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Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner

Dear Connecticut Boaters,

The famous American naturalist John Burroughs once said, “I go to nature to be soothed and healed and to have my senses put in order.” We continue to see the wisdom in this sentiment more than a century later as Connecticut’s residents and visitors continue to seek recreational outlets in our outdoor spaces in record numbers. For many, boating is the perfect way to live Burroughs’ words and escape the daily grind, connect with nature, and spend time with family and friends.

As stewards of Connecticut’s public lands and waters, it is DEEP’s responsibility to ensure that these outdoor recreational spaces are accessible to all of our residents and that everyone has the information they need to safely enjoy Connecticut’s waterways. The 2023 Boater’s Guide contains everything needed to find boating classes, select a local launch, identify required safety gear, and operate a vessel safely on our waters. We designed the guide to provide valuable information whether you are a novice or a veteran mariner.

While this guide is quite thorough, nothing beats timely and relevant boating content delivered in real time! I encourage you to follow our social media platforms where we provide important safety reminders and announce critical notices to boaters like real-time boat launch closures, water quality alerts, and urgent hazards to navigation. Our Boating Division can be found on Facebook (@Boating In Connecticut), Instagram (@ctdeep_boating), and Twitter (@CTBoatingInfo). Please join us!

Lastly, DEEP’s Boating Division is always looking for diverse and energetic employees to fill a number of key seasonal positions across the state. We seek candidates who are passionate about promoting boating safety with the public at our state boat launches. We provide training. If you are interested, please reach out to deep.boating@ct.gov or keep an eye on www.jobapscloud.com/CT/ for seasonal job postings throughout 2023.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Sincerely,

Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner
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a personal watercraft on Connecticut’s waters. 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.

After passing a boating course exam, always save the diploma for your records. You may need it to apply for your boating certificate in person or if your certificate is lost. Any person possessing a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO), or a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) must 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, for specific information concerning youth boaters).

Exceptions:

On inland waters of this state with a 10-horsepower motor restriction 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 carry the original license on board the recreational vessel they are operating.

Purchasing or Printing a Duplicate Boating Certificate

Connecticut Boating Certificates are now part of the Online Sportsmen Licensing System. Boaters will use this system to purchase or reprint their certificates. To reprint a boating certificate, please follow the steps below.

- Go to https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales
  - Under “Returning Customer”
  - Type in your Last Name and your Date of Birth
  - Select “Conservation ID”
  - Enter your Conservation ID and select the current year
  - Select “Finish Login”
  - Select “Click here to reprint your license”
  - Your certificate will need to be saved to your computer and then you can print a copy of your certificate for free

If you are new to the DEEP Sportsmen Licensing System, you will need to create a Connecticut Conservation ID number. This ID number is a unique number that is assigned to you and will be used for many of the DEEP products available for online purchasing and/or reprinting.
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Boaters may obtain a Coastal Boater Endorsement for their Safe Boating or Personal Watercraft Certificate by completing a course in coastal navigation. This class is above and beyond what is taught in a basic boating course which provides an introduction to boating safety. 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 Boating Education/Certification/Videos on our website, and click on the Connecticut Coastal Boater Endorsement Program.

For the Temporary Safe Boating Certificate, bring your original registration (in your name because the Temporary Certificate is issued to the person whose name is on the registration), a photo ID, and a $50.00 fee. For the Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you also need proof of successful completion of an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course. The fees are in addition to your permanent boating certificate and no person shall be issued more than one temporary certificate during his or her lifetime.

Approved Boating Courses

There are two types of DEEP approved basic boating courses offered throughout the state. They are the full eight-hour CPWO combination course for new boaters and the 2 1/2 hour Personal Watercraft course needed to upgrade an SBC to a CPWO or obtain a temporary CPWO. DEEP approved courses are offered by the DEEP, non-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. All DEEP approved boating courses must meet the same standards and time requirements regardless of which organization teaches the course.

For information concerning the dates, times, and locations of DEEP courses, please visit our website: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Education/Boating-Classes or call 860-434-8638.

A list of DEEP approved non-profit and for-profit organizations teaching courses can be found on the website as well.

Equivalency Examination

The Equivalency Examination is a multiple-choice test designed for individuals to take instead of the 8-hour course to qualify for a CPWO. The exam may only be attempted once and the DEEP recommends that all boaters take a class to ensure they are up to date with current boating laws.

Equivalent Examinations are offered only by the DEEP. Applications to register for the examination are available on the DEEP website: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Education/Boating-Classes or by calling the DEEP Boating Division at 860-434-8638. The examination fee is $75.00.

Obtaining a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement

On October 15, 2015, new water skiing laws took effect in Connecticut. To operate a vessel or personal watercraft on Connecticut waters that is towing a skier, tube, or has anyone riding the wake of the vessel, you must:

- Be 16 years old or older
- Have a valid boating certificate from either Connecticut, a reciprocal state (MA, RI, NY, NH), or (for boats only) a U.S. Coast Guard operator’s license
- Possess a Connecticut Safe Water Skiing Endorsement.

The Safe Water Skiing Endorsement is now part of all courses leading to a Connecticut boating certificate. Boat operators who successfully complete an approved DEEP boating course after October 1, 2015, will automatically receive a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement on their CPWO. Safe Water Skiing Endorsements cannot be issued to boaters holding a temporary SBC or CPWO. Boat operators who obtain a certificate or license from a reciprocal state or the US Coast Guard after October 1, 2015, can obtain a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement through an online

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Boat operators that received a permanent certificate from Connecticut or a reciprocal state prior to October 1, 2015, do not need to obtain a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement. It has been already added to their certificate.

Please visit https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Safety/Safe-Waterskiing-Endorsement for additional information regarding the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement and the online course.

**PWC Requirements**

Any person operating a personal watercraft must possess either a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by Connecticut, or a similar certificate issued by a reciprocal state. Connecticut recognizes certificates from MA, NH, NY, and RI for use upon our waters.

**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 non-motorized sailboat 19 ½ feet in length or longer. A physical copy of the certificate must be carried by the boat operator.

**Non-Resident Certificate Requirements**

Connecticut recognizes valid certificates, similar to the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, that are issued by reciprocal states (NY, MA, RI or NH). This applies to a non-resident even if they own real property in Connecticut. Once a person holding a certificate from a reciprocal state makes Connecticut their permanent residence, they must obtain a Connecticut boating certificate within 90 days of becoming a Connecticut resident.

**Reciprocity**

The Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation are accepted in many states. On Connecticut waters, the DEEP recognizes certificates from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island. The DEEP is expanding Connecticut’s reciprocity with other states, please check our website for updates. If you are boating in another state, please check that state’s regulations to avoid breaking the law.

Any person changing their residence from a reciprocal state to Connecticut may use their reciprocal boating certificate in Connecticut for 90 days after becoming a resident. Anytime during those 90 days, a person may use their certificate as evidence that they meet Connecticut’s boating education requirements and may purchase a Connecticut boating certificate.

**Boating Education Assistant Program**

Boating Education Assistants (BEAs) are seasonal employees with the DEEP Boating Division. They are stationed at state boat launches throughout the state during the boating season. At the launches, they perform the following duties:

- Conduct Vessel Safety Checks
- Show boaters how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
- Discuss clean boating techniques
- Encourage boaters to pledge to be Clean Boaters
- Assist with parking
- Help keep the launches clean.

If you encounter one of our BEAs, take them up on their offer for a safety inspection - it could save your life. For more information about this position, please visit our website at https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-Division-Seasonal-Job-Opportunities.

**Operators of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV or 6-Packs) in Connecticut**

To participate in a voluntary, No-Fault, No-Penalty safety examination for your vessel, please contact: USCG Sector Long Island Sound (203) 468-4437

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Let your passengers know your vessel meets all USCG requirements for a UPV
Registration & Titling

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. Upon receipt of the application and fee, a Connecticut Registration Number (registration document) and two Connecticut Validation Decals will be issued. A registration is valid until April 30th of the decal year. Connecticut registration numbers stay with the vessel 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.

Recently registered boats operating under a temporary certificate of number need not display a validation decal until provided by the DMV.

If you have questions or need more information, please call the DMV directly at 860-263-5718 or visit https://portal.ct.gov/dmv.

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.

Hull Identification Number (HIN)

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique, 12-character string, 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.
Reciprocity and Vessels Numbered by Other States

In any calendar year, documented vessels and vessels numbered by other states that are moored, docked, or operated for more than 60 days on Connecticut waters, must obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Decal from the DMV, and display a current Connecticut Validation Decal. All validation decals for vessels are the same color and must be displayed on the vessel’s bow. In addition, the owner must acquire a boating certificate that is recognized by Connecticut to operate the vessel on Connecticut waters. Connecticut boat users should check and obey local laws when operating in other states.

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. If you have any questions, please contact the Boating Division regulatory section at 860-434-8638.

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. A rented boat may carry a rental agreement in lieu of a certificate.

Connecticut Titles Boats

As of January 1, 2016, all motorboats 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 $25.00.

For more information, go to our website https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling and click on Boat Registration under Resources.
Taxability of Vessels and Trailers

When a Connecticut resident or an individual who maintains a place of residence in Connecticut buys a vessel or trailer, Connecticut sales or use tax is due. The sales tax will be 6.35% of the purchase price for vessels and the trailers used for transporting the vessels with a purchase date before July 1, 2018. Vessels and the trailers used for transporting the vessels purchased on or after July 1, 2018, will be charged a tax rate of 2.99%.

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 the sales or use tax has been properly paid to another state or municipality.

For Further Information, please call the Department of Revenue Services at 1-800-382-9463, or 860-297-5962 TTY, TDD and Test Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911.

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

If you change your address, sell, or otherwise dispose of your vessel. Within 15 days you must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, Marine Vessel Section, 60 State St., Wethersfield, CT 06161, in writing. 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. We recommend that you send the notification by certified mail and keep a copy of the cancellation along with any receipts from the post office.

Useful Forms Available on the DMV Website

- AU-463 - Motor Vehicle and Vessel Gift Declaration
- B58 - Change of Address - For Individuals/ For Organizations
- B96 - Correction of Information For Vessels
- B148 - Vessel Registration Application
- B203 - Vessel Ownership Affidavit
- B220 - Documents Required for Vessel Registration
- B229 - Commercial Fishing Affidavit
- H31 - Bill of Sale
- J23V - Vessel Copy Records Request

https://portal.ct.gov/DMV

CHECK YOUR HIN!

If your boat was made after 1972 then the Hull Identification Number (HIN) on your registrations MUST match the HIN on your boat or you may have some explaining to do if checked by law enforcement.

The HIN is typically located on the OUTSIDE of your boat, on the upper right hand corner of the transom. If your boat doesn’t have a transom, like a canoe or kayak, then the number will be at the rear of the vessel, on the starboard (right hand) side, near the toprail. If your boat is a pontoon or catamaran, check the back of the starboard pontoon, or aftmost crossmember.

If needed, HIN corrections can be made with the DMV using the DMV form B-96. Be prepared to provide photographs or rubbings as proof of the actual number.
Connecticut Life Jacket and Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Laws

There must be a wearable life jacket for each person aboard every vessel in Connecticut. Each life jacket must be readily accessible and properly fit the intended wearer. If the vessel is required to have a Type IV “throwable” PFD (see page 20), it must be immediately available. Every year, life jackets must be worn by anyone in or operating a manually propelled vessel from October 1st through May 31st.

In addition, life jackets must:
- Be U.S. Coast Guard approved
- Have a legible label
- Be in serviceable condition, meaning all straps, buckles, seams, and material are in good condition, intact, and able to perform.

Further life jackets laws:
- 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 water skiing and may not be used by persons weighing under 90 lbs. or under 16 years of age
- Inflatable life jackets may be a Type II, Type III, or V, check the label to determine if it must be worn to count as a personal flotation device
- Life jackets must 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
- All vessels 16 feet and over must also carry a Type IV throwable device in addition to the required number of wearable life jackets

Sound Producing Devices

Every vessel of 40 ft. (12.2 meters) or less in length must have some means of making an efficient sound signal. For vessels up to 40 feet in length, a handheld whistle, air horn or similar sound producing devices that is audible for ½ mile, may be used. Vessels greater than 40 feet must have a power-operated sound producing device that is audible for one mile and a bell.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers kept on vessels must be the correct type and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. Please see the tables on page 21, for specific fire extinguisher regulations based on a vessel’s length or class. Please note that the ratings on new model fire extinguishers have changed. The ratings now reflect the material the extinguisher is rated for, which is represented with a letter, and how large of a fire the extinguisher can handle, which is represented with a number. Refer to the table on page 21 to see if you need fire extinguishers on your vessel with the updated ratings. It’s recommended boaters ensure that fire extinguishers are properly mounted where they can be easily reached. Frequently 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. As of April 20, 2022, a fire extinguisher is considered expired if it is more than 12 years old. Please check the date stamped on the bottom of your fire extinguisher.

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Late in 2017, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission published an important recall notice; Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported (Recall number: 18-022) All affected fire extinguishers should be replaced. For more information about this recall, go to www.kidde.com and look under Support / Product Safety Notices.

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.

Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
Visual distress signals are used to summon assistance when in distress. Be aware that the U.S. Coast Guard has recognized technological advances in VDS and has approved some electronic signaling devices. These devices when used properly are acceptable substitutions for traditional pyrotechnical signaling devices (flares).

