Blood Alcohol Content laws! All states have set their BAC to .08% as federally mandated.

**DISCLAIMER:** Counting drinks is an accepted method of determining a customer's BAC level. The server of alcohol **MUST** make a judgement based on counting drinks, as well as observing the customers behavior and appearance. The above chart will not be accurate if a customer has consumed alcohol prior to your serving them, or if the alcohol is not measured accurately. Professional Bartending Schools of America has developed the above chart as a guideline to help in determining the customers BAC level. The server of alcohol assumes all liability for their decisions in the serving alcohol. Professional Bartending Schools of America accepts no liability for any server's decision based on use of the above chart.



# BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE

Revised 6/2013

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION  
**BOATING DIVISION**



**SEND TO:**

P.O. BOX 280, OLD LYME CT 06371-0280  
(860) 434-8638 or FAX (860) 434-3501

POLICE DEPARTMENT NAME AND CASE NO. (If any)

The operator of a vessel used for recreational purposes is required to file a report in writing within 48 hours whenever an accident results in loss of life, disappearance from a vessel or injury which requires medical attention beyond first aid. If total damage to all property is in excess of \$500, a report must be filed within 5 days. Reports shall be submitted to the commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection at the above address. If the operator is unable to report the accident, the boat owner or survivor of the accident should prepare the report. Any person violating these requirements is subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

### YOUR BOAT INFORMATION (Vessel # 1) COMPLETE ALL BLOCKS (Indicate those not applicable by "N/A")

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OPERATOR	AGE	D.O.B.	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON THIS BOAT <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 10 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 100 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Over 500 hours		OPERATOR'S FORMAL BOATING INSTRUCTION (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> State Course <input type="checkbox"/> USCG Aux. Course <input type="checkbox"/> US Power Squadrons <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	OPERATOR'S PHONE NUMBER			OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON OTHER BOATS <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 10 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 100 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Over 500 hours		
	OPERATOR'S SAFE BOATING OR PWC CERTIFICATE #					

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER				RENTED BOAT? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON BOARD	NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING TOWED
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REGISTRATION NUMBER	STATE	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	BOAT NAME
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TYPE OF VESSEL		HULL MATERIAL	ENGINE TYPE	PROPULSION	LENGTH ft. in.	BEAM (Width) ft. in.	YEAR BUILT
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Auxillary Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin Motorboat <input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Open Motorboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Paddlecraft <input type="checkbox"/> PWC <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Rowboat <input type="checkbox"/> Sail ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Pod Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Sterndrive	<input type="checkbox"/> Propeller <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Water Jet <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Air Thrust <input type="checkbox"/> Other	FUEL TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Electric		
		# ENGINE	TOTAL HP				

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON VESSEL

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES Number of Life Jackets Onboard: _____ Were USCG approved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Were They Used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Were They Accessible? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	HAS VESSEL HAD A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK WITHIN THE PAST YEAR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Given A VSC Sticker? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ORGANIZATION THAT CONDUCTED THE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> USCG Auxiliary <input type="checkbox"/> US Power Squadrons <input type="checkbox"/> DEP <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS Number of Fire Extinguishers: _____ Were They Used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

### ACCIDENT DETAILS

DATE OF ACCIDENT	TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	# VESSELS INVOLVED	NAME OF WATER BODY	EXACT LOCATION	NEAREST TOWN		
WEATHER CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Raining <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Hazy <input type="checkbox"/> Foggy <input type="checkbox"/> Snowing <input type="checkbox"/> Other		WAVE CONDITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Calm (Under 6in.) <input type="checkbox"/> Choppy (6in. - 2ft.) <input type="checkbox"/> Rough (2ft. - 6ft.) <input type="checkbox"/> Very Rough (over 6ft.)	WIND <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Light (0 - 12 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (12- 25 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Strong (25- 55 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Stormy (over 55 mph)	VISIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair TIME OF DAY <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Night	AIR TEMP °F WATER TEMP °F	STRONG CURRENT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No CONGESTED WATERS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	ESTIMATED SPEED <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 mph <input type="checkbox"/> 11 -20 mph <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 40 mph <input type="checkbox"/> Over 40 mph <input type="checkbox"/> None

OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Cruising (underway under power) <input type="checkbox"/> Changing Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Changing Speed <input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing <input type="checkbox"/> At Anchor <input type="checkbox"/> Tied to Dock / Mooring <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing / Paddling <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting <input type="checkbox"/> Being Towed <input type="checkbox"/> Towing Another Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Launching <input type="checkbox"/> Docking / Undocking <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (list)	OPERATOR/PASSENGER ACTIVITIES (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recreational</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input type="checkbox"/> White Water Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Tubing <input type="checkbox"/> Waterskiing <input type="checkbox"/> Starting Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Making Repairs <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (list)	ACCIDENT EVENTS (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Collision w/ Recreational Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Collision w/ Commercial Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Collision w/ Fixed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Collision w/ Floating Object <input type="checkbox"/> Collision w/Submerged Object <input type="checkbox"/> Sinking <input type="checkbox"/> Grounding <input type="checkbox"/> Capsizing <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding / Swamping <input type="checkbox"/> Fire / Explosion (Fuel) <input type="checkbox"/> Fire / Explosion (Non- Fuel) <input type="checkbox"/> Person Electrocuted <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Monoxide Exposure <input type="checkbox"/> Person Struck By Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Person Fell Overboard <input type="checkbox"/> Person Struck By Propeller <input type="checkbox"/> Person Fell On/Within Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden Medical Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Mishap of Skier, Tuber, wake brd <input type="checkbox"/> Person Left Vessel Voluntarily <input type="checkbox"/> Person Ejected from Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Use <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Use <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Speed <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Anchoring <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Loading <input type="checkbox"/> Overloading <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Lookout <input type="checkbox"/> Operator Inattention <input type="checkbox"/> Operator Inexperience <input type="checkbox"/> Language Barrier <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation Rules Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to Vent <input type="checkbox"/> Ignition of Fuel or Vapors <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery Failure (check applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Failure (check applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> People on Gunwale/Bow/Transom <input type="checkbox"/> Force of Wake/Wave <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Weather <input type="checkbox"/> Hull Failure <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Turn <input type="checkbox"/> Starting in Gear <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Vision (e.g., fog) <input type="checkbox"/> Missing/Inadequate Aids to Nav. <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate On-Board Nav. Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Dam/Lock <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Engine <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Sys. <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Sys. <input type="checkbox"/> Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Throttle <input type="checkbox"/> Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Sail/Mast <input type="checkbox"/> Seats <input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Equipment (e.g., horn, whistle) <input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Nav. Aids (e.g., GPS) <input type="checkbox"/> Steering <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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**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**

More than 90 percent of boating fatalities could have been avoided by wearing a life jacket:

- 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 36), 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 life jackets 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 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 three daytime and three 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 three daytime and three nighttime signals, or three 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

- For information about the disposal of marine flares, contact the Education Section of the Boating Division (860-434-8638).
- Take advantage of our “Flare Days”. Learn the proper way to shoot off flares. Watch your local newspapers for site locations and times.

