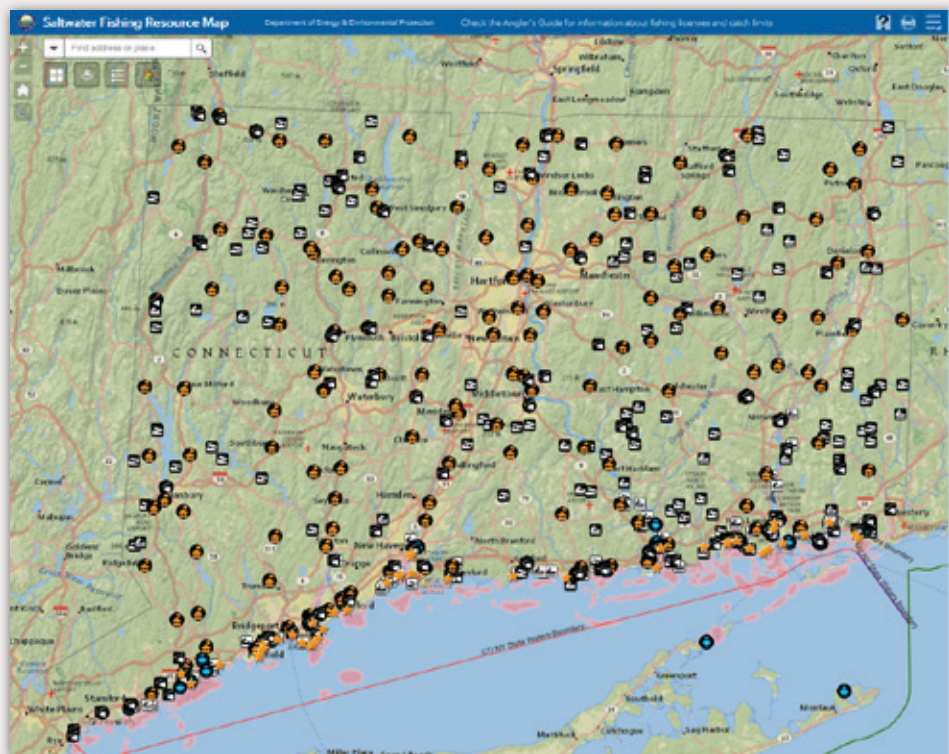


MARINE FISHING



SALTWATER FISHING RESOURCE MAP

This online map shows the locations of points of interest related to saltwater fishing, including sporting licensing agents, bait and tackle shops, enhanced opportunity shore fishing sites, car top boat launches with Long Island Sound access, trailered boat launches with Long Island Sound access and party/charter boat locations. For information about these points of interest, go to www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishingresourcemap.



ANGLERS PLEASE NOTE RECIPROCITY

New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts also have marine license requirements. Though Connecticut has reciprocity with these neighboring states, residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters Sport or an All-Waters Fishing License to fish in the Marine District.

Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations



Scan the code for more information or visit www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing

Minimum length is measured from the tip of the snout (head) to the end of the tail.

Spearfishing is an allowed recreational activity, subject to all sport fishing regulations.

SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS, & FISHING SEASONS

Effective 2019: Species regulations are subject to change. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies must be consulted. Visit www.ct.gov/deep/laws-regs or contact Marine Fisheries (860-434-6043) for current regulations.

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Red type signifies regulations may change in 2019.

See www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing for updated recreational fishing regulations.

SPECIES	NOTES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY CREEL LIMIT (fish per angler)	OPEN SEASON
Alewife/ Blueback Herring	The taking of Alewife and Blueback Herring is prohibited.			
American Eel	Eel Pots limited to 2 pots per person, personal use only. Legal Methods: Angling, Snagging, Spearing, Eel Pot Silver eel harvest is prohibited.	9"	25	Year Round
American Shad	All state waters closed except the Connecticut River.	None	6 (American and Hickory Shad in aggregate)	Year Round
Atlantic Cod	Visit https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs/index.html for updated federal regulations.	23"	10	Year Round
Black Sea Bass	Length excludes the tendril (tail filament). See www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing for Party/Charter fishing regulations.	15"	5	May 19 – December 31
Bluefish		None	10 (including snapper bluefish)	Year Round
Haddock	Visit https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs/index.html for updated federal regulations.	18"	None	Year Round
Hickory Shad		None	6 (American and Hickory Shad in aggregate)	Year Round
Menhaden		None	50 fish or 5 gallons (whichever is the greater amount)	Year Round
Pollock	Visit https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs/index.html for updated federal regulations.	19"	None	Year Round
Red Drum	No person shall possess any red drum greater than 27 inches measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Any red drum greater than 27" shall, without avoidable injury, be returned immediately