Boaters must decide which VDS offers them the most benefits depending on the boating they do. When choosing a VDS careful consideration should be given to:
• Reliability
• Disposability
• Intended waterbody
• Visibility in areas of dense background lights
• Dangers of burning a VDS
• Length of useful signaling run time
• Portability.

In Connecticut, VDS are not required except when boating on coastal waters.

The following vessels only need to carry VDS on coastal waters between sunset and sunrise.
• Recreational vessels under 16 feet
• Open sailboats less than 26 feet that are not equipped with propulsion machinery
• Manually propelled vessels under 16 feet

All other vessels must carry three daytime and three nighttime VDS while on coastal waters. The VDS can be carried as three combination day/night signals. Pyrotechnic devices cannot be expired.

Here is more information on VDS.
• Visual distress signals must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition and readily accessible
• U.S. Coast Guard approved pyrotechnic visual distress signals and associated devices include:
  o Pyrotechnic red flares, hand-held or aerial
  o Pyrotechnic orange smoke, hand-held or floating
  o Launchers for aerial red meteors or parachute flares
• Non-pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices include:
  o Orange distress flags
  o Electric distress signals
• Other VDS, such as those listed below, are useful, easy to carry, and are recognized as distress signals, but do not count as an approved VDS on coastal waters
  o Signaling mirror
  o 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.

Disposal of Expired Pyrotechnical Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
Because of their chemical make-up and flammable characteristics, the disposal of expired pyrotechnical VDS is strictly regulated by the US EPA and US DOT. The Boating Division is no longer able to collect expired VDS.

Navigation Lights
All vessels, including manually propelled vessels, must display the proper navigation lights while operating from sunset to sunrise and during daylight times of reduced visibility. Please see page 32, to see which lights are required for your vessel.

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.
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**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 [https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Permits/Highways/Oversize-Overweight-Permits](https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Permits/Highways/Oversize-Overweight-Permits)
Mufflers

No one shall operate a motorboat on Connecticut waters 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 officer 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.

Backfire Flame Arrestors

Internal combustion engines may backfire. To safeguard against fires, all inboard motorboats with carburetion must have a backfire flame arrestor system on each carburetor. It is good for boaters to know where they are and keep them clean.

Trailing 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.

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 wateckers.
Enforcement

Several law enforcement agencies enforce Connecticut’s state statutes, regulations, and federal navigational laws. Within their respective jurisdictions, the United States Coast Guard, state conservation police officers, municipal police officers, town marine officers, lake patrolmen, and POST-certified harbormasters are empowered to enforce federal, state, and local boating regulations. These enforcement officers have the authority to stop and board boats to check for compliance with federal or state law or to search without warrant.

State and federal boating laws specify which vessels are allowed or required to display flashing lights. There are four kinds of flashing lights to which you should pay special attention.

**Flashing Blue Light & Siren**- Law enforcement vessels engaged in enforcement activities will likely display a flashing blue light. This light is usually accompanied by an audible siren. Flashing blue lights or sirens are not allowed on any other vessels.

**Alternating Flashing Red and Yellow Light Signals**- Vessels engaged in government sanctioned public safety activities, such as fireboats and certain commercial assistance vessels will use alternating flashing red and yellow light signals.

**Flashing Yellow Lights**- High speed ferries, submarines, and air cushion vessels (hovercraft) display flashing yellow lights. Also, a barge, when being pushed in front of or towed alongside a work vessel, will display a flashing yellow light on the bow and near its centerline.

**High-Intensity Flashing Red Light**- A Wing-In-Ground (WIG) vessel will use a high-intensity flashing red light when taking off, landing, and in flight near the surface.

If you are being approached by a law enforcement or rescue vessel using flashing blue lights, alternating flashing red and yellow lights, or an audible signal, you are required to:

- Immediately slow to a speed just sufficient to maintain steerage only
- Alter course within your ability to not inhibit or interfere with the law enforcement or rescue vessel
- Unless otherwise directed by an officer, proceed at a reduced speed until beyond the area of operation by the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.

It is illegal to willfully or negligently obstruct or delay a law enforcement or rescue vessel answering an emergency call or pursuing a fleeing law violator.

If a vessel operator passes within 200 feet of a stationary law enforcement or rescue vessel using its lights or audible signal, the vessel operator is required to slow their vessel to Slow-No-Wake speed. The operator must maintain this speed until they are more than 200 feet away from the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.
Definitions of Terms

**Regulated Navigational Area**—A 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 where access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles, or vessels. Usually for safety or environmental purposes.

**Security Zone**—An area of land, water, or land and water, which is designated (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 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.

**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 the 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.

**Water Skiing**—A vessel is considered to be engaged in water skiing when it is used to tow skiers, tubers, or has anyone riding the wake of the vessel, whether a tow line is used or not.

Restricted Safety and Security Zones

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, a dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel. Unless taking off or landing a water skier.

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

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

When no speed limits are posted, vessels must operate in such a way that they will not endanger others.

A vessel must be able to stop safely within a 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. Always comply with posted regulatory signs and the regulations printed within this guide.

Restricted Operating Distances and Speed Regulations

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Every vessel must, under crowded conditions or in reduced visibility, slow down and operate 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.

**Hazardous Conditions**

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

**Mooring to Buoys**

The only buoys you are permitted to moor to are mooring buoys. Mooring to a navigation buoy, other aid to navigation, or a 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 long and manufactured after 1972. They 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 a vessel while under way unless the bow of the vessel is equipped with a handrail that encompasses the bow. All persons on the bow should be 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 of the bow of the vessel. 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. Boaters must not come within 100 feet of the dive flag.

It is illegal to snorkel or scuba dive from a state boat launch.

**Water Skiing and Parasailing**

Effective October 1, 2015, in order to operate a vessel that is engaged in water skiing you must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Hold a valid U.S. Coast Guard-issued vessel operator license or a valid boating certificate issued by CT, MA, NH, NY or RI
- Have a Connecticut Safe Water Skiing Endorsement issued by DEEP.

If prior to October 1, 2015, you obtained a valid boating certificate issued by the USCG, CT, MA, NH, NY, or RI you do not need to obtain a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement. Persons who are younger than 16 years of age, or who do not have a valid boating certificate issued by the USCG, CT, MA, NH, NY or RI, are not eligible to operate a vessel engaged in water skiing.

Persons who obtain one of the above-described certificates from a reciprocal state, Connecticut, or the U.S Coast Guard, after October 1, 2015, will be able to obtain the required Safe Water Skiing Endorsement through an online Safe Water Skiing Course. The link to the course is [https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Safety/Safe-Waterskiing-Endorsement](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Safety/Safe-Waterskiing-Endorsement)
The online Safe Water Skiing Course will provide the education portion free of charge. If a student wishes to take the examination, which would result in being eligible to receive the Connecticut Safe Water Skiing Endorsement, a fee may be imposed.

The operator of a vessel and the water skier are responsible for operating in a manner which does not harm or strike another person or vessel. Waterskiing is forbidden between 30 minutes after sunset until sunrise or when visibility is restricted to less than 100 yards.

Boats and Personal Watercraft (PWCs) are subject to different near-shore, slow-no-wake restrictions; except for the purpose of allowing a water skier to take off or land. Boats may not exceed Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of shore and PWCs may not exceed Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of shore. This means, depending on the type of vessel that is being operated, a waterbody, or portion of a waterbody may simply be too narrow to legally waterski or go fast.

The operator of the boat is required to have a responsible observer that is at least 12 years of age facing the skier to assist the operator and monitor the progress of the water skier. The water skier, the observer, and the boat operator should practice and use hand signals for communication.

In Connecticut, water skiers are required by law to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket while engaged in water skiing. Except for those skiers who are engaged in barefoot water skiing and are wearing a specifically designed “barefoot wetsuit”. Also, skiers who are engaged in trick water skiing 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. A life jacket must still be made readily available aboard the tow vessel for each skier selecting not to wear one under the above exceptions. Ski belts and inflatable life jackets are not permitted.

The maximum length of a topline measured from the tow post to the water skier’s tow handle is 100 feet. No elastic component may be part of the topline. Towing of a person or persons on an inner tube without handholds is prohibited.

When a vessel is engaged in towing a water skier and at least one person onboard the vessel is using it for training purposes, the rigid metal tow pole, often used for barefoot skiing, may either be removed from the boat or must be dismantled or folded and placed inside of the gunwale and parallel to the center line of the boat.

Kite-skiing and parasailing are prohibited anywhere waterskiing is prohibited or subject to special regulations. Kite-skiers and parasailers shall continue on page 27.
**Rules and Regulations for Youth Boaters**

**Life Jackets**

Life jackets must be worn by anyone under 13 years old on any vessel that is underway unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin. Life jackets must be worn by anyone under 13 years old at all times while underway on a manually propelled vessel. From October 1st to May 31st, life jackets must be worn on manually propelled vessels regardless of age. Inflatable life jackets may not be used by persons weighing under 90 lbs. or under 16 years of age.

**Vessel & PWC Operation**

No person under the age of 12 may operate a vessel that is propelled by greater than 10 horsepower unless they have an SBC or CPWO and they are accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who has an SBC or CPWO. A person under the age of 16 may be permitted to operate a vessel, other than a personal watercraft, without first obtaining an SBC or CPWO. However, they must be under the direct onboard supervision of a person at least age 18 and who has had a boating certificate for at least two years.

A person under the age of 16 may be permitted to operate a PWC only after obtaining a CPWO or an equivalent certificate from a reciprocal state (MA, NH, NY, or RI) and only when under the onboard supervision of a person at least age 18 who has a CPWO.

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. Also, they must be able to keep both feet on the deck of the personal watercraft so as to maintain balance while the personal watercraft is in operation. No persons may be in front of the operator of a PWC. All persons aboard a personal watercraft shall wear a life jacket approved for that purpose by the United States Coast Guard, 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 approved for PWCs.

**Water Skiing & Water Sports**

Water skiing refers to any vessel or personal watercraft on Connecticut waters that is towing a skier, tuber, or has anyone riding the wake of the vessel. No person under the age of 16 may operate a vessel that is engaged in a recreational towing activity. The operator of the boat is required to have a responsible observer at least 12 years of age facing the skier to assist the operator and monitor the progress of the water skier. All persons must comply with Connecticut’s water skiing rules and regulations.

**Jetted Articulated Vessels**

Operators must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate a Jetted Articulated Vessel (JAV). Anyone who can turn the JAV on or off, or who can influence the thrust, speed, or direction of the JAV is considered to be an operator of the JAV. Under these rules it is possible for a JAV to have more than one operator.

**Other Regulations**

No person may operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A person under 21 years of age shall be considered to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor if the ratio of alcohol in the blood is two-hundredths (.02) of one percent or more of alcohol, by weight.
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.

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

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

**Wing-In-Ground (WIG) Vessels**

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 activities requiring exclusive use of a portion of a waterbody, a state boat launch, or the modification or suspension of any laws or regulations require a permit issued by the DEEP. These activities can include marine parades, regattas, races, tournaments, fireworks over water, exhibitions, and others. Applications must be received by the DEEP Boating Division at least 45 days prior to the event.

For details visit the DEEP website [https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling). If your event is on tidal waters, contact the USCG Sector Long Island Sound Marine Events Coordinator by phone: (203) 468-4565 or email: DO1-SMB-SECLISSPWMarineEvents@uscg.mil.

**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. Visit the DEEP website at [https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling) for more details.

**Abandoned Boats**

If your boat is missing, report it to the police and check the Abandoned Boat website in case it has been found and posted as abandoned.

If you find an abandoned vessel free floating and unattended you must contact law enforcement to report the find - it may be the only clue that an emergency is underway. Move the vessel only after law enforcement gives you permission. Under the 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 full payment
- Improperly registered and left on the waters of the state
- If you are dealing with an abandoned boat:
  - Submit a Notice of Abandoned Vessel to the Commissioner along with a $20 processing fee
  - Wait 45 days
  - If the owner does not collect the boat in 45 days, you will be issued a Notice of Assumed Ownership

The abandoned boat process is a closed process. Only the legal owner of an abandoned boat can “claim” an abandoned boat from the table listed on the abandoned boat website.

The fine for abandoning a boat is $440.00, and under the abandoned boat law the last registered owner can be held liable for all costs associated with processing the abandoned boat.

To help avoid possible fines, cancel your registration in writing within 15 days of selling or destroying your registered boat. It’s the law!

Complete instructions, rules, and necessary forms are available online at [https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Abandoned-Boats](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Abandoned-Boats)

**Personal Watercraft Restrictions**

Personal Watercrafts are subject to the following operation restrictions (for age restrictions, see page 26):

- 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
- All operators and passengers must keep both feet on the deck of the personal watercraft to maintain balance while the personal watercraft is in operation
- All persons aboard a personal watercraft shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved life jacket, 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, a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel. Unless said personal watercraft is approaching such float, dock, or shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in water skiing to take off or land
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft towing a water skier without satisfying the Safe Waterskiing Endorsement requirements (See page 24)
- No person shall water ski while being towed by a personal watercraft unless:
  - A capacity label affixed by the manufacturer indicates a carrying capacity of at least three persons: the operator, the observer, and the skier
  - The PWC has a minimum overall length of 119 inches, minimum overall width of 46 inches, minimum horizontal seat length of 39 inches, and at least 13 inches of additional seat length per person for a PWC with a capacity greater than three people
Boating Regulations

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

Vehicle Disposal Recycling Center:
888-495-5886
www.givecars.com

Boat Angel: 1-800-227-2643
www.boatangel.org

Boats 4 Heroes: 240-750-9899
https://boats4heroes.org/boat-donation/

American Cancer Society: 800.227.2345
https://www.cancer.org

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 https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Abandoned-Boats.