## Fire Extinguishers

- Fires involving burning wood, fabrics and paper (Type A) can be put out with water.
- Most boat fires consist of burning flammable liquids such as oil or gasoline (Type 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. Electrical fires can be put out with a Type C extinguisher.
- 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 has not 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.

**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.**

# Attention Boaters

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Fill out this survey and return to the address below or take the survey online.



All survey participants will be entered to

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an inflatable life jacket.

**1) How long have you been boating?**

- Not a Boater    1-3 Years    4-6 Years  
 7-10 Years    10 or Greater

**2) What kind of boat do you have?**

- Paddlecraft    Pontoon Boat    Sailboat    Powerboat

**3) How do you use your boat?**

- Fishing    Day Trips    Cruising    Family Activities    Water Sports    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Where do you keep your boat in the summer?**

- Trailer    Slip    Mooring    Own Dock    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5) Where do you use your boat?**

- Coastal CT    Inland CT Lakes & Rivers    Other States in New England    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6) Do you belong to an organization that teaches boating safety?**

- Local Club    US Power Squadrons    USCG Auxiliary    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**7) Have you seen this guide previously?**    Yes    No

**8) What did you like best about this guide?**

What section do you use MOST \_\_\_\_\_ LEAST? \_\_\_\_\_

**How often do you reference the guide?**

- Annually    Periodically Through Summer    Every Few Years    Never

**9) What would you like to see improved or changed in this free guide?**

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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 flametight connection and is required to be Coast Guard Approved or comply with SAEJ-1928 or UL1111 standards and marked accordingly.			
<b>Ventilation</b> Boats built before Aug. 1, 1980	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</b> Boats built on or after Aug. 1, 1980	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 waterskis, etc. Check label if using Type V.	One approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board or being towed on waterskis, etc.; and, in addition, one throwable Type IV device. (Type IV not required for canoes and kayaks.) Check label if using Type V.		
<b>Sound-Producing Devices</b> – Whistle See page 20	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</b> (Must say Coast Guard Approved)	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.				

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116db at 1 meter
- (1) Handheld Orange Smoke Signal - U. S. Coast Guard Approved Daytime Signal  
Average burn time: Up to 1 minute each
- (1) 1.5 oz. Mini Horn
- (1) Signal Mirror - Non-corrosive material  
Includes view finder and lanyard
- Floating Neoprene Storage Case - Highly visible international orange, protects signals during storage

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## 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.

## Trailer Your Boat

The DMV has laws relative to boat trailers. Each trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 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 8,000 pounds, the brakes shall be capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle.

**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 Transportation.**

## 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 waterskiiers.

## Spill Information

Section 22a-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires the master of any ship, boat, barge or other vessel or the operator of any vehicle or trailer or other machine which causes the discharge of oil or petroleum or other substance to the waters of the state to immediately report such facts to:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Emergency Response Unit, 860-424-3338 or toll free 1-866-DEP-SPIL (1-866-337-7745), 24 hours/day. Should these numbers become unavailable for any reason, call 860-424-3333.

You will need to be prepared to report such information as:

- the location;
- the quantity and type of substance, material or waste;
- the date and the cause of the incident;
- the name and address of the owner; and
- the name and address of the person making the report and his relationship to the owner.

Note: Unless specifically requested, the DEEP does not require a written submission when reporting a spill.

## Penalties

Any person who fails to report incidents as required by Chapter 446k, Section 22a-450 may be fined not more than \$1,000 and the employer of such person not more than \$5,000.

## 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 Boater and receive a free spill kit. To schedule a safety check, call Jerry Desmond at 860-434-8638.



## 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 Kate Brown at 860-447-4340 or e-mail: [kate.brown@ct.gov](mailto:kate.brown@ct.gov) for program information.

## Help stop the spread of invasive species, become a volunteer ramp monitor

The DEEP Boating Division is recruiting volunteers to participate in our Invasive Investigator Program in an effort to keep our waters clean and stop the spread of aquatic weeds and animals into the lakes and rivers of Connecticut. Volunteers are needed to work at their local boat ramps to educate boaters on how to find aquatic invasives on their boats and steps to clean and prevent any unintentional spread of these hitchhikers.

All ramp monitors will receive training to recognize local invasive species, learn how to conduct a voluntary inspection and provide instructions regarding data collection. Volunteers will be under the local supervision of the lake or pond organization with whom they register and training will be held locally. For more information, contact Gwendolynn Flynn, Invasive Investigator Program Coordinator at 860-447-4339 or email: [gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov](mailto:gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov).

Help DEEP protect Connecticut's waters!

# LOCAL REGULATIONS & ACCESS

Regulations 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.

s. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than seven feet and under the control of their owner or keeper. The person responsible for the dog must hold the leash at all times. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the proper use of dogs while in the act of hunting, however, all dogs may be prohibited on any area or during any time period when so posted by the Department.

## Local Regulations and Public Boat Launches

**NOTE:** Floating docks, where provided, will be installed no later than April 15 and the removal process will begin no earlier than November 15, 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>

- State boat launches are not plowed.
- 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.
- Respect local and state regulations and ordinances regarding vessel speeds and safety requirements.
- Vehicle speed in boat launches is 10MPH
- **Unless posted; parking spaces are for car w/trailers, or cars but only if single car spaces are full. Groups should park multiple cars in trailered spaces.**

TOWNS WITH ACCESS TO LONG ISLAND SOUND (TIDAL WATERS)

**Branford -  
Branford River**

**38 Goodsell Point Road, Branford**  
**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 spaces.



**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 spaces.



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**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 spaces.



**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 spaces.



**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. Waterskiing 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:** Slow-no-wake in the following Darien waters: Noroton Bay, Noroton (Darien) Harbor, Ziegler's Cove, Scott Cove, Tokeneke Beach Cove, Five Mile River and near the Fish Islands. Rafting of more than three (3) vessels prohibited.

**East Haddam -  
Connecticut River**

**117E Haddam Moodus Road, East Haddam**  
**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 spaces.



**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 spaces.



**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, waterskiing 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.



**Essex**

**Regulations:** Middle Cove and all fairways, mooring areas and anchorages in Essex — waterskiing 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 waterskiing. 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**

**150 Bayberry Lane, Groton**  
**Launch:** I-95, Exit 87, Rte. 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway) which becomes Shenecossett 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 spaces.



**Groton -  
Bluff Point**

**44 Depot Road, Groton**  
**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 spaces.



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# LOCAL REGULATIONS & ACCESS

## TOWNS WITH ACCESS TO LONG ISLAND SOUND (TIDAL WATERS)

### Groton - Mystic River

**600 River Road, Groton**  
**Regulations:** Slow-No-Wake: (Area 1) Between the entrance to the Mystic Harbor and Red Navigation Marker #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 spaces.



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

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

### Groton - Stonington

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

### Groton - Thames River

**58 Fairview Avenue, Groton**  
**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 spaces.



### Guilford - East River

**168 Circle Beach Road, Guilford**  
**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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### Haddam - Connecticut River - Haddam Meadows State Park

**2 Island Dock Road, Haddam**  
**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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### Ledyard - Thames River

**1942 Route 12, Ledyard**  
**Regulations:** See New London-Norwich, Thames River. **Launch:** Stoddard Hill. West side of Rte. 12 in Ledyard. East side of Thames River. **Parking:** 20 spaces.



### Lyme

**154 Ferry Road, 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 spaces.



### Madison - Hammonasset Beach State Park (Meigs Point) Hammonasset State Park, Madison

**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 spaces.



### 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 waterskiing 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;

(2) the channel east of Nells Island and all channels, creeks or waterways within the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, including Nells Island;

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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 spaces.



### New London - Norwich - Thames River

**1 State Pier Road, New London**

**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 spaces.



### 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 #10 to Round Beach to Calf Pasture Beach); and within 300 feet of Calf Pasture Beach.

### Old Lyme - Four Mile River

**99 Old Cart Path, Old Lyme**

**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 spaces.



### Old Lyme - Great Island

**99 Smith Neck Road, Old Lyme**

**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 spaces.



### Old Lyme - Lieutenant River

**17 Shore Road, Old Lyme**

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



### Old Saybrook - Baldwin Bridge

**220 Ferry Road, Old Saybrook**

**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 spaces.



### 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 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise on all days of the year.

(B) A 30 mph limit from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 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 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 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 vessels permitted within 100 feet of Cummings Park fishing pier. Slow-No-Wake (1) in Cove Island Channel, (2) in Westcott Cove west of a line extending from the jetty separating the two beaches at Cummings Park to the easternmost point of Shippan Point Peninsula, and (3) in Stamford Harbor north of the east and west breakwalls, except for a corridor adjacent to and immediately north of the west breakwall, as marked. The map can be viewed at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating)

### Stratford

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



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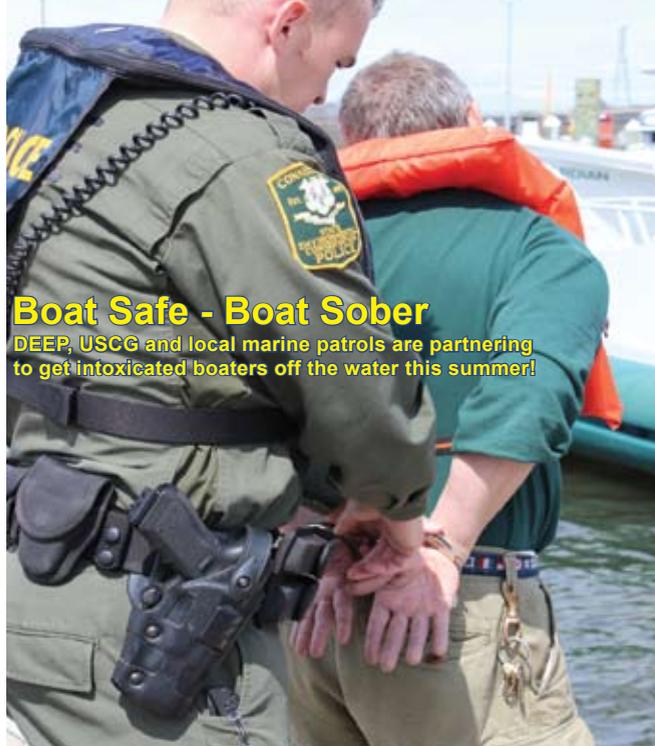
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**Stonington**

(End of) Palmer Neck Road, 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 #5 (the end of the breakwater) to fixed Red Navigation Aid #8. No waterskiing within Stonington Harbor and within the waters north of a line running from red and green buoy "SP" to buoy "2" to the northwest tip of Sandy Point to Edwards Point. **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 spaces.



**Westbrook**

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

**Westport**

Elaine Road, Westport

**Regulations:** Saugatuck River, Bermuda Lagoon, Shorehaven Marsh, harbors and congested areas – 5 mph limit. No waterskiing 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 spaces.



**Wethersfield**

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

**Windsor - Connecticut River**

265 East Barber Street, Windsor

**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 spaces.



**Waterford**

1 Dock Road, 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 spaces.



**Waterford**

2nd Street, Waterford

**Regulations:** In Alewife Cove, 6 mph. Waterskiing 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 spaces.



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**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 (approximate 10 horsepower).

**Amos Lake**

**158 Preston Plains Rd., 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 spaces.



**Anderson Pond (Blue Lake)**

**441 Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, 56.6 acres**  
**Launch:** Access road west off Rte. 201. **Parking:** 8 spaces.



**Ashford Lake**

**Ashford, 50.8 acres.**  
**Regulations:** 10 mph limit, no water-skiing, no motors 8:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.  
**Public Access:** none.

**Avery Pond**

**45 Lynn Drive, 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 spaces.



**Babcock Pond**

**669 Middletown Road, 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 spaces.



**Ball Pond**

**9 Ball Pond Rd, 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 spaces.



**Bantam Lake**

**16 Palmer Road Morris, 947 acres.**  
**Regulations:** 6 mph limit in Nick's Cove. Boats towing waterskiers 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.  
**Launch:** CT Rte 209 to Palmer Road.  
**Parking:** 20 spaces



**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**

**(End of) Ballahack Road No. 1 East Haddam 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 waterskiers simultaneously. Vessels towing waterskiers 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:** 15 spaces.



**Batterson Park Pond**

**456 Alexander Road, New Britain 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 Finemann Rd., left onto Alexander Rd., launch on left.  
**Parking:** 25 spaces.



**Beach Pond**

**205 North Shore Road 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 spaces.



**Beachdale Pond**

**115 Ekonk Hill Road, 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 spaces.



**Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond)**

**483 Back Road 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 spaces.



**Beseck Lake**

**212 Baileyville Road 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 spaces.



**Bibbins Pond**

See Beaver Brook Pond, Windham.

**Bigelow Hollow State Park**

**(South End of) Bigelow Brook Road 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 spaces.



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## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS (Listed by Waterbody)

### Billings Lake

100 Billings Lake Road

North Stonington, 97.4 acres.

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



### Bishops Swamp

Andover, 53 acres.

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

### Black Pond

1690 East Main Street

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 spaces.



### Black Pond

100 Camp Road,

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 spaces.



### 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)

250 Hatch Hill Road,

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 spaces.



### Bolton Lake, Middle

251 Hatch Hill Road,

(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 spaces.



### Bolton Lake Lower

1025 Boston Turnpike,

(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 spaces.



### Bolton Notch Pond

520 Boston Turnpike

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 spaces.



### Breakneck Pond

Union, 91.7 acres.

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

### Burr Pond

699 Burr Mountain Road

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 spaces.



### Bush Pond

Ledyard/North Stonington.

**Regulations:** 5 mph limit, no waterskiing.

### Candlewood Lake

8 Forty Acres Mountain Road

Danbury, 5,064 acres.