Boating Under the Influence (BUI)
No person should operate a vessel 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. If the person is under 21 years of age, the level is .02.

Marijuana Intoxication and Boating
Connecticut’s new marijuana law provides for the legal adult use of marijuana but operating a boat while under the influence of marijuana or other drugs is still illegal. Under the new law Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) will be trained and made available to police departments around the state to test whether someone suspected of operating a boat while under the influence of marijuana or other drugs is “over the limit”. Boat operators who are determined to be over the limit or refuse to submit to a drug influence evaluation from a DRE will face the suspension of their boating license upon arrest.

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 without endangering their own vessel or the people onboard. The operator must also give their 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 DEEP Boating Division:

- The death of any person from whatever cause
- The disappearance of any person from on board
- 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 on our website at https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/FAQs/FAQs-Boating-Accidents.

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.

Rules for Jet Packs and Flyboards

- You must be 16 years of age or older to operate a (JAVs)
- You must have a valid Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate a JAV
- Anyone who can turn the JAV on or off, or who can influence the thrust, speed, or direction of the JAV is considered to be an operator of the JAV. Under these rules it is possible for a JAV to have more than one operator.
- You are not allowed to use a JAV in a Slow-No-Wake area or within 200 feet of any dock, shore, pier, or fixed structure or within 100 feet of any vessel except to transit the area: NO TRICKS ALLOWED!
Registrations & Certificates
All motorized (gas, diesel, electric, etc.) vessels, including vessels with motors attached but not in use, are considered to be motorboats and must be registered in order to operate in Connecticut.

All out of state boat and trailer registrations must be valid in the state where they are registered. Operators must have all registration documents available in case of an inspection.

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators MUST have a recognized boating certificate to operate legally. These are limited to the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by Connecticut and equivalent certificates from reciprocal states. The reciprocal states are MA, NH, NY, and RI.

A boating certificate is not required to operate a manually propelled vessel.

If an out of state operator does not own a Connecticut registered vessel or property in Connecticut, they do not need a boating certificate to operate a motorized vessel, other than a PWC.

If an out of state motorized vessel is touching Connecticut waters for more than 60 days in a calendar year, it must be registered with the DMV and display a current Connecticut validation decal. The operator must also carry a boating certificate from Connecticut or a reciprocal state.

Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp
To operate a registered out of state vessel on Connecticut’s inland waters, operators must purchase an annual Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp. The operator is required to carry this document when using a vessel on Connecticut’s inland waters. The stamp is available for purchase at: https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales.

Safe Water Skiing Endorsement
In Connecticut, a boat or PWC is considered to be engaged in water skiing when it’s used to tow skiers, tubers, or has anyone riding the wake of the vessel, whether a tow line is used or not.

Operators that received a permanent boating certificate from a reciprocal state after October 1, 2015, will need to obtain a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement in order to water ski in Connecticut. Operators that received a permanent boating certificate from Connecticut or a reciprocal state prior to October 1, 2015, do not need a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement.

Along with the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement, operators of boats and PWCs engaged in water skiing must be 16 years old or older, and have either a Connecticut boating certificate, or an equivalent certificate from a reciprocal state.

For more information on the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement and how to obtain one please visit: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Safety/Safe-Waterskiing-Endorsement.

Please review the Connecticut Boater’s Guide for more specific information or special cases. To contact the DEEP Boating Division call (860)-434-8638 or email deep.boating@ct.gov.
Sound Signals

When vessels are in sight of one another and are meeting or in a crossing situation within half a mile of each other, sound signals are to be used. A sound producing device is a required piece of equipment on every vessel. The device type is dependent on the size of the vessel. 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.
U.S. Aids to Navigation

**NAVIGATION AIDS**

**Lateral Aids**
Marking the sides of channels as seen when approaching from seaward.
- Odd numbers Port Side
- Even numbers Starboard Side

**Safe Water Aids**
Marking midchannels and fairways (No numbers. Buys may be lettered.)

**Lighted** (White Light)
- Marking midchannels and fairways
- Can buoy (Unlighted)
- Even numbers Starboard Side
- Lighted buoy (red light only)

**Odd numbers Port Side**
- Lighted buoy (green light only)
- Can buoy (Unlighted)

**PREFERRED CHANNEL AIDS**
Not numbered. May be Lettered.

**Preferred channel to starboard**
- Lighted buoy (Green light)
- Can buoy (Unlighted)
- Nun buoy (Unlighted)

**Preferred channel to port**
- Lighted buoy (Red light)

**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 a HSF is approaching:
- Know and obey the USCG rules of the road
- Make any changes in course or speed early and obviously to the HSF operator, and while still at least one mile from the HSF
- Monitor VHF Channel 13 for announcements from the HSF.

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. Also, during daylight periods of reduced visibility. Shown on page 32 are the lights required.

**MOBILE BRIDGES**
The raising and lowering of train and traffic bridges are regulated by the US Coast Guard. Here is critical information to safely pass under these bridges:

*Bridge clearance* – This is the distance between the water’s surface and the lowest portion of the bridge over the
channel. This distance is measured in feet and can be found on the chart where the bridge is shown. Bridge clearances are referenced at mean high tide. Please note, clearances will change throughout the tidal cycle. 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.

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you are passing under the bridge. Each gauge is installed on the end of the right channel pier or a pier protection structure facing approaching vessels. It 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 – Otherwise known as vertical clearance, is the 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 rods 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.

Signaling a Bridge

Moveable bridges must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request or signal to open is given. There are some bridges that have set opening and closing schedule to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic.

There are several acceptable methods to contact the bridge tender to discuss scheduled openings and to request an opening. The best method to hail the bridge tender is on VHF marine radio channel 13 using low power or one watt. The vessel and the bridge tender shall monitor the frequency used until the vessel has cleared the bridge. When hailing the bridge tender, repeat the name of the bridge three times and be sure to include the name and description of your vessel when requesting an opening. 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. If you hear five short blasts from the bridge and the bridge is open, it means the bridge is being closed. Do not try to pass through even if you require an opening. The bridge tender may not be able to see you, so wait for the next opening.

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. Also, the tender could 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. The tender could also show a fixed or flashing red light(s) within 30 seconds of the vessel’s opening signal and repeat it until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

In areas where there is more than one moveable bridge, signals can vary. So please check federal regulations in your area. The bridge tender shall take all reasonable measures to have the draw opened, regardless of the operating schedule of the bridge, for the passage of emergency vehicles, vessels, or other emergency situations. The bridge tender will open provided the opening does not conflict with local emergency management procedures, which have been approved by the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port.
**Schedules for Bridges** - Each movable bridge has its own opening schedule that is determined by federal regulation. Between May 15 and October 15, the five Amtrak movable bridges will reopen immediately after trains pass and will close in sufficient time for approaching trains to pass safely. Knowing that schedule will help you to plan your trip, but you will still need to make your intentions known to the bridge tender.

You should be familiar with the schedule of the bridges that you will use. Their schedules are published in the USCG Local Notice to Mariners (http://www.navcen.uscg.gov), cruising guides, and other boating related publications.

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**THE CONNECTICUT RIVER**

State Maintained No Wake Zones

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

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**Key to Features**

- DEP Boat Launches
- Railroads
- State No Wake Zones

**River Crossings**

- Interstate
- US Route
- State Route

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**NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION**
Homeland Security

Boaters must be cautious and constantly aware of their surroundings. It is illegal to stop or anchor beneath bridges. Boaters must avoid restricted areas such as dams, power plants, and observe all security zones, especially around military installations. You must stay at least 100 yards away from any military vessel and within 500 yards, maintain a minimum steersage speed.

You should report the following to the U.S. Coast Guard (see page for telephone numbers):
- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities near security areas or 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 the Niantic Bay or Jordan Cove side of Dominion/Millstone Power Plant in 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

In addition to the areas listed above, all boaters should be aware of multiple Security Zones on the Thames River. These Security Zones are located at the Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, and the Naval Submarine Base in Groton. Travel through these zones may be subject to periodic speed and entry restrictions. All vessels transiting these areas should listen for specific instructions via VHF marine radio, a loudhailer from official patrol vessels, or personnel on shore. Boaters should comply with any instructions as quickly and as safely as possible.

Helpful Internet Addresses

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): www.noaa.gov
Print-on-Demand Charts and Historical Map and Chart Collections: https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/
National Ocean Service Data Discovery Portal: https://data.noaa.gov/datasetsearch/
Chart No.1: Nautical Chart Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms: https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/us-chart-1.html
National Weather Service: https://www.weather.gov
Sunrise/Sunset Calculator: www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html
National Ocean Service (NOS)
For a complete list of all NOS websites, go to: https://oceanservice.noaa.gov
Real time tide information: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.html?gid=1394

U.S. Coast Guard websites

U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners (by district): www.navcen.uscg.gov/
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: www.cgaux.org

Other websites

U.S. Power Squadrons: www.usps.org
provides cooperative charting information & training
Maptech (for raster nautical charts): www.maptech.com
Print on Demand Charts: www.oceangrafix.com
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (provide information for navigable rivers, ports & channels): www.usace.army.mil
Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles:
https://portal.ct.gov/dmv
Manually Propelled Vessel Regulations

Stand-up paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and others are considered to be manually propelled vessels when they are physically powered by people. The U.S. Coast Guard considers these crafts to be vessels unless they are being used in a surf zone or designated swim area. Anyone who is using a manually propelled vessel is required to abide by all boating laws.

Life Jackets - Connecticut law requires there be a properly fitting life jacket for everyone onboard a manually propelled vessel at all times. It also requires that all children less than thirteen years of age at any time during the year, and all adults between Oct 1 and May 31, wear a properly fitting life jacket while onboard a manually propelled vessel.

Sound Producing Device - Connecticut and federal laws require a sound producing device be onboard all vessels.

Navigation Lights - Anytime between sunset and sunrise or during daylight periods of reduced visibility, lights are required on any vessel. For manually propelled vessels, lights may be in the form of anchor lights, bright white lights, or VDS type lights. Paddling at these times can pose enhanced risk and is not recommended.

Flares - Depending on the length of a manually propelled vessel, certain flares are required to be carried at certain times. Please see the table on page 20, for more information on whether you need to carry flares and what use they must be approved for.

Recommended Gear & Safety Tips

Take a Lesson - Before venturing out on the water, consider taking a paddling course. The time and money you spend are well worth the investment! Class topics may include knowing how to dress, the correct paddle strokes, the navigation rules, what equipment you should have, how to use the equipment, what to do in an emergency, and being able to get back in your vessel if you capsize. These are skills that may lengthen your season. Many of the paddling related accidents and deaths in Connecticut could have been eliminated if the victims had received some form of education.

Do Not Paddle Impaired - Do not drink alcohol or use
You need to have the right equipment and know the rules so that you can perform your best.

drugs before or while paddling. These substances can reduce reaction time, balance, coordination, and judgment.

**Put Contact Information on Your Boat**- Attach an “IF FOUND” sticker to your vessel or write the owners contact information on the vessel. This contact information can help rescuers locate you faster should an emergency situation occur, and the vessel is found unattended. See page 59, for more information about “If Found” stickers.

**Know Your Ability**- Be honest with yourself when planning a trip. Rough water, white water, or rapids can be difficult for experienced paddlers and are no place for beginners. Check the weather forecast, tides, and water flows before going on the water. When on the water changes in conditions can easily turn a calm day into a deadly environment.

**File a Float Plan**- Tell someone where you are going, what vessel you are taking, and when you plan on returning. This is called filing a “float plan.” The information in a “float plan” will help first responders rescue you faster should an accident occur.

**Avoid Paddling Alone**- Paddle with a friend or group. You will have someone that can help you get back in your vessel or call for help if needed.

**Wear Appropriate Clothing**- The correct clothes can keep you comfortable, extend your season, and may even save your life. In cold conditions, dress in layers of clothing that will retain body heat when wet and outer layers that repel water. Avoid cotton, which stays wet and does not retain heat. If you are a paddling in the cold-water seasons, consider investing in a wet or dry suit.

**Bring a Communication Device**- Always carry a phone in a waterproof case and/or a waterproof marine VHF radio. Use VHF channel 16 to call the USCG. This is the international distress, safety, and hailing channel.

**Know Local Regulations and Navigation Rules**- Waterbodies are filled with all types of vessels engaged in many different activities. Knowing and understanding the basic “rules of the road” will help make everyone’s day on the water much safer and enjoyable. Please do not paddle in the middle of main channels, high traffic areas, or interfere with the passage of other boat traffic.

**Keep a Lookout**- Small vessels can be difficult to see. Always keep a proper lookout. If possible, wear brightly colored clothes or use other means to make you and your vessel more visible on the water. Remember, larger vessels do not stop very quickly. Do your best to avoid putting yourself in a dangerous situation.
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native plants or animals that when introduced to new waterbodies can displace beneficial native species, disrupt the ecosystem, and drastically reduce recreational activities, including swimming. There are steps being taken nationally and locally to minimize these introductions.