**Regulations:** No registered vessels 26-ft or larger permitted unless authorized in advance by the Commissioner ([www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep)). Slow-No-Wake in Lattins Cove from the south end north 2,500 ft, and in Squantz Cove from the causeway south 2,500 feet. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 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 spaces.



### Candlewood Lake - Squantz Pond State Park

Old Bogus Road,

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:** 75 spaces.



### Cedar Lake

1 Bishop Road

Chester, 69.3 acres.

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



### Chatfield Hollow Pond

See Schreeder Pond, Killingworth.

### Cheshire

#### Town Park Ponds

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**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 spaces.



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### 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

50 Parsons Road, 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 DEEP and Northeast Utilities. **Parking:** 20 spaces.



### Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug)

30 Cross Street, 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 spaces.



### 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

100 West Shore Road

Ellington/Stafford, 183 acres

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit sunset to 9 a.m. and on Sundays from noon until 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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### Day Pond

Colchester, 4 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

### Diamond Lake

Glastonbury, 30 acres.

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

### Dodge Pond

15 Lake Avenue Exd.

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 spaces.



### Dog Pond

160 Town Hill Road

Goshen, 65.8 acres.

**Launch:** Rte. 4, go 0.7 mile west of junction with Rte. 63, turn south onto West Street, take next right. **Launch** is 1.3 miles from Rte 4. **Parking:** 4 spaces.



### Dooley Pond

61 Brush Hill Road,

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 spaces.



### Eagleville Pond

30 Pine Lake Drive,

Coventry, 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 spaces.



### Gardner Lake

147 Old Colchester Road

Salem/Montville/Bozrah,  
529 acres.

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit from sunset to 8 a.m. Slow-No-Wake between Minnie Island and the eastern shore. **Launch:** Located east off Rte. 354 in Salem just north of Rte. 82. **Parking:** 54 spaces.



### Gay City Pond

Hebron, 2 acres.

**Regulations:** All vessels prohibited.

### Glasgow Pond

45 Hillview Heights

Grissold, 168 acres.

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



### Gorton Pond

95 Kevin Road

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 spaces.



### 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.

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### Green Falls Reservoir

**Green Falls Road, 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 spaces.



### Griggs Pond

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

### Halls Pond

**80 Kennerson Road, 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 spaces.



### 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

**400 Kenyon Road, 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 spaces.



### Hanover Pond

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

### Hatch Pond

**2 Bulls Bridge Road, 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 spaces.



### Hewitt Pond

**North Stonington, 3 acres.**  
**Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.



### Higganum Reservoir

**155 North Dish Mill Road, 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 spaces.



### Highland Lake

**297 West Lake Street, Winchester, 445 acres.**  
**Regulations:** 6 mph limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and 6 mph limit from 5:00 p.m. Sunday to 1/2 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 spaces.



### Hog Pond

See Uncas Lake, Lyme.

### Holbrook Pond

**142 Gilead Street, 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 conditions. **Parking:** 50 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### Hopeville Pond

**State Park**  
**844 Hopeville Road, 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 spaces.



### Horse Pond

**295 New London Road, 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 spaces.



### Housatonic River

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

### Howells Pond

**Dish Mill Road, 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 spaces.



### 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.



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**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)**

**342 East Shore Drive 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 spaces.



**Lake Housatonic Indian Well State Park**

**400 Indian Well Road, 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 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 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 spaces.



**Lake of Isles**

**Lake Isles Road, 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 spaces.



**Lake Kenosia**

**11 Kenosia Avenue, 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 spaces.



**Lake Lillinah**

**199 Main Street South 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 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. **Launch:** On north shore of lake on east side of Rte. 133. **Parking:** 50 spaces.



**Lake Lillinah (Pond Brook)**

**162 Hanover Road Newtown, 1,547 acres.**  
**Regulations:** Same as Lake Lillinah. **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 spaces.



**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 spaces.



**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 1/2 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 Wangumbaugh**

See Coventry Lake, Coventry.

**Lake Waramaug**

**Washington/Warren/Kent, 656 acres.**  
**Regulations:** From May 15 through September 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. **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 spaces (limited to 7 non-residents).



**Lake Waramaug State Park**

**30 Lake Waramaug Road, Kent, 656 acres.**  
**Regulations:** From May 15 through September 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. **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 spaces.



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# LOCAL REGULATIONS & ACCESS

## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS (Listed by Waterbody)

### 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.

### Leonard Pond

**74 South Kent Road, 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 spaces.



### Lake Wintergreen

#### West Rock

#### Ridge State Park

**29 Main Street,**

**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 200 feet from parking area.

**Parking:** 30 spaces.



### Little Pond

**23 Lakeview Street, 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 spaces.



### Long Meadow Lake

**Bethlehem, 120 acres.**

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

### 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 spaces.



### Mashapaug Lake Bigelow

#### Hollow State Park

**Bigelow Brook Road, 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 spaces.



### Messerschmidt Pond

**390 Stevenstown Road, Westbrook, 73 acres.**

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



### 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

**Camp Road,**

**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 spaces.



### Mono Pond

**120 Hunt Road,**

**Columbia, 113 acres.**

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



### Moodus Reservoir, Lower

**100 Mott Lane,**

**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 spaces.



### Moodus Reservoir, Upper

**3 Launching Area Road,**

**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 spaces.



### Lake Zoar

**290 Scout Road**

**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 spaces.



### Lantern Hill Pond

**734 Lantern Hill Road**

**Ledyard, 23.1 acres.**

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



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## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS (Listed by Waterbody)

### Moosup Pond

Plainfield, 95.8 acres.

**Regulations:** Vessels greater than 18 feet in length or motors greater than 10 hp prohibited.

### Morey Pond

731 Buckley Highway, 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 spaces.



### Mount Tom Pond - Mount Tom State Park

20 Mt. Tom Road, Litchfield 56.3 acres.

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



### Muddy Pond (Pond Factory)

Woodstock, 130 acres. **Regulations:** 5 hp limit.

### Mudge Pond (Silver Lake)

90 Silver Lake Shore Road 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 spaces.



### New Canaan Town Park Ponds

New Canaan.

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

### North Farms Reservoir

Leigus Rd., 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 spaces.



### Norwich Reservoir

Kenny Road, 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 spaces.



### Pachaug Pond

945 Voluntown Road, 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 spaces.



### 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

29 Blue Street, Winchester, 82 acres.

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



### Pattaconk Lake

Cedar Lake Road & State Forest Road, 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 spaces.



### Pattagansett Lake

290 Boston Post Road, 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 spaces.



### Pickerel Lake

165 Pickerel Lake Road, 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 spaces.



### Pierrepont Pond - Pierrepont State Park

60 Barlow Mountain Road, 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 spaces.



### Pine Acres Lake

37 Potter Road, 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 spaces.



### Plymouth Reservoir

180 North Street Plymouth, 39 acres.

**Regulations:** None. **Launch:** Rte. 6, north on North Street Launch is .8 of a mile on the right. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Plymouth. **Parking:** 13 spaces.



### Pond Factory

See Muddy Pond, Woodstock.

### Powers Lake

179 Whistletown Road, East Lyme, 144 acres.

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



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## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS (Listed by Waterbody)

**Quaddick Reservoir - Quaddick State Park**  
678 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson, 407.7 acres.  
Open April 15 through November 27, 8 a.m. to sunset. **Parking:** 6 spaces.



**Quinebaug Pond (Wauregan Reservoir)**  
75 Shepard Hill Road 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 spaces.



**Quonnapaug Lake**  
4240 Durham Road, 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 spaces.



**Rainbow Reservoir (Farmington River)**  
118 Merriman Road, 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 spaces.



**Rogers Lake**  
102 Grassy Hill Road, Old 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; 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 spaces.



**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**  
223 Ross Road, 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 spaces.



**Savin Lake**  
Lebanon, 49 acres.

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

**Parking:** 5 spaces.

**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 spaces.



**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 spaces.



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

**Silver Lake**  
282 Norton Lane, Berlin, 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 spaces.



**Somersville Mill Pond**  
Somers, 25 acres.

**Regulations:** 6 mph limit, no waterskiing.

**Squantz Pond State Park**  
Shortwoods Road, 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 DEEP-owned property outside of the launch area. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 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 spaces.



**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.

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## LAKES, PONDS AND INLAND STREAMS (Listed by Waterbody)

### Stillwater Pond

985 Norfolk Road,  
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 spaces.



### Suffield Town Park Ponds

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

### Tetreault Pond

Killingly.  
**Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.

### Tobey Pond

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

### Twin Lakes

State Boat Ramp Access Road,  
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 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 spaces.



### Tyler Lake

12 Park Road, 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 spaces.



### Uncas Pond

Kenny Road, 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 spaces.



### Wauregan Reservoir

See Quinebaug Pond, Killingly.

### West Branch Reservoir (Hogsback Reservoir)

Colebrook, 201 acres  
**Launch:** Rte. 8, east on Eno Road, then left on Durst Road. Launch is owned and operated by MDC. **Parking:** 30 spaces.



### West Hill Pond

Laurel Passaway,  
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 spaces.



### West Lake

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

### West Side Pond

330 West Side Road  
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 spaces.



### 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 spaces.



### 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 waterskiing.  
**Launch:** At south end of lake. Rte. 263, north on West Rd. Launch is on the right. **Parking:** 25 spaces.



### 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.

### 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

428 Ashpohtag Road,  
Norfolk, 145 acres.  
**Launch:** Rte. 44, north on Rte. 272, right onto Ashpohtag Rd., take first left to launch. Shallow pond. **Parking:** 12 spaces.



### Wyassup Lake

145 Wyassup Lake Road  
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 spaces.



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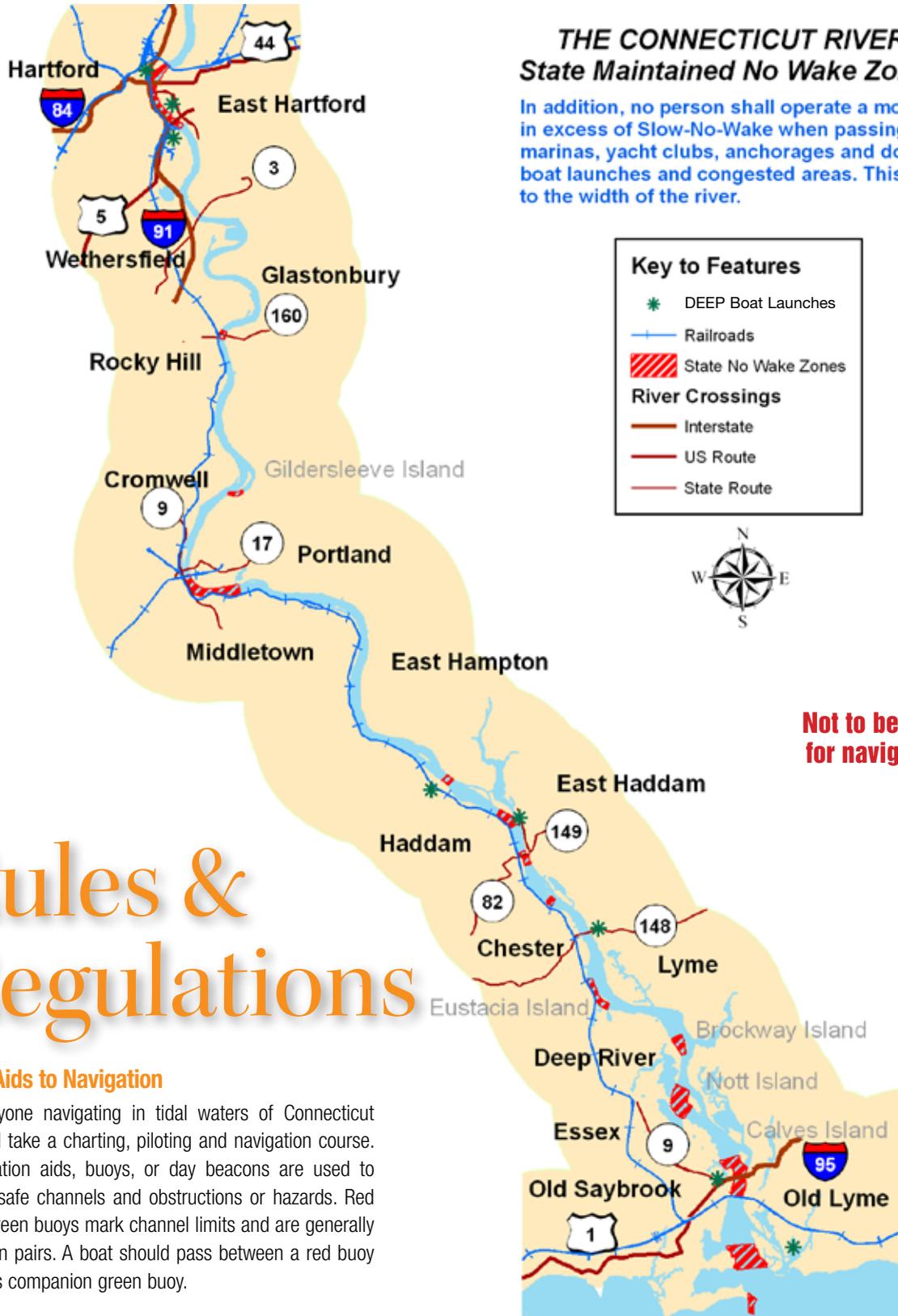
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In addition, no person shall operate a motorboat in excess of Slow-No-Wake when passing marinas, yacht clubs, anchorages and docks, boat launches and congested areas. This applies to the width of the river.



# Rules & Regulations

**U.S. Aids to Navigation**

Anyone 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.