Boaters can help by removing any plants or animals from their boats and trailers and properly preparing and maintaining their equipment. If a vessel sits at a dock for too long, these species can occur on the hull, bilge areas, live wells, or other places that may collect water. You can help prevent new introductions of invasive plants and animals by following the Clean, Drain, Dry Method.

**BEFORE LEAVING THE LAUNCH:**

**Clean**- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting equipment

- Never release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they are native to that body of water
- Dispose of any unused bait in an upland trash

**Drain**- Eliminate water from equipment, such as live wells, before transporting

**At Home, Prior To Your Next Launch:**

**Dry**- All equipment that encounters the water for a minimum of one week in hot/dry weather or a minimum of four weeks in cool/wet weather before entering new waters

- If drying isn’t possible, please wash your equipment with one of the following techniques. You can wash equipment with hot water, preferable high pressure. You can dip equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing or use a 1% salt solution and leave on for 24 hours prior to rinsing (2/3 cups of salt to 5 gallons of water). Finally, you can wet equipment with a bleach solution (1 oz. per gallon) or soap and hot water (Lysol, boat soap, etc.) for 10 minutes prior to rinsing
Invasive Plants and Animals in Connecticut Waters

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.

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.

3. Hydrilla:
   Submersed, rooted plant with long stems that branch at the surface where growth becomes horizontal and dense mats form under the water surface. Leaves are small and pointed and the plant will produce tiny white flowers.

4. 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 are established in Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar and Housatonic in the Housatonic River, and the Twin Lakes in Salisbury. These mussels can impact the ecosystem, foul boat hulls and engine cooling systems. Their shells are sharp if stepped on. They can also clog power plant, industrial and drinking water intakes.

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.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Be A Good Steward. Clean, Drain, Dry.
StopAquaticHitchhikers.org

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 https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling
- Asian clam (Corbicula fluminea)
- Chinese mitten crab (Eriocheir sinensis)
- New Zealand mudsnail (Potamopyrgus antipodarum)
- Quaqqa mussel (Dreissena bugensis)
- Rusty crayfish (Orconectes rusticus)
- Zebra mussel (Dreissena polymorpha)
5. 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.

6. 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.

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.

Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp—Public Act No. 19-190

Effective January 1, 2020—An Aquatic Invasive Species fee will be added to Connecticut vessel registrations and boaters with out of state registrations must obtain an AIS Stamp prior to boating in inland waters.

What is the AIS Stamp?
A $5 fee, as indicated on Connecticut vessel registration renewals, to fund invasive species grant projects. The registration validation decal will serve as your AIS stamp.

Do out of state registered vessels need an AIS Stamp?
Anyone intending to operate an out of state registered vessel, on inland waters, must purchase an annual Invasive Species Stamp. Invasive Species Stamps may be purchased through the Sportsmen Licensing System. While on inland Connecticut waters, you are required to carry this document on the vessel.

What does this fee go towards?
Collected funds will go into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds Preservation account. These funds will be used for projects involving the restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, ponds, and rivers, treatment to control AIS and cyanobacteria, and education and outreach programs to promote AIS awareness and in Connecticut lakes, rivers and ponds.

What other ways can I contribute?
- Follow the Clean, Drain, Dry method, as described on page 38, whenever you are boating.

For more information about the AIS Stamp or invasive species, visit https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Invasive-Species/Invasive-Species
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. It also supports 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: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling.

Boat Hull Maintenance

If your marina allows 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
- 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 zinscs
  - 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 (revised in 2006) and guidelines accepted in 2012 to protect the marine environment from operational pollution. The U.S. legislation that implements MARPOL Annex V, bans the dumping of specified garbage and all plastics in all navigable waters of the United States. It is illegal to discard fishing line on land or in state waters. It also places restrictions on the disposal of other types of shipboard solid wastes. Vessels over 26 feet must display a durable placard explaining MARPOL Annex V disposal regulations.

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 https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/CVA/Connecticut-Clean-Vessel-Act-Program for more information. 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 https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/vessel-sewage-discharges for more information.

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 Fishers 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 NDA are: Peconic Estuary, East Hampton, Mamaroneck Harbor, Greater Huntington-Northport Bay Complex, Port Jefferson Harbor Complex, Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Complex, and Hudson River.

Rhode Island- All waters.

See the EPA website at www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/no-discharge-zones-ndzs-state for a list of NDAs by state.
Welcome to boating in Connecticut!

The map with local ordinances, state boat launches, pumpout facilities, and Boating Infrastructure Grant funded transient facilities is back again. New this year is an alphabetical list of state boat launches located on Connecticut lakes, ponds, and rivers listed by the waterbody name. If you’re exploring a familiar waterbody or starting a new adventure, be sure to have the proper safety equipment by checking the list on page 20 or requesting a Vessel Safety Check by boating staff (see page 13 for additional information).

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Prohibited Activities at Boat Launches

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

Pumpout Facilities

The Federal Clean Vessel Act directs excise tax dollars, collected on fishing tackle and motorboat fuel, to construct, operate, and maintain pumpout stations. All Connecticut CWA funded pumpouts and dump stations available to the recreational boating public are FREE. To find a land based pumpout facility or pumpout boat near you, see the map on pages 44 and 45 or visit https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Pumpout-Facilities--Clean-Boating-Information

Facilities for Transient Boaters

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 under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. It is now available to transient boaters under this user pay-user benefit program. Eleven projects are complete and can be found on the map on pages 44 and 45, and in the list of facilities showing the icon “Facilities for Transient Boaters” or FTB. Contact us at 860-434-8638 or visit https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling for program information.

Local Regulations and Public Boat Launches

- 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 https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boat-Launches/Boat-Lauches-in-Connecticut
- 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 limited to 10MPH
- Unless posted; parking spaces are for vehicles w/trailers, or vehicles carrying cartop vessels but only if single vehicle spaces are full
- Most state boat launches are not plowed.

Operating Powerboats on Waterbodies with Horsepower Restrictions

To comply with the requirements of any statute, regulation, or ordinance restricting the horsepower or size of the engine on any vessel while being operated on an inland body of water, a person may:

- In the case of an outboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat’s engine and incline the engine out of the water so that the absence of the propeller is clearly visible
- In the case of an inboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat’s engine and incline or trim the engine to an upright position

This section shall not be construed to allow vessels with the gasoline-powered engines on bodies of water where such engines are not allowed.
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<td>A2- Colony Pond Regulations City permit required; contact the town clerk. Open from dawn to dusk. Non-motorized vessels only, except for persons with qualifying disabilities. Life jackets must be worn at all times. Vessel must display town-issued permit stickers.</td>
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<td>A3- Ashford Lake - 50.8 acres Public Access: none Regulations: 10 mph limit, no waterskiing, no motors 8:30 pm to 8:00 am Halls Pond - 81.5 acres (Ashford, Eastford) See # E18- Eastford</td>
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<td>B1- Lake McDonough (Compensating Reservoir) - 391 acres Launch is owned and operated by the Metropolitan District Commission and open the third Sat in Apr through Labor Day. Launching allowed only at the boathouse. See details on <a href="http://www.themdc.org/recreation-areas">www.themdc.org/recreation-areas</a> Parking: 50 spaces</td>
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<td>B2- West Hill Pond - 261 acres Perkins Road, Barkhamsted Launch: Lake drawn down after Labor Day. Regulations: 8 hp limit from Memorial Day through Sep 15; 6 mph between sunset and sunrise; 15 mph maximum during daytime. No waterskiing. Parking: 20 spaces</td>
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<td>B3- Silver Lake - 146 acres 282 Norton Lane, Berlin Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm Parking: 15 spaces</td>
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<td>B5- Barber Pond Regulations 9 acres Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to Oct 31. Use of all motors prohibited. B6- Bloomfield Town Park Ponds Regulations -10 acres No boating during closed park hours.</td>
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Fees apply. Contact City of Bridgeport for details. 203-576-7233 or www.bridgeportct.gov/Parks sticker.

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B16- Captain’s Cove Marina (Black Rock Harbor) VHF 18 or 203-335-1433 May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm
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B17- Cedar Marina (Cedar Creek) 203-335-6262 Apr 15 - Oct 15, Mon - Sat, 8 am - 5 pm
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B18- Fayerweather Yacht Club (Black Rock Harbor) VHF 9 or 203-576-8860 May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 10 pm
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B19- Miamogue Yacht Club (Bridgeport Harbor) VHF 9 or 16, 203-334-9882 May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 24 hours ★

B22- East Norwalk Blue, Inc (Bridgeport & Black Rock Harbors) VHF 77 or 203-857-1077 May 23 - Oct 12, Sat-Sun 10 am- 4 pm ★

BRIDGEWATER

B20- Lake Lillinonah - 1,547 acres (Steel Bridge) 880 Main Street South, Bridgewater Regulations: Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side or 1,500 feet on downstream side of Shepaug Dam. Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet downstream of the Bleachery Dam. 45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Parking: 50 spaces ★

B21- Candlewood Lake Pumpout Boat (Services all of Candlewood Lake) 860-985-9474 Memorial Day weekend – Columbus Day, Sat - Sun, 9 am - 5 pm ★

CHESHIRE

C1- Cheshire Park Ponds Regulations. Launching or use of vessels powered by engines or motors prohibited without permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

C2- Cedar Lake - 69.3 acres 1 Bishop Road, Chester Regulations: 6 mph limit Parking: 6 spaces ★

C3- Pattaconk Lake - 56.1 acres (Cockaponset State Forest) State Forest Road, Chester Launch: In State Park. Parking 200 feet from water. Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during Jul and Aug. Parking 5 spaces ★

C4- Chester Regulations Chester Creek: Steerage speed; no anchoring which obstructs channels or fairways. No waterskiing in designated anchorages and mooring areas. Unattended rafting of more than two (2) additional vessels on the same mooring or anchor of the host vessel is prohibited. Interference with free navigation is subject to a 120 dollar fine.

C5- Hays Haven Marina (Chester Creek) 860-526-9366 May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm ★

C6- Petzold’s Chester Boat Basin (Connecticut River) Pumpout Information VHF 9 or 860-526-5147 Apr. 1 – Nov. 15, Daily, 24 hours FTB information Power Avail.: 30 amps Max LOA: 50 ft Hrs: May - Oct, Mon - Sat 8 am - 5 pm, Sun 9 am - 4 pm Fees: $2/ft Fuel Avail.: Gas ★

C7- Connecticut River Pumpout Boat (Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook) See # E23- Essex ★

C8- 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.

C9- Cedar Island Marina Inc. (Clinton Harbor) VHF 9 or 860-669-8681 Apr 1 – Nov. 15, Stationary: May 7 – Nov. 20, Daily, 24 hours C10- Clinton Yacht Haven Dockominium Association (Clinton Harbor) 203-624-7911, Apr 1 - Dec 15, Daily, 7:30 am - 4 pm ★

C11- Riverside Basin Marina (Hammonasset River) VHF 16 or 860-669-1503 Apr 1 - Dec 15, Daily, 7:30 am - 4 pm ★

C12- Cedar Island Marina Pumpout Boat (Clinton Harbor) VHF 68 or 860-391-1450 May 7 – Nov 20, Sat – Sun 8am – 6 pm and Jun 17 – Sep 9, Fri 12 pm – 6 pm (by appointment).

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COLCHESTER

C13- Babcock Pond - 119 acres Between 653 & 667 Middletown Road, Colchester Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing Parking: 5 spaces at Wildlife Observation Area ★

C14- Day Pond Regulations 4 acres All vessels prohibited

C15- Pickeral Lake - 82.2 acres Between 107 & 131 Pickeral Lake Road, Colchester Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm Parking: 10 spaces ★

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COLEBROOK

C16- Colebrook River Lake 826 acres Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers. Regulations: 20 mph limit, no waterskiing Parking: 24 spaces ★
C17- West Branch Reservoir  
(Hogsback Reservoir) - 201 acres  
Located at the end of Durst Rd,  
Colebrook  
Launch is owned and operated by  
MDC. No water contact sports are  
not allowed. Swimming is prohibited.  
Parking: 30 spaces

COLUMBIA
C18- Columbia Lake - 281 acres  
Public Access: none  
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, Apr 1 to Sep 30; then  
6 pm to 8 am, Oct 1 to Mar 31.  
Operation of outboard motors over  
80 hp or inboard motor over 150 hp  
prohibited.

C19- Mono Pond - 113 acres  
(Mono Pond State Park Reserve)  
Between 120 & 123 Hunt Road,  
Columbia  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no  
waterskiing

CORNWALL
C20- Cream Hill Pond Regulations  
72 acres  
Use of all motors prohibited on all  
bores of water in Cornwall

C21- Mohawk Pond - 16.2 acres  
Camp Road, Cornwall  
Launch: Rte. 4, south on Great  
Hollow Rd, east on Great Hill Rd to  
launch.  
Regulations: Use of all motors  
prohibited  
Parking: 8 spaces

COVENTRY
C22- Coventry Lake  
(Wangumbaug) - 373 acres  
30 Cross Street, Coventry  
Regulations: 6 mph limit from sunset  
to one hour after sunrise all days  
and on Sundays from noon to 4  
mm from May 15 to Sep 15 and  
from noon to 2 pm on Jul 4. Forty  
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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.  
Parking: 26 spaces

C23- Eagleville Lake - 76.9 acres  
30 Pine Lake Drive, Coventry  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no  
waterskiing

DARIEN
D3- Darien Regulations  
Slow-no-wake in the following  
waters: Noroton Bay, Noroton  
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.

D4- Darien Boat Club  
(Darien Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 203-655-1927  
Apr 15 - Nov 30, Daily, 8 am - 10 pm

East Norwalk Blue, Inc.  
Pumpout Boat  
See #N34 - Norwalk

DEEP RIVER
D5- SHM Deep River Marina  
(Connecticut River)  
VHF 9 or 860-526-5560 May 1 - Oct  
31, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm; Sat -  
Sun, 8 am - 5 pm

D6- Connecticut River  
Pumpout Boat  
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River,  
Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old  
Saybrook)  
See #E23- Essex

DERBY
Lake Housatonic State Park  
(Seymour, Oxford, Derby, Shelton)  
See # S7- Shelton

D7- Witek Park Reservoir  
34.22 acres upper & 10.3 acres  
lower, Hill Road, Derby  
Regulations: Open dawn to dusk.  
Boating by City permit only. No  
internal combustion engines. No  
electric motors except for persons  
with qualifying disabilities. PFDs  
must be worn at all times. Launch  
from designated area only. On  
upper reservoir boaters must remain  
for 50 feet from residential  
shoreline.  
Parking: 150 upper & 20 lower

DURHAM
D8- Millers Pond Regulations  
32.6 acres  
The use of internal combustion  
engines prohibited.

EAST HADDAM
E1- Bashan Lake – 273 acres  
End of Ballahack Road No. 1, East  
Haddam  
Launch: Narrow, rocky channel  
Regulations: 35 mph limit. 6 mph  
limit from ½ hour after sunset to 8 am  
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.  
Parking: 15 spaces

E2- Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake)  
172 acres  
Between 360 & 369 East Shore  
Drive, East Haddam  
Regulations: Use of internal com-  
bustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 5 spaces

E3- Moodus Reservoir (Lower)  
486 acres  
117 Mott Lane, Moodus, East Haddam  
Regulations: 35 mph limit. 6 mph  
limit from ½ hour after sunset to 8 am  
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.  
Parking: 10 spaces

E4- Moodus Reservoir (Upper)  
486 acres; 3 Launching Area Road,  
East Haddam  
Regulations: Same as Lower Moo-  
dus Reservoir (above).  
Parking: 10 spaces

Pickerel Lake  
(Parke, East Haddam)  
See # C15- Colchester
E5- Salmon River (Connecticut River)
117E Haddam Moodus Road, East Haddam. Access is flooded at times during the spring months.
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River Parking: 60 spaces

E6- Town of East Haddam-FTB (Connecticut River)
860-873-5021
Power Avail.: None
Max LOA: 30+ ft
Hrs: May - Oct, 24/7
Fees: Daily: 0-2 hrs, N/C; Nightly fee: $2/ft (2-4 hrs); $4/ft Overnight Fuel Avail.: None

EAST HAMPTON

E7- Lake Pocotopaug Regulations
511.7 acres
40 mph speed limit and motorboats not to exceed Slow-No-Wake (SNW) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 7 am 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.

EAST LYME

E8- Dodge Pond - 34.3 acres
Between 11 & 12 Lake Avenue Ext, East Lyme
Launch: Shallow pond
Regulations: Use of all motors prohibited
Parking: 30 spaces

E9- Gorton Pond – 52.4 acres
95 Kevin Road, East Lyme
Regulations: 8 mph, no water-skiing. Use of personal watercraft prohibited.
Parking: 15 spaces

E10- Pattagansett Lake – 128 acres
289 Boston Post Road, East Lyme
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing except for the period of Jun 15 to first Sun after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
Parking: 15 spaces

E11- Powers Lake – 144 acres
179 Whistletown Road, East Lyme
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing
Parking: 20 spaces

E12- Cini Memorial Park (Niantic River)
22 Main St. Under the west end of the Niantic River Bridge.
Regulations: See # E14-Niantic River
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme.
Parking: 80 spaces

E13- Grand Street (Niantic River)
Located at the end of Grand St.
Regulations: See # E14-Niantic River
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme.

E14- Niantic River 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.

E15- Port Niantic Marina (Niantic River)
860-739-2155
May 1 - Oct 20, Daily, 8 am - 4 pm

E16- Niantic Dockominium Association (Niantic River) 860-739-8585
Mar 15 - Nov 15, 8am - 5pm; Mar 16 - Nov 14, Daily, 9am - 5pm; 860-739-2155

E17- Niantic River Pumpout Boat (Niantic River)
VHF 68 or 860-287-2774
May 14 - June 5, Sat. & Sun: 9am - 5pm, June 6 - Sept 5, Fri. - Mon: 9am - 5pm, Sept. 10 - Oct. 30, Sat. & Sun: 9am - 5pm

E18- Halls Pond - 81.5 acres
Between 78 & 96 Kennerson Road, Eastford
Regulations: See # E14-Niantic River
Launch jointly owned and operated by the DEEP and Northeast Utilities.
Parking: 20 spaces

EASTFIELD

E19- Crystal Lake - 183 acres
100 West Shore Road, Ellington
Regulations: 6 mph limit sunset to 9 am and on Sun. from noon to 3 pm, 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 Sun. from noon until 3 pm. No kitesurfing or parasailing. No towing of more than two water-skiers. No water-skiing from 4 pm to 10 am from the third Sat. in Apr to third Sat. 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.
Parking: 7 spaces

ENFIELD

E20- Kings Island (Connecticut River) 50 Parsons Road, Enfield
Launch jointly owned and operated by the DEEP and Northeast Utilities.
Parking: 20 spaces

ESSEX

E21- 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.

E22- SHM Dauntless Marina (Connecticut River) 860-767-8267
Apr 15 - Nov 5, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

E23- Connecticut River Pumpout Boat (Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook) VHF 72 or 860-463-9753
May 15 - Jun 30, weekends and holidays 9 am - 5 pm; Jul 1 - Aug 31, Sat. – Thu (with Fri as a make-up day) 9 am – 5 pm; Sep 1 – Oct 27, weekends and holidays 9 am – 5 pm and additional service as needed based on boater demand and special events.

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### Fairfield

**F1 - Fairfield Regulations**

All Fairfield waters - no mooring or abandoning of vessels without Park Commission approval.

### Granby

**G5 - Manitook Lake Regulations**

54 acres

5 mph limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7/2 hp prohibited on Sat.

### Greenwich

**G6 - 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. Slow-No-Wake between Great Captain Island and Comorrant Reef within the area bounded by Great Captain Island to the south, then from ferry dock on southwestern tip of Great Captain Island to navigation aid green can #1 near Comorrant Reef, and then from green can #1 to the northeastern tip of Great Captain Island (simplified; see the ordinance text for exact requirements).

### Griswold

**G11 - Glasso Pond**

168 acres

(Pachaug State Forest)

Launch: 20 spaces

**G12 - Hopeville Pond**

137 acres

(Hopeville Pond State Park)

Launch: Open from the Fri before the third Sat in Apr - Nov 8 am to sunset. No parking near ramp. Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.

Parking: 20 spaces

**G13 - Pachaug Pond**

841 acres

(Pachaug State Forest)

945 Voluntown Road, Griswold

Parking: 25 spaces

**G14 - Bayberry Lane**

150 Bayberry Lane, Groton

Launch: Very crowded, may flood at high water levels above 3.5 ft MLLW.

Regulations: See #G19 Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove

Parking: 30 spaces

**G15 - Bluff Point**

(Bluff Point State Park)

100 Depot Road, Groton

Launch is at the end of the road to the west of the park entrance. Regulations: See #G19 Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove

Parking: 40 spaces

**G16 - Mystic River**

550 River Road, Mystic, Groton

Parking: 8 spaces

**G17 - K.E. Streeter**

(Thames River)

58 Fairview Avenue, Groton

Parking: 25 spaces

**G18 - Mystic River Regulations**

(Groton – Stonington)

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”.

**G19 - Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove Regulations**

For the period of May 15 - Sep 15, in the area bounded on the west by a line extending from the southernmost point of Avery Point to the westernmost point of Pine Island and bounded on the east by a line extending from the southernmost point of the east bank of Baker Cove to the westernmost point of Bushy Point, all motorboats must operate at Slow-No-Wake and no waterskiing is permitted.
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**G20- Mystic Shipyard**  
(Mystic River)  
VHF 9, 68 or 860-536-6588  
Apr 1 - Dec 1, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm

**G21- Noank Shipyard**  
(Mystic River)  
VHF 9 or 860-536-9651  
Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day, 9 am - 5 pm; after summer hours as needed.

**G22- Noank Village Boatyard**  
(Mystic River)  
VHF 72 or 860-536-1770  
Mem. Day Weekend - Columbus Day. Daily, 8 am - 4 pm. After Memorial Day weekend - Columbus Day, 24 hours (weather permitting through Dec 1.)

**G23- Shennecossett Yacht Club**  
(Pine Island Bay)  
VHF 68 or 860-449-8279  
May 6 - Oct 31, Daily, 8 am - 7 pm

**G24- Spicer’s Noank Marina**  
(West Cove)  
VHF 68 or 860-536-4978  
May 1 - Columbus Day; call for availability

**G25- Shrink the Boat L.L.C. Pumpout Boat**  
(Mystic River, Noank, Groton Long Point) VHF 68 or 860-245-6002 or petesmarineservices.com  
Memorial Day weekend - Columbus Day, Daily, 8 am - 4 pm. After Columbus Day - Oct 31, all service areas by appointment only on-line.

**GUILFORD**

**G26- East River**  
168 Circle Beach Road, Guilford  
Regulations: No person shall operate any vessel in the East River, within Sliuce Creek, within Sluice Basin, in the Guilford Channel, to a line of intersection from the Jacobs Beach breakwater southwest of Buoy C-13 or in the West River and south thereof to the southernmost point of Chaffinch Island at a speed greater than four miles per hour.  
Parking: 25 spaces

**G27- Town Marina**  
505 Whittfield St, Guilford  
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Guilford. Fee: $70 season pass or $6/day  
Regulations: See # G26- Guilford  
Parking: 20 spaces

**G28- Quonnipaug Lake**  
- 98.7 acres; Across from 4158 Durham Road, Guilford  
Regulations: 6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am  
Parking: 8 spaces

**G29- Lake Menunkatuck Regulations**  
6 hp limit.

**G30- West Lake Regulations**  
6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am

**G31- Guilford Yacht Club**  
(West River)  
VHF 71 or 203-415-3427  
Apr 15 - Nov 15, Daily, 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

**Branford Town Pumpout Boat**  
See # B12- Branford

**HADDAM**

**H1- Haddam Meadows**  
(Haddam Meadows State Park- Connecticut River)  
2 Island Dock Road, Haddam  
Launch: In State Park, at the end of the road.  
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River  
Parking: 100 spaces

**H2- Higganum Reservoir**  
30.8 acres  
(Higganum Reservoir State Park)  
155 North Dish Mill Road, Haddam Lauch: No ramp  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing  
Parking: 4 spaces

**H3- DAMAR Ltd./Midway Marina**  
(Connecticut River)  
860-345-4330  
Jun 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

**H4- Connecticut River Pumpout Boat**  
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)  
See # E23- Essex

**HAMPTON**

**H5- Lake Wintergreen**  
- 45 acres  
(West Rock Ridge State Park)  
448 Main Street, Hamden  
Launch: Water is 200 feet from parking area.  
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 30 spaces

**H6- Hampton Reservoir**  
88.3 acres  
(Nachaug State Forest) Across from 338 Kenyon Road, Hampton  
Launch: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 3 spaces

**H7- Pine Acres Lake**  
- 190 acres  
(James L. Goodwin State Forest) Across from 23 Potter Road, Hampton  
Launch: In Goodwin State Forest. Launch is on the right. Dirt ramp.  
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 15 spaces

**H8- Charter Oak Landing**  
(Connecticut River)  
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.  
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River  
Parking: 26 spaces

**H9- Riverside Park**  
(Connecticut River)  
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.  
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River  
Parking: 30 spaces

**HARTLAND**

**H10- Howells Pond**  
- 14.3 acres  
Dish Mill Road, Hartland  
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 10 spaces

**HEBRON**

**H11- Holbrook Pond**  
- 83.3 acres  
142 Gilead Street, Hebron  
Launch: Shallow launch conditions.  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.  
Parking: 50 spaces

**H12- Gay City Pond Regulations**  
2 acres  
All vessels prohibited.
KENT

K1- Hatch Pond - 71.5 acres
At Railroad Crossing on Bulls Bridge Road, Kent
Launch: Shallow pond, weed problems.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 10 spaces

K2- Lake Waramaug - 656 acres
(Lake Waramaug State Park)
30 Lake Waramaug Road, Kent
Launch: Approximately 150 ft carry to water.
Regulations: From May 15 through Sep 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. 12 HP limit. Seaplanes prohibited. Call 860-868-6427 for vessel inspection prior to launching. A total of only 20 non-residents are allowed on the water through the town and state park launches. Also See # W3- Washington Point. Launching over wide sandy beach.
Parking: 35 spaces (13 non-town resident parking).

KILLINGWORTH

K3- Leonard Pond - 20 acres
75 South Kent Road, Kent
Launch: Approximate 100 ft carry to water
Parking: 3 spaces

KILLINGLY

K4- Alexander’s Lake Regulations
215 acres
Motors limited to 12 cubic inches (approx. 10 hp).