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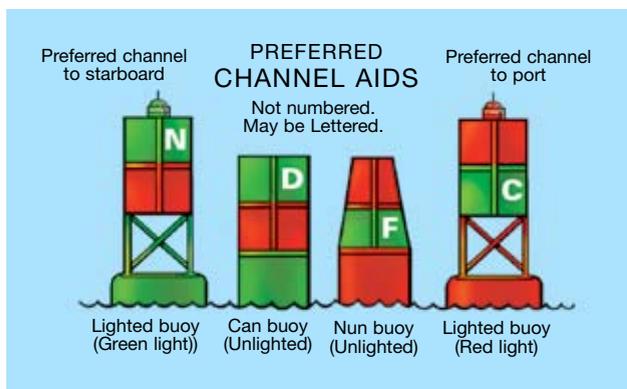
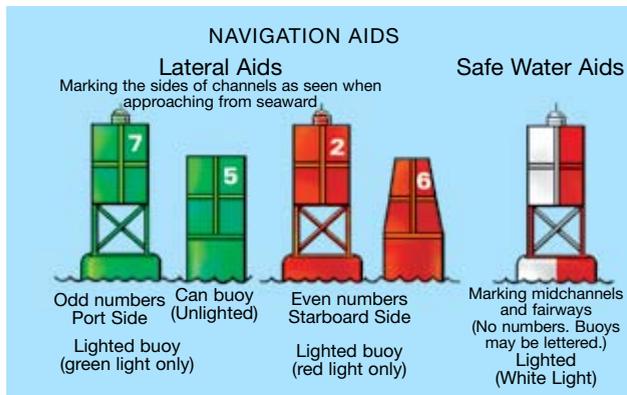
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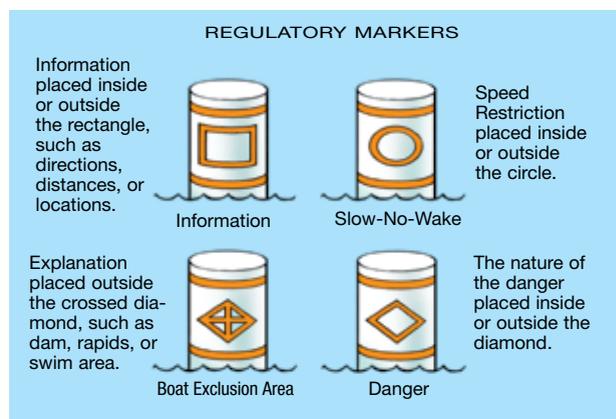
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## Marker (Buoy or Beacon) Permits

The placement of regulatory or navigational markers, or slalom course buoys/ jumps requires a permit from the DEEP. Regulatory markers denote swim areas, speed zones, and information or danger areas. Navigational markers designate channels. Markers must meet DEEP specifications regarding size, color, banding, symbols and wording. On tidal waters, a permit is required from both the DEEP and USCG. See the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) under Permits for details. \*NOTE: Permits for mooring buoys on tidal waters are issued by the Town, local Harbor Master, or the DEEP Office of Long Island Sound Programs, and on inland waters by the Town or an applicable power generating company.



## 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.

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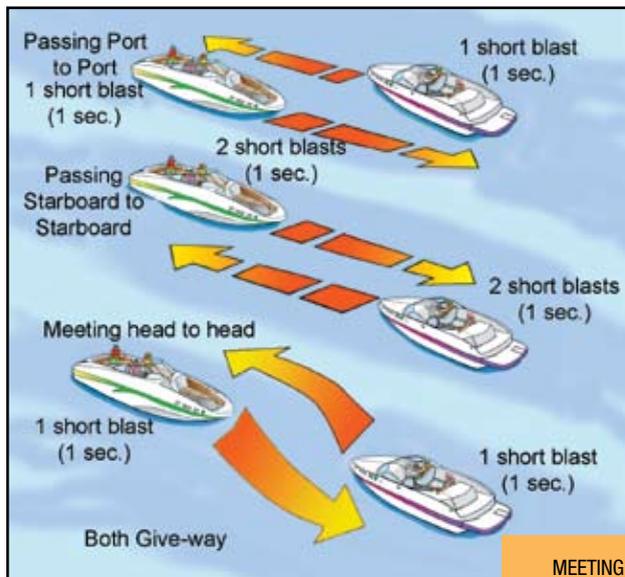


Sailing vessel

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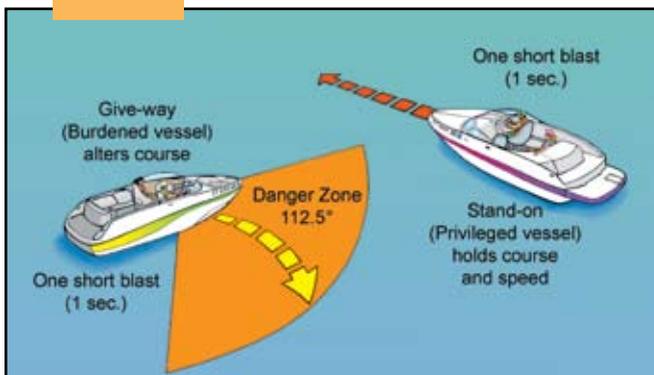
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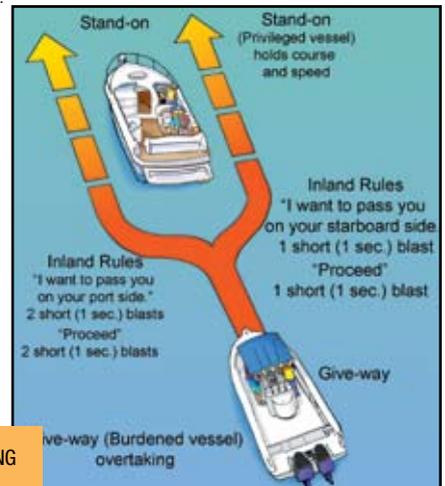
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### CROSSING



### 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.



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# RULES & REGULATIONS

## Bridges – What You Need to Know to Go

The raising and lowering of train and traffic bridges are regulated by the US Coast Guard. You need to understand some critical information to safely pass under these bridges:

- Bridge Clearance;
- Air draft (Vertical Clearance) of your vessel;
- Schedules for the Bridge; and
- Communicating with the Bridge.

Bridge clearance is the distance between the water surface and the lowest portion of the bridge over the channel. This distance is measured in feet and can be found on the chart that the bridge is shown. Bridge clearances are referenced at mean high tide, with clearances changing throughout the tidal cycle. At low tide there will be more clearance than at an above average high tide.

Many fixed and all moveable bridges will have a clearance gauge on each side of the bridge. This gauge will indicate the bridge clearance at the specific time you are passing under the bridge. Each gauge is installed on the end of the right channel pier or pier protection structure facing approaching vessels and extends to a reasonable height above high water so as to be meaningful to the viewer. Other or additional locations may be used under particular conditions or circumstances.