K5- Killingly Pond Regulations
(Killingly Pond State Park)
122 acres
Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approx. 10 hp).

K6- Quinebaug Pond (Wauregan Reservoir) - 87.6 acres
(Quinebaug Lake State Park)
75 Shepard Hill Road, Killingly.
Launch: dirt ramp.
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 12 spaces

K7- Ross Pond - 31 acres
(Old Furnace State Park)
223 Ross Road, Killingly
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 30 spaces

K8- Tetreault Pond Regulations
8 mph limit, no waterskiing.

LISBON

K9- Schroeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Pond) Regulations
3 acres
All vessels prohibited.

LEDYARD

L0- Savin Lake Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

L1- Bush Pond Regulations
(Ledyard, North Stonington)
Regulations: 5 mph limit, no waterskiing.

L2- Lantern Hill Pond - 23.1 acres
742 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard
Launch: Approach to ramp is difficult.
Parking: 6 spaces

L3- 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

L4- Stoddard Hill
(Stoddard Hill State Park Scenic Reserve- Thames River)
1943 CT 12, Ledyard
Regulations: See # N13- Thames River
Parking: 20 spaces

L5- Blissville Pond Regulations
50 acres
Use of all motors prohibited.

L6- Shetucket River
Rte. 169, turn north onto Wheelerator Corp. access road.
Launch is on the left. Boat launch is owned and operated by town of Lisbon. Closed Dec 1 to Mar 1.
Parking: 6 spaces

LITCHFIELD

L7- Bantam River Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited

L8- Mount Tom Pond - 56.3 acres
(Mount Tom State Park)
In Mount Tom State Park off Rt. 202, Litchfield
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 9 spaces

LYME

L9- Hadlyme Ferry
(Connecticut River)
151 Ferry Road, Lyme
Adjacent to the Hadlyme Ferry.
Regulations: See # E23- Essex Saybrook
Parking: 10 spaces

L10- Norwich Pond - 29 acres
(Nehantic State Forest)
Keeny Road, Lyme
Launch: In Nehantic State Forest
Regulations: Operation of motorboats prohibited.
Parking: 9 spaces

MADISON

L11- Uncas Pond (Hog Pond)
68.9 acres
Keeny Road, Lyme
On access road in Nehantic State Forest. Travel over same road that provides access to Norwich Pond.
Regulations: Operation of motorboats prohibited
Parking: 15 spaces

L12- Hamburg Cove Regulations
(Connecticut River)
6 mph limit (enforced by Harbormaster)

L13- Reynolds’ Garage & Marine
(Hamburg Cove)
860-434-0028
Pumpout Information
May - Nov, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm; Sat, 9 am - 4 pm
Fuel Avail.: None

Connecticut River Pumpout Boat
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)
See # E23- Essex

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MANSFIELD
M3- Mansfield Hollow Lake (Naubesatuck) - 460 acres
(Mansfield Hollow State Park)
Bassett Bridge Rd, Mansfield.
Launch is owned by US Army Corps of Engineers.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing
Parking: 50 spaces
★

MARLBOROUGH
M4- Lake Teramuggus Regulations - 83 acres
Motors are limited to 3.3 hp.

MERIDEN
Black Pond
See # M9- Middlefield
M5- Hanover Pond Regulations
The operation of any remote-controlled craft prohibited. Steerage speed only for all vessels.

MIDDLEFIELD
M8- Beseeck Lake - 116 acres
215 Baileyville Road, Middlefield
Launch: Crowded on weekends; shallow waters in northern end of lake.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing except for the period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day when speeds in excess of 8 mph and waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
Parking: 20 spaces
★

M9- Black Pond - 76 acres
2000 East Main St, Middlefield
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces
★

M10- Crystal Lake - 32.4 acres
98 Livingston Road, Middletown
Launch: Same entrance as Middletown Park. Launch is operated by the City of Middletown.
Regulations: Use of electric motors is permitted. Closed Dec 1 to Mar 1.
Parking: 9 spaces
★

M11- Dooley Pond - 18.5 acres
Between 49 & 100 Brush Hill Road, Middletown
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing
Parking: 20 spaces
★

MILFORD
M12- Housatonic River
Under the I-95 Bridge on Naugatuck Avenue, Milford
Regulations: See # M14- Housatonic River
Parking: 53 spaces
★

M13- 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.

M14- Housatonic River Regulations
(Milford, Shelton, Stratford)
No person shall operate a motor-boat 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 water-ways within the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, including Nells Island; (3) the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford and bounded southerly by navigation aid #14; and (4) the area bounded northerly by the northernmost tip of Wooster Island and bounded southerly by the southernmost tip of Wooster Island.

M15- Milford Boat Works
(Milford Harbor)
VHF 68 or 203-877-1475
Memorial Day weekend-Columbus Day, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm
★

M16- Milford Harbor Marina
(Milford Harbor)
VHF 68 or 203-877-1475
Memorial Day weekend-Columbus Day, Daily, 9 am - 7 pm
★

M17- Milford Lisman Landing
(Milford Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-874-1610
May - Oct, Daily, 7 am - 8 pm
★

M18- Port Milford Marina
(Milford Harbor)
203-301-2223
May - Oct, Daily, 8 am - 4 pm
★

MONROE
Lake Zoar
See # S9- Southbury

MONTVILLE
Gardner Lake
See # S1- Salem

MORRIS
M19- Bantam Lake - 947 acres
50 Palmer Road, Morris
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 pm to 5 am, no kite skiing or parasailing without permission.
Parking: 20 spaces
★

NEW BRITAIN
N2- Batterson Park Pond
140 acres
457 Alexander Road, New Britain
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Watercraft launched and recovered only at the state boat ramp.
Parking: 25 spaces
★

NEWBURY
N1- Lake Lillinonah - 1,547 acres
(Pond Brook)
160 Hanover Road, Newtown
Regulations: See # B20- Bridgewater
Parking: 60 spaces
★

NEWTOWN

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NEW CANAAN
N3- New Canaan Town Park
Ponds Regulations
Use of vessels prohibited without permission of Director of Recreation.

NEW FAIRFIELD
N4- Ball Pond - 82.5 acres
7 Ball Pond Road E, New Fairfield
Regulations: Vessels with motors attached prohibited.
Parking: 8 spaces

N5- Candlewood Lake
(Squantz Cove) - 5.064 acres
(Squantz Pond State Park)
Across from 255 CT-39, New Fairfield
Regulations: See # D1- Danbury
Parking 75 spaces

N6- Squantz Pond - 270 acres
(Squantz Pond State Park)
In Squantz Pond State Park off Short Woods Road, New Fairfield
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.
Parking: 25 spaces

NEW HARTFORD
West Hill Pond
See # B2- Barkhamsted

NEW HAVEN
N7- Lighthouse Point
(Lighthouse Point Park)
2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven
Launch is located within the park. It is owned and operated by the City of New Haven.
Parking: 60 spaces

N8- City of New Haven - FTB
(New Haven Harbor)
203-410-7065
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps
Max LOA: 100+ ft
Hrs: May 1-Oct 31, Daily 8 am-5 pm
Fees: $5/ft
Fuel Avail.: None

N9- Long Wharf Pier
(New Haven Harbor)
May 15 - Oct 31, Daily, 7 am - 7 pm

N10- Pequonnock Yacht Club
(New Haven Harbor)
VHF9 or 203-773-9469. Apr 1 - Oct 31, Fri - Sun. 8 am – 5:30 pm, and upon request at other times

N11- Quinnipiack River Marina
(Quinnipiack River)
203-376-3116
Apr 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm
Gas Available, Boat Launch Available

N12- Waucoma Yacht Club
(Quinnipiack River)
VHF 19 or 203-789-9530
May 15 - Nov 1: Mon - Fri, 1 pm - 5 pm, Sat & Sun, 10 am - 6 pm

Branford Town Pumpout Boat
See # B12- Branford

NEW LONDON
N13- Thames River
1 State Pier Road, New London
Launch: 40 State Pier Drive, New London
Regulations: On the Thames River (New London) 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.
Parking: 50 spaces

N14- City of New London - FTB
(Thames River)
860-443-3786 Call or email harbormaster at bjneff1369@abccglobal for availability.
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps
Max LOA: 100+ ft
Hrs: Memorial Day - Labor Day
Fees: $3/day for moorings.
Fuel Avail.: None

N15- Crocker’s Boatyard, Inc.
(Shaw’s Cove)
VHF 9 or 860-443-6304
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm

N16- Ferry Slip Dockominium
Association
(Thames River)
860-442-9038
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm

N17- New London City Pier
(Thames River)
VHF 9 or 860-443-3786
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Daily, 24hrs

N18- Thamesport Marina
(Thames River)
Pumpout information
VHF 9 or 860-442-1151
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm
FTB information
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps
Max LOA: 100+ ft
Hrs: May 1 - Oct 31, Daily 9 am - 5 pm
Fees: $3/ft
Fuel Avail.: Gas/Diesel

N19- Shrink the Boat, L.L.C.
Pumpout Boat
(Lower Thames River, Pine Island Bay)
See #G25- Groton

NEW MILFORD
N20- Housatonic River Regulations
Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side and downstream side of Bleachery Dam.

Lake Zoar
See # S9- Southbury

Lake Lillinonah
See # B20- Bridgewater

NORFOLK
N21- Tobey Pond Regulations
Vessels with motors prohibited.

N22- Wood Creek Pond
145 acres
428 Ashpothag Road, Norfolk
Launch: Shallow pond.
Parking: 12 spaces

NORTH STONINGTON
N23- Anderson Pond (Blue Lake)
56.6 acres; At the Intersection of Lakeside Drive and Loretta Avenue, North Stonington
Parking: 8 spaces

N24- Billings Lake - 97.4 acres
At the End of Billings Lake Road, North Stonington
Parking: 6 spaces

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Bush Pond
See # L1- Ledyard

N25- Hewitt Pond Regulations
3 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

N26- Lake of Isles - 88.7 acres
Lake of Isles Road, North Stonington
Launch: Gravel launch
Regulations: 8 mph limit
Parking: 10 spaces

N27- Long Pond - 109 acres
699 Lantern Hill Road, North Stonington
Regulations: 5 mph limit, no waterskiing
Parking: 35 spaces

N28- Wyassup Lake - 101 acres
153 Wyassup Lake Road, North Stonington
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm. No towing of surf boards or water-skiers at any time between the islands and the east shore.
Parking: 8 spaces

NORWALK

N29- 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.

N30- City of Norwalk-FTB
(Veterans Park)
203-829-8892
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps
Max LOA: 100+ ft
Hrs: May - Oct, 7 am - 9 pm
Fees: 8 am - 4 pm $/ft, 4 pm - 12 am $1/ft, 12 am - 8 am $1/ft
Fuel Avail.: None

N31- Norwalk Cove Marina
(Charles Creek)
VHF 9, 72 or 203-838-7600
May - Oct, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 7 pm; Sat - Sun, 8 am - 6 pm

N32- Norwalk Visitor’s Dock
(Norwalk Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-829-8892
Apr 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

N33- Rex Marine Center
(Norwalk River)
203-866-5555
May 1 - Nov 30, Daily, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

N34- East Norwalk Blue, Inc. Pumpout Boat
(Darien, Norwalk, Westport, Fairfield, Stamford, and Greenwich)
VHF 77 or 203-857-1077
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 10 am - 4 pm

NORWICH

N35- Bog Meadow Pond Regulations
Use of boats and canoes prohibited.

N36- The Marina at American Wharf
(Thames River)
VHF CH 68 or 860-886-6363
Apr 15 - Oct 30, Daily, 8 am - 6 pm

N37- American Wharf Pumpout Boat
(Thames River)
VHF 68 or 860-886-6363
Apr 15 – Oct 30, Daily, 8 am - 6 pm

OLD LYME

N1- Four Mile River
99 Old Cart Path, Old Lyme
Launch: Shallow launch conditions at low tide; clearance problem at high tide.
Parking: 55 spaces

N2- Great Island
100 Smith Neck Road, Old Lyme
Launch: Shallow at low tide
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 35 spaces

N3- Lieutenant River
At the Intersection of Rt. 156 and Ferry Road, Old Lyme
Parking: 3 spaces

N4- Rogers Lake - 260 acres
96 Grassy Hill Road, Old Lyme
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 am to 6 pm Mon through Fri and 10 am to 7 pm Sat and Sun.No person shall operate any boat on Rogers Lake which is propelled by an engine having a horsepower exceeding 135. 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, southerly direction only in excess of steerable way between Picnic Island and Whale Island, counterclockwise pattern throughout lake when in excess of steerable way speed. Speed limits: year-round, 10 to 13 mph; steerable way with no wake in cove by Hains Park and in boat launch channel.
Parking: 20 spaces

O5- CT DEEP Marine Headquarters
(Connecticut River)
VHF 9 or 860-434-6148
Memorial Day weekend - Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm; Sat - Sun and holidays, 10 am - 5 pm

OLD SAYBROOK

O6- Baldwin Bridge
(Connecticut River)
212 Ferry Road, Under the I- 95 bridge, Old Saybrook
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 75 spaces

O7- Connecticut River Regulations
(Old Saybrook- Hartford)
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 Fri, Apr through Jun, 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.

The following overall speed limits shall apply:
(A) A 25 mph nighttime speed limit from 12 hour after sunset until 12 hour before sunrise on all days of the year.
(B) A 30 mph limit from 12 hour before sunrise to 12 hour after sunset on Sat and Sun from the Sat preceding Memorial Day to the Sun preceding Labor Day inclusive and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
(C) 45 mph limit from 12 hour before sunrise to 12 hour after sunset, Mon through Fri, inclusive, during all seasons, and on Sat and Sun from the Sat following Labor Day to the Fri preceding Memorial Day, inclusive.
No person shall operate a motor-boat 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.

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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 railroad bridge (north of the Bulkeley Bridge) and bounded southerly by navigation aid #143 (south of the Charter Oak Bridge).

O8- Oak Leaf Marina - FTB
(Connecticut River)
VHF Channel 9 or 860-388-9817
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amp
Max LOA: 100 ft
Hrs: Apr 1 - Oct 31, Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm, Sat 9 am - 3 pm; Nov 1 - Apr 1 closed Sun
Fuel Avail.: call for prices & availability

O9- Ragged Rock Marina
(Connecticut River)
VHF 9 or 860-388-1049
Apr 1 - Nov 30, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm

O10- Saybrook Point Marina
(Connecticut River)
Pumpout Information
VHF 9 or 860-395-3080
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily
FTB information
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amps
Max LOA: 240 ft
Hrs: May 1 - Oct 31, Daily 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Fees: Daily: $1/ft; Nightly: $3.95 - $4.50/ft
Fuel Avail.: Gas/Diesel

O11- SHM Ferry Point Marina
(Connecticut River)
VHF 9 or 860-388-3260
May 1 - Nov 15, Daily, 24 hours

O12- S&S Marine, LLC
(Connecticut River)
Pumpout Information
860-388-9112
Apr 1 - Dec 31, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm; Sat, 9 am - 12 pm
FTB information
860-388-9112
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amps
Max LOA: 65 ft
Hrs: Apr 1 - Dec 1, Mon - Fri 9 am - 5 pm, Sat 9 am - 12 pm
Fees: Daily: $1/ft; Nightly: $3.50/ft
Fuel Avail.: None

O13- Connecticut River
Pumpout Boat
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)
See # E23- Essex

OXFORD

Lake Housatonic
See # S7 - Shelton

Lake Zoar
See # S9- Southbury

PLAINFIELD

P1- Moosup Pond Regulations
95.8 acres
Vessels greater than 18 feet in length or motors greater than 10 hp prohibited.

P2- Hamlin's Pond Regulations
12 acres
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.

P3- Paderewski Pond Regulations
16 acres
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.

P4- Lake Winfield Regulations
16 acres
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.

P5- Plymouth Reservoir
39 acres
156 North Street, Plymouth
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Plymouth.
Parking: 13 spaces

PORTLAND

P6- Great Hill Pond Regulations
76.1 acres
Use of motors over 6 hp prohibited, 12 mph limit.

P7- Jobs Pond Regulations
36 acres
Use of all motors prohibited.

P8- Pettzold’s Marine Center
(Connecticut River)
VHF 9 or 860-342-1196
Mar - Nov, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4 pm; Sat, 8 am - 1 pm

P9- Portland Boatworks
(Connecticut River)
860-342-1085
May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 4:30 pm

P10- Portland Riverside Marina
(Connecticut River)
860-342-1911
May 1 - Oct 15, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

P11- Birdon New England LLC
(Connecticut River)
VHF 68 or 860-342-4735
May 15 - Dec 15, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

PRESTON

P12- Amos Lake - 113 acres
At the End of Thomas Drive, Preston
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm.
Parking: 25 spaces

P13- Avery Pond - 50.6 acres
At the End of Avery Drive, Preston
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing
Parking: 10 spaces

REDDING

R1- Huntington State Park Ponds
Regulations - 20 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited

RIDGEFIELD

R2- Mamanasco Lake - 89.2 acres
At the Intersection of 12th Lane and Mamanasco Road, Ridgefield
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces

R3- Pierrepont Lake - 45 acres
(Seth Low Pierrepont State Park Scenic Reserve)
60 Barlow Mountain Road, Ridgefield
Launch: Access immediately on the right in State Park.
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 3 spaces

R4- Great Pond Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited
SALEM

S1- Gardner Lake - 529 acres
(Gardner Lake State Park)
126 Old Colchester Road, Salem
Regulations: 6 mph limit from sunset
to 8 am Slow-No-Wake between
Minnie Island and the eastern shore.
Parking: 54 spaces

S2- Horse Pond - 13.2 acres
295 New London Road, Salem
Regulations: Use of internal com-
bustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces

S3- Mitchell Pond Regulations
Vessels with motors attached
prohibited.

SALISBURY

S4- Twin Lakes - 843 acres
State Boat Ramp Access Road,
Salisbury; Launch is located on East
Twin Lake.
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 counter-
clockwise on east and west halves
of East Twin Lake.

S5- Wononscopomuc Lake
348 acres
Ethan Allen St, Salisbury
Launch is owned and operated by
the Town of Salisbury.
Open 7 am to 8 pm from third Sat in
Apr to Labor Day; from Labor Day
to Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 7 am to 8 pm,
weekends, 7 am to noon. $10 fee
for nonresidents.
Regulations: Motors are limited
to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10
hp). No waterskiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

SEYMOUR

Lake Housatonic
See # S7- Shelton

SHARON

S6- Mudge Pond (Silver Lake)
207 acres
At the Intersection of Silver Lake
Shore Road & Baker Road, Sharon
Launch: Weed-choked in summer.
Regulations: 712 hp limit, 6 mph limit.
Motorboating prohibited ½ hour
after sunset to sunrise and any-
time within 200 feet of town beach.
Parking: 14 spaces

SHELTON

S7- Lake Housatonic - 326 acres
(Indian Well State Park)
1 Indian Well Road, Shelton
Launch: Launch is located in Indian
Well State Park, open Apr - Sep, call
203-735-4311.
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 steerable 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 sun-
rise. No kite skiing or parasailing
without permission.
Parking: 45 spaces

SOMERS

S8- Somersville Mill Pond Regula-
tions - 25 acres
6 mph limit, no waterskiing.

SOUTH BURY

Lake Lillinonah
See # B20 - Bridgewater

S9- Lake Zoar - 975 acres
210 Scout Road Southbury
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. Parking: 60 spaces.

SOUTHINGTON

S10- Crescent Lake Regulations
45 acres
Use of internal combustion engines
prohibited.

STAFFORD

Crystal Lake
See # E19- Ellington

S11- Staffordville Lake Regula-
tions - 125 acres
40 mph limit except 5 mph limit after
8 pm during Jul and Aug and after
7:30 pm at other times, also before
10 am on Sat and holidays and
before noon on Sun.

STAMFORD

S12- 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 a line beginning at the southern
tip of Shippan Point, then along the
east breakwall to its western end,
then south two hundred (200) feet,
then west to a point south of the
eastern end of the west breakwall,
then north to the southwestern
corner of the federal anchorage,
then west to Highwater Rock and
on to the unnamed charted rocks
located approximately eight hundred
(800) feet northwest of the end of
the west breakwall, then north to
the southern end of the stone jetty
located southwest of the Dolphin
Cove inlet.

S13- Czesck Municipal Marina
(Stamford Harbor)
203-977-5008
Apr - Nov, Mon - Fri, 2 pm - 5:45
pm, Sat - Sun, 8 am - 3:45 pm

S14- Stamford Landing Marina
(Stamford Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-965-0065
Apr - Nov, Daily (except closed
Wed), 9 am - 5 pm

S15- East Norwalk Blue, Inc
Pumpout Boat
(Stamford Harbor)
See # N34- Norwalk

S16- SHM Yacht Haven Marina
(North Yard)
(Stamford Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-359-4500
May 15 - Oct 31; Daily, 10 am - 5 pm

STONINGTON

S17- Barn Island
(Barn Island Wildlife Area)
At the End of Palmer Neck Road,
Stonington
Launch: very crowded on weekends.
Parking: 60 spaces

S18- Stonington Regulations
(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 break-
water, 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.
Also See # G18- Mystic River
Regulations

Slow-No-Wake around the northern
end of Sandy Point, in the area
bounded by a line from Sandy Point
due north to green can # 9, then to
the southern tip of Elihu Island, then
the southern tip of Edwards Point,
then to a point half way between red
runt # 4 and green can # 5, then due
east to Sandy Point (simplified: see
the ordinance for exact text).

S19- Dodson Boatyard
(Stonington Harbor)
VHF 78
May 15 - Sep 15, 8 am - 9 pm; Sep
16 - Nov 15, 8 am - 7 pm

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S20- Greenhaven Marina, LLC
- FTB
(Pawcatuck River)
860-599-1049
Power Avail.: 30 amps
Max LOA: 40 ft
Hrs: May - Oct, 24/7
Fees: $1/ft for moorings
Fuel Avail.: None

S21- Mystic River Marina
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-3123
Apr 1 - Nov 30, Mon. - Fri: 8am - 5pm, Sat & Sun: 8am - 7pm

S22- Mystic Shipyards East
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-6588
Apr 1 - Dec 1, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm

S23- Norwest Marine Inc.
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF 9 or 860-599-2442
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

S24- SHM Yacht Yard at Mystic
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-2293 May 1 - Oct 31, Fri - Sat, 8 am - 6 pm, Sun - Thu 8 am - 5 pm

Westerly Pumpout Boat
See # X4 – Rhode Island, Westerly

STRATFORD

S25- Housatonic River and Great Stratford Harbor Regulations
4 mph limit when passing boats and anchorages.
Also See # M14 - Housatonic River

S26- SHM Stratford Marina
(Housatonic River)
VHF 9 or 203-377-4477
Bulkhead: Year-round, Daily, 24 hours
Fuel dock: Mar 15 - Nov 15, Daily, 24 hours

T2- Quadiick Reservoir
407.7 acres
(Quadiick State Park)
In Quadiick State Park off Quadiick Town Farm Road, Thompson
Launch: Open Apr 15 through Nov 27, 8 am to sunset.
Parking: 6 spaces

T3- West Thompson Lake
- 239 acres
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.
Regulations: 5 mph limit, no swimming or water contact activities. Parking: 15 spaces

T4- Shenipsit Lake
- 532 acres
(Tolland, Ellington, Vernon)
Note: Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake Boat Storage Facility (860-875-1850) for additional information concerning boat storage space availability.

T5- Burr Pond
- 85.1 acres
(Burr Pond State Park)
Burr Mountain Road, Tolland
Launch: Heavily used, good sailing, shallow at ramp.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 25 spaces

T6- Stillwater Pond
- 100 acres
948 Norfolk Road, Tolland
Launch: 8 am - 5 pm; after Labor Day - Oct 31, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm

TOLLAND

T4- Shenipsit Lake
- 532 acres
(Tolland, Ellington, Vernon)
Note: Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake Boat Storage Facility (860-875-1850) for additional information concerning boat storage space availability.

VERNON

V1- Bolton Lake, Middle
121 acres
250 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon
Regulations: Motors limited to 6 hp.
Parking: 5 spaces

V2- Bolton Lake, Upper
50.3 acres
247 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon
Regulations: Motors limited to 6 hp.
Parking: 2 spaces

Shenipsit Lake
- 532 acres
See # T4- Tolland

VOLUNTOWN

V3- Beach Pond
- 372 acres
205 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: All motorboats – 6 MPH limit within 75 feet of shore, dock, raft, launching area, swimming area, except while taking off or landing a water skier, and 6 MPH limit from Tripps Cove to the dam at the west- erly end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.
Parking: 25 spaces

V4- Beachdale Pond
- 372 acres
228 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

V5- Green Falls Reservoir
- 48.2 acres
482 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 6 spaces

V6- Green Pond
- 287 acres
(Pawcatuck River)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: No water-skiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

U1- Bigelow Pond
- 24.5 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 15 spaces

U2- Breakneck Pond Regulations
91.7 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

U3- Mashapaug Lake
- 287 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: 10 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

U4- Morey Pond
- 44.8 acres
(Nipmuck State Forest)
205 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: All motorboats – 6 MPH limit within 75 feet of shore, dock, raft, launching area, swimming area, except while taking off or landing a water skier, and 6 MPH limit from Tripps Cove to the dam at the west- erly end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.
Parking: 25 spaces

U5- Pomfret Pond
- 372 acres
210 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 6 spaces

U6- Stillwater Pond
- 100 acres
948 Norfolk Road, Voluntown
Launch: 8 am - 5 pm; after Labor Day - Oct 31, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm

W1- Bigelow Pond
- 24.5 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 15 spaces

W2- Belgrade Pond
- 44.6 acres
(Quaddick State Park)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: 10 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

W3- Bolton Pond
- 372 acres
205 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: All motorboats – 6 MPH limit within 75 feet of shore, dock, raft, launching area, swimming area, except while taking off or landing a water skier, and 6 MPH limit from Tripps Cove to the dam at the west- erly end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.
Parking: 25 spaces

W4- Beachdale Pond
- 372 acres
228 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

W5- Green Falls Reservoir
- 48.2 acres
482 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 6 spaces

W6- Green Pond
- 287 acres
(Pawcatuck River)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: No water-skiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

W7- Mashapaug Lake
- 287 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
Bigelow Brook, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: 10 mph limit, no waterskiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

W8- Morey Pond
- 44.8 acres
(Nipmuck State Forest)
205 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: All motorboats – 6 MPH limit within 75 feet of shore, dock, raft, launching area, swimming area, except while taking off or landing a water skier, and 6 MPH limit from Tripps Cove to the dam at the west- erly end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.
Parking: 25 spaces

W9- Pomfret Pond
- 372 acres
210 North Shore Road, Voluntown
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 6 spaces

W10- Stillwater Pond
- 100 acres
948 Norfolk Road, Voluntown
Launch: 8 am - 5 pm; after Labor Day - Oct 31, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm
### WALLINGFORD

**W1- North Farms Reservoir**  
64.4 acres  
Between 981 & 993 Barnes Road, Wallingford  
Launch: Shallow pond, weed problems.  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing. Parking: 20 spaces

**W2- Wharton Pond Regulations**  
3 acres; All vessels prohibited

### WARREN

**Lake Waramaug**  
(Washington, Warren, Kent)  
See # W3- Washington

### WASHINGTON

**W3- Lake Waramaug**  
656 acres  
30 Lake Waramaug Rd, Washington  
Regulations: From May 15 through Sep 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. 12 HP limit. Seaplanes prohibited. Call 860-686-6427 for vessel inspection prior to launching. A total of only 20 non-residents are allowed on the water through the town and state park launches.  
Launch: Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Washington. Open 3rd Sat in Apr until last week in Jun on Sat, Sun and Wed 6 to 11 am & 4 pm to Sunset; last week in Jun until Labor Day from Fri thru Mon 6 am to Sunset and Thu thru Thu 10 am to 5 pm; and after Labor Day to last Sun in Oct on Sat, Sun and Wed 6 to 11 am & 4 pm to Sunset. All vessels must be inspected for aquatic vegetation. Parking: 9 spaces (limited to 7 non-residents).