Air draft of a vessel or vertical clearance is amount of vertical space that the boat needs to pass safely under an object. This distance is measured from the boat's waterline to the top of the highest structural object on the boat. By federal regulation, movable antennas that are not essential to navigation and fishing poles cannot count in the measurement. They must be lowered. If after lowering all of the nonstructural and nonessential navigation components of your vessel, you still cannot pass under the bridge, you will need to contact the bridge tender.

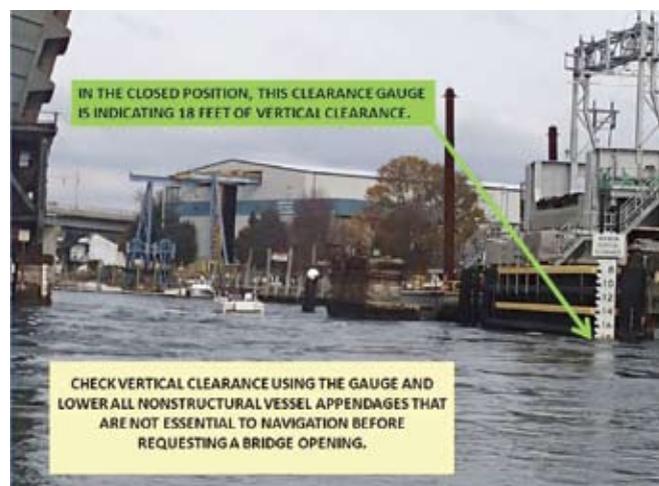
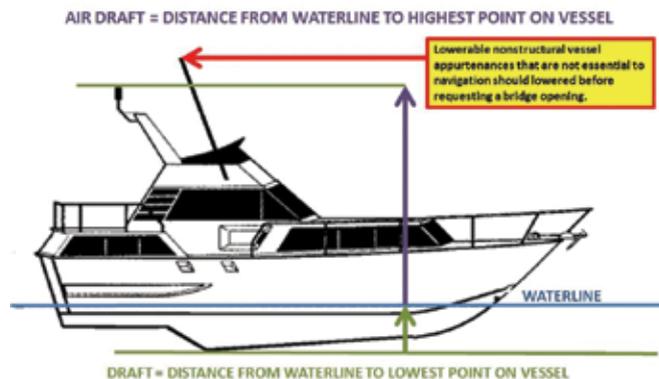
**Schedules for the Bridge:** Each movable bridge has its own opening schedule that is determined by federal regulation. You should be familiar with the schedule for the bridges that you will use. Their schedules are published in the USCG Local Notice to Mariners, cruising guides and other boating related publications. A good website is: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict&region=1>

Knowing the schedule will help you to plan your trip, but you will still need to make your intentions known to the bridge tender.



## Communicating with the Bridge

**Five Short Blasts:** If you hear this sound from the bridge, and



the bridge is open, it means the bridge is being closed. DO NOT TRY TO PASS through if you require an opening. The bridges are extremely heavy and are not easily stopped once the process has begun. WAIT for the next opening!

## Signaling the Bridge:

Moveable bridges must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request or signal to open is given. However, as discussed, there are bridges that have set opening and closing schedules to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic so you may have to wait.

There are several acceptable methods to contact the bridge tender to discuss scheduled openings and to request an opening. The best method is by **VHF marine radio via channel 13 using low power (one watt)**. The vessel and the bridge tender shall monitor the frequency used until the vessel has cleared the draw.

Using the radio, identify the name of the bridge (repeated three times) you need opened and the name and description of your vessel (eg. sailboat, 30 foot powerboat). Let the bridge tender know the direction you are headed and when you request the opening. When radiotelephone contact cannot be initiated or maintained, sound or

visual signals shall be used.

Sound signals shall be made by whistle, horn, megaphone, hailer, or other device capable of producing the described signals loud enough to be heard by the drawtender. The sound signal to request the opening of a draw is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded not more than three seconds after the prolonged blast.

If the tender can open the bridge immediately, the reply sound signal is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded within 30 seconds of the requesting signal.

When the draw cannot be opened immediately, the tender shall reply with five short blasts sounded in rapid succession within 30 seconds of the vessel's opening signal. The signal shall be repeated until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

The visual signal to request the opening of a draw is a white flag raised and lowered vertically or a white, amber, or green light raised and lowered vertically. The tender shall reply in kind if the bridge can be opened or raise a red flag or swing a red light back and forth horizontally in full sight of the vessel within 30 seconds of the vessel's opening signal or show a fixed or flashing red light(s) within 30 seconds of the vessel's opening signal and repeat until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

In areas where there is more than one moveable bridge, like New Haven Harbor, to eliminate confusion signals can vary. Checking the federal regulation cited above will provide those signals.

It is important to note that, the bridge tender shall take all reasonable

measures to have the draw opened, regardless of the operating schedule of the bridge, for passage of emergency vehicles, vessels or other emergency situations, provided this opening does not conflict with local emergency management procedures which have been approved by the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

For the five Amtrak movable Bridges, between May 15 and October 15, all bridges reopen immediately after trains pass and will close in sufficient time for approaching trains.

## QUICK GUIDE TO TRANSITING MOVABLE BRIDGES

- Know the vertical clearance of your vessel (air draft).
- Check the vertical clearance of the bridge.
- Lower any moveable nonstructural objects or gear (radio antennas, outriggers etc...) if necessary to pass without forcing a bridge opening. IT IS ILLEGAL TO REQUEST AN OPENING without first lowering non-structural gear.
- If an opening is required check for scheduled openings
- Signal or contact the drawtender to request an opening
- When the bridge opens, pass through the draw as soon as possible in order to prevent unnecessary delays in the closure of the draw.

**Do your part . . . know your vertical clearance.**

**Don't request unneeded openings.**

# DON'T BE LATE!

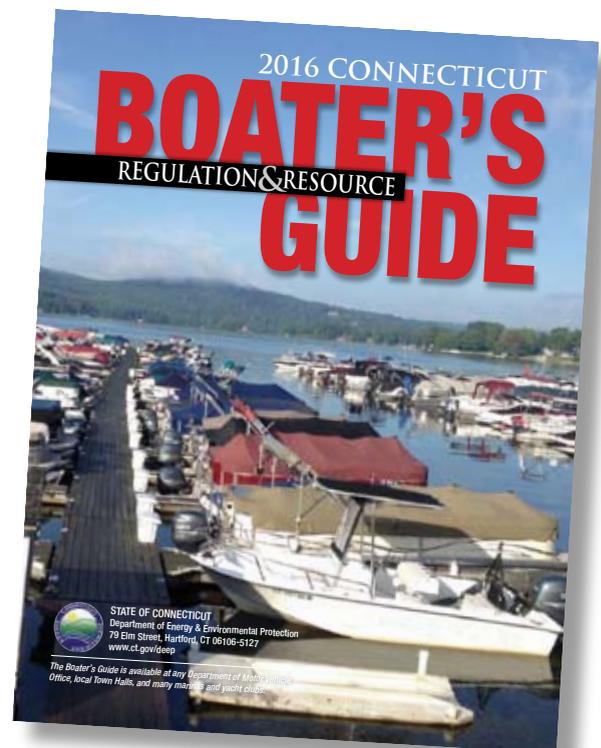
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## Homeland Security

Boaters 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 six 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

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

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

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

Print-on-Demand Charts and Historical Map and Chart Collections: [www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/csdl/ctp/abstract.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/csdl/ctp/abstract.htm)

National Ocean Service Data Explorer (formerly Mapfinder): [oceanservice.noaa.gov/dataexplorer/](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/dataexplorer/)

Chart No.1: Nautical Chart Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms: [www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm](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:

[www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html)

National Ocean Service (NOS)

For a complete list of all NOS websites, go to: [oceanservice.noaa.gov/](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&dotPNavCtr](http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1380&Q=259728&dotPNavCtr)

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**2016 Tide Table – Saybrook Point** HIGH TIDE PREDICTIONS BETWEEN 6:00 a.m. AND 7:00 p.m.  
 (Adjusted for daylight savings time) — 41.2833 N, 72.3500 W

Full Moon = ° | New Moon = •

## 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.

at Old Saybrook Jetty  
 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

### 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

### CONNECTICUT RIVER

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.

# 2016 SUN OR MOON RISE/SET TABLE

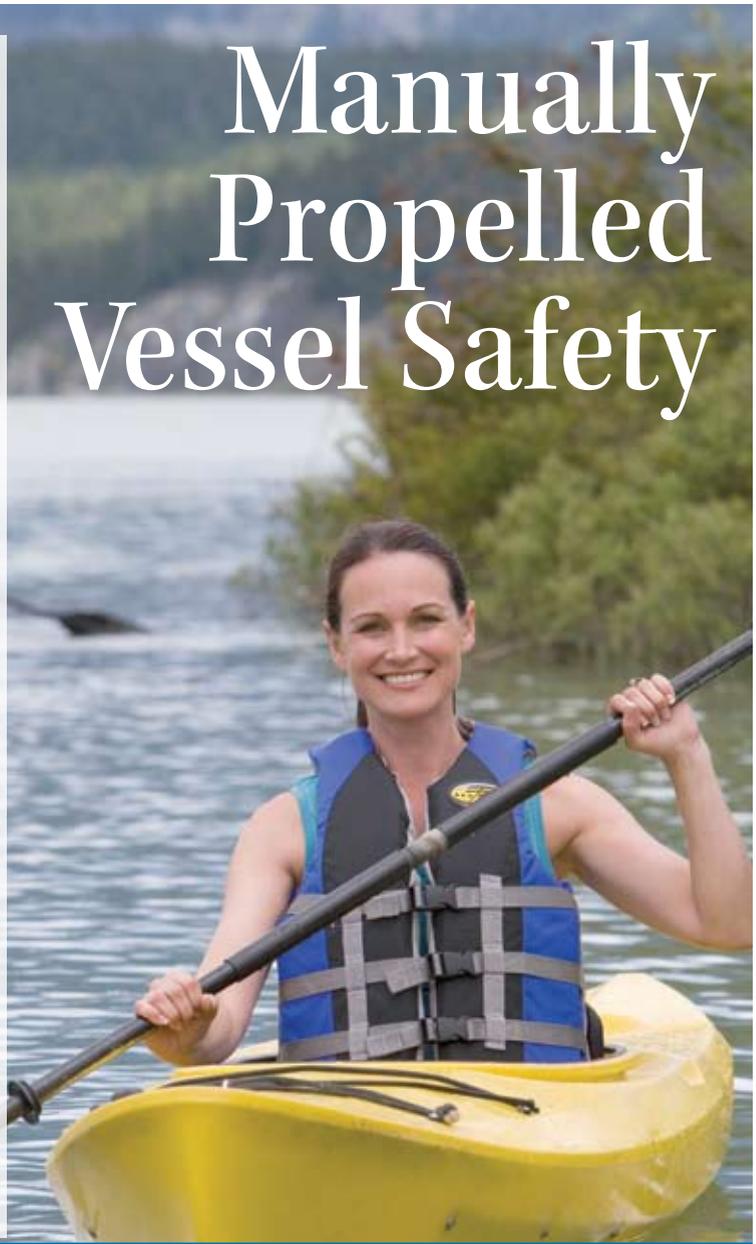
																								
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28	7:07	5:01	6:28	5:40	6:41	7:11	5:52	7:46	5:21	8:16	5:18	8:30	5:41	8:13	6:12	7:31	6:44	6:38	7:18	5:51	6:55	4:22	7:17	4:27
29	7:06	5:02			6:39	7:13	5:50	7:47	5:20	8:16	5:19	8:30	5:42	8:12	6:13	7:29	6:45	6:36	7:19	5:49	6:56	4:22	7:18	4:28
30	7:05	5:03			6:38	7:14	5:49	7:48	5:20	8:17	5:19	8:29	5:43	8:11	6:14	7:28	6:46	6:35	7:20	5:48	6:57	4:21	7:18	4:29
31	7:04	5:05			6:36	7:15			5:19	8:18			5:44	8:10	6:15	7:26			7:21	5:47			7:18	4:30

Eastern Standard Time approximate for Central Connecticut and adjusted for Daylight Saving Time.

# Manually Propelled Vessel Safety

- Wear Your Life Jacket! Is it the proper size and in good condition? There must be a wearable, proper sized life jacket aboard for each person. From October 1 through May 31, you **MUST** wear a life jacket (state law) when in a manually propelled vessel.
- Do not drink alcohol before or while paddling. Alcohol affects balance, coordination, and judgement.
- 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.
- 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 may protect you from 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.
  - Use an "If Found" sticker to identify your paddle craft. Doing so helps Search and Rescue responders determine if a true emergency exists, prevents unnecessary searches saving tax payers thousands of dollars in associated search cost, and enables the paddle craft to be returned to its rightful owner.

*See following page*



## Attention Stand-Up Paddle Boarders



In accordance with federal regulations, the U.S. Coast Guard has determined that a stand-up paddleboard (commonly referred to as a SUP) is a vessel when used "beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area." How does this affect you?

In Connecticut, when using a paddleboard outside of these defined areas above, you must follow all the rules that apply to manually propelled vessels. For your safety, you should be familiar with all the boating laws in Connecticut. The required safety equipment list for all vessel types can be found in the chart on page 36.

**Whether you are a seasoned paddleboarder or new to the activity, here are some tips that will help keep your trip enjoyable and safe:**

1. Wear a life jacket and carry a whistle at all times.
2. Know how to self rescue (get back on your SUP).
3. Understand the elements and hazards - winds, tidal ranges, current, terrain.
4. Know the local regulations and navigation rules. **DO NOT** paddle in main channels, high traffic or interfere with the passage of other boat traffic.
5. Tell someone where you are going - File a float plan.
6. Be defensive - You and your craft are difficult to see from many other boats.
7. Attach a "If Found Decal" to your SUP.
8. Take a safety course.
9. Know when to wear a leash.

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