### WATERFORD

**W4- Dock Road**  
(Long Island Sound)  
11 Dock Road, Waterford  
Launch: Very crowded on weekends.  
Parking: 45 spaces

**W5- Niantic River**  
At the Intersection of 1st Street, 2nd Street, and River Street, Waterford  
Launch: Located approximately .25 mile north of Rte.156 Bridge  
Regulations: See # E14 - Niantic River  
Parking: 100 spaces

**W6- Waterford Regulations**  
In Alewife Cove, 6 mph. Waterskiing permitted only in certain designated open water areas as delineated on the water use plan.

### WATERTOWN

**W7- Black Rock Pond Regulations**  
5 acres  
All vessels prohibited.

**W8- Winnemaug Lake Regulations**  
155 acres  
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.

### WEST HAVEN

**W9- City Point Yacht Club Inc.**  
(West River)  
VHF 9 or 203-789-9301, Apr 1 - Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 7 pm, Sat - Sun, 8 am - 7 pm

**Branford Town Pumpout Boat**  
See # B12- Branford

### WESTBROOK

**W10- Messerschmidt Pond**  
73 acres  
Between 224 & 489 Stevenstown Road, Westbrook  
Regulations: Use of electric motors permitted. Parking: 10 spaces

**W11- Westbrook Regulations**  
Patchogue River, Menunketesuck River and within 500 feet of shoreline - 5 mph limit and no waterskiing except in special areas.

**W12- SHM Pilots Point Marina**  
(Bestbrook Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 860-399-7906 or 860-339-1800; May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hrs

**W13- Harry’s Marine Repair**  
(Patchogue River)  
860-399-6165  
Apr - Oct, Daily, 9 am - 4 pm

**W14- SHM Pilots Point Pumpout Boats**  
(Bestbrook Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 860-399-7906  
May 1-Oct 31: Daily, 7:30 am-5 pm

### WESTPORT

**W15- Saugatuck River**  
Under the I-95 Bridge on Elaine Road, Westport  
Regulations: See # W16 - Westport  
Launch: Under I-95 on the east side of river.  
Parking: 25 spaces

**W16- Westport Regulations**  
Saugatuck River, Bermuda Lagoon, Shorehaven Marsh, harbors and congested areas – 5 mph limit. No waterskiing or surf-boarding in any channel.

**W17- Ned Dimes Marina**  
(Compo Cove, Saugatuck River)  
VHF 11 or 203- 341-1063  
May - Oct, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm

**W18- East Norwalk Blue, Inc.**  
Pumpout Boat  
(Darien, Norwalk, Westport, Fairfield, Stamford, and Greenwich)  
See # N34 - Norwalk

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**LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION**

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**IF FOUND STICKER**

Vessel Identification Sticker

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Phone:**

To report a boating emergency in Connecticut, see 1/8 Channel 16 or call (500) 424-5333.

**Designed to save lives, return gear, and prevent hours of unnecesary searching by first responders!**
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

WETHERSFIELD
W19- Wethersfield Cove Regulations
6 mph limit.

W20- Wethersfield Cove
(Wethersfield Cove) Pumpout information
May - Oct, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm
FTB Information
860-883-9424
Power Avail.: None
MAX LOA: 35ft
Hrs: May 1 - Oct 31, daily 8 am-7pm
Fees: Mooring: $25 per day/night;
Slip: $40 per day/night
Fuel Avail.: None

WINCHESTER
W21- Highland Lake - 445 acres
297 West Lake Street, Winchester
Regulations: 6 mph limit from 12 hour after sunset to 12 hour before sunrise, and 6 mph limit from 5 pm Sun to 1/2 hour before sunrise on Mon (Sun before Memorial Day to Sun preceding Labor Day). 45 mph limit on Sat, Sun, 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.
Parking: 28 spaces

W22- Park Pond - 82 acres
29 Blue Street, Winchester
Regulations: 8 mph, no waterskiing
Parking: 12 spaces

W23- Winchester Lake - 246 acres
Across from 155 West Road, Winchester
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water-skiing.
Parking: 25 spaces

W24- Mad River Impoundment Regulations
3 acres
All vessels prohibited.

WINDHAM
W25- Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond) - 8.5 acres
483 Back Road, Windham
Regulations: Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to Oct 31. Use of all motors prohibited.
Parking: 15 spaces

W26- Bissell Bridge (Windsor Meadows State Park Connecticut River)
At the End of East Barber Street, Windsor
Regulations: See # O7 Connecticut River
Parking: 18 spaces

W27- Rainbow Reservoir (Farmington River) - 240 acres
Between 60 and 120 Merriman Road, Windsor
Regulations: 35 mph limit
Parking: 15 spaces

W28- Scoville Reservoir
121 acres
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.
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.
Parking: 10 spaces

WOLCOTT
W29- Black Pond - 73.4 acres
Camp Road, Woodstock
Regulations: 5 hp limit.
Parking: 10 spaces

W30- Roseland Lake - 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. Open sunrise – sunset.

W31- Griggs Pond Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

W32- Muddy Pond (Pond Factory) Regulations
130 acres
5 hp limit.

NEW YORK -
FISHERS ISLAND
X1- Shrink the Boat, L.L.C. Pumpout Boat
(Fishers Island, NY)
See # G25 - Groton

RHODE ISLAND -
WESTERLY
X2- Avondale Boat Yard Inc.
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF CH 9 or 401-348-8187
Apr- Oct, 8 am-5 pm; $9.00

X3- Westerly Yacht Club
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF CH 10, 401-596-7556, or 401-596-5792 check for hours of operation

X4- Westerly Pumpout Boat
(Stonington Harbor, Little Narragansett Bay, Pawcatuck River, Watch Hill Harbor)
VHF 8 or 401-345-3162
May 22 – Oct 12, Wed - Mon 9 am - 5 pm; Open Memorial Day until October 12.
Sun, Tide & Moon Predictions for 2023

Sunrise Table for 2023

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# Boating Accident Report

## State of Connecticut

**Department of Energy & Environmental Protection**

**Boating Division**

P.O. Box 280, Old Lyme CT 06371-0280

E-mail: deep.boating@ct.gov

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## Your Vehicle Information (Vessel #1)

**Complete All Blocks (Indicate those not applicable by "NA")**

### Name and Address of Operator
- **Age:**
- **Gender:**
- **Operator's Experience on this Vessel:**
  - Under 20 hours
  - 20 to 100 hours
  - 100 to 500 hours
  - Over 500 hours
- **Operator's Formal Boating Instruction:**

### Rented Boat?
- **Number of People on Board:**
- **Were They Accessible?**
  - No
  - Yes
- **Were They Used?**
  - No
  - Yes

### Hull Identification Number

### Boat Name

### Type of Vessel
- Air Boat
- Inflatable Boat
- Cabin Motorboat
- Houseboat
- Open Motorboat
- Paddlecraft
- Pontoon Boat

### Hull Material
- Aluminum
- Fiberglass
- Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas
- Plastic
- Steel
- Wood
- Other

### Engine Type
- Inboard
- Outboard
- Pod Drive
- Stern Drive
- Other

### Propulsion
- Propeller
- Manual
- Water Jet
- Sail
- Air Thrust
- Other

### Engines
- **No. of Engines:**
- **Total HP:**
- **Fuel Type:**
- Gasoline
- Diesel
- Electric
- Other

### Numbers of People Being Towed
- **Other:**

### Registration Number

### State

### Make

### Model & Year

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### Hull Identification Number

### Boat Name

### Weather Conditions
- Clear
- Rain
- Cloudy
- Foggy
- Snow
- Hazy

### Water Conditions
- Calm (Under 6
- Light (0 - 12 mph)
- Moderate (12 - 25 mph)
- Strong (25 - 55 mph)
- Stormy (over 55 mph)

### Visibility
- Good
- Poor
- Fair
- Other

### Wind Speed
- 0 - 10 mph
- 11 - 20 mph
- 21 - 40 mph
- Over 40 mph

### Estimated Speed
- 0 - 10 mph
- 11 - 20 mph
- 21 - 40 mph
- Over 40 mph

### Accident Events (Check all applicable)
- Collision w/ Recreational Vessel
- Collision w/ Commercial Vessel
- Collison w/ Fixed Object
- Collision w/ Floating Object
- Collision w/Submerged Object
- Sinking
- Grounding
- Capsize
- Flooding / Swamping
- Fire / Explosion (Fuel)
- Fire / Explosion (Non-Fuel)
- Person Electrocuted
- Person Explosion
- Person Struck By Vessel
- Person Struck By Propeller
- Person Felled Overboard
- Person Fell Overboard
- Person Felled On/Within Vessel
- Mishap of Skier, Tuber, wake brd
- Person Left Vessel Voluntarily
- Person Ejected from Vessel

### Contributing Factors (Check all applicable)
- Alcohol Use
- Drug Use
- Hazards of Waters
- Excessive Speed
- Improper Anchoring
- Improper Loading
- Overloading
- Improper Lookout
- Operator Inattention
- Operator Inexperience
- Navigation Rules Violation
- Ignition of Fuel or Vapors
- Machinery Failure
- Fuel System
- Electrical Sys.
- Engine
- Shift
- Other

### Equipment Failure (Check applicable below)
- Engine
- Electrical Sys.
- Seats
- Seating
- Other

### Other:
- Other
- On-Board Nav. Aids (ex. GPS)

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## Accident Details

### Date of Accident

### Time

### # Vessels Involved

### Name of Water Body

### Exact Location

### Nearest Town

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- Clear
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- Foggy
- Snow

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### Operation at Time of Accident
- Cruising (underway under power)
- Changing Direction
- Racing
- Sailing
- Tied to Dock / Moor
- Rowing / Paddling
- Drifting
- Being Towed
- Anchoring
- Docking / Undocking

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## Safety Equipment on Vessel

### Personal Flotation Devices
- **Were They USCG approved?**
  - Yes
  - No
- **Number of Life Jackets Onboard:**
- **Were They Accessible?**
  - Yes
  - No

### Fire Extinguishers
- **Were They Used?**
  - Yes
  - No
- **Number of Fire Extinguishers and Type:**

### Accident Events

### Contributing Factors

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## Accident Report

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.

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**Police Department Name and Case No. (If any):**

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### INJURED / MISSING / DECEASED

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### ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION

Describe what happened (include a sequence of events and what in your opinion caused the accident. Include or attach a diagram if needed. Continue on additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

### ALCOHOL / DRUG USE

Did the operator consume any alcohol or do drugs before or during the operation of the vessel?  
- □ A Little  □ A Lot  □ None  □ Alcohol  □ Drugs  □ Both

Did any of the passengers consume any alcohol or do drugs before or during the operation of the vessel?  
- □ A Little  □ A Lot  □ None  □ Alcohol  □ Drugs  □ Both

Was there any alcohol or drugs onboard during the operation of the vessel?  
- □ A Little  □ A Lot  □ None  □ Alcohol  □ Drugs  □ Both

If this accident involved more than one vessel, was there any indication that the operator of the other vessel(s) had consumed any alcohol or done drugs?  
- □ A Little  □ A Lot  □ None  □ Alcohol  □ Drugs  □ Both

### OTHER KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

If more than 2 vessels / property were involved, please attach a separate sheet of paper with this information.

### SIGNATURE

The information on this form is certified under penalty of false statement to be true and complete.

Signature of person completing this report: [Signature]

Date: [Date]

Printed name of person completing this report: [Name]

Address (Street, Town, State): [Address]

Phone: [Phone]

Involvement:  
- □ Operator  □ Owner  □ Witness: □ Other: [Involvement]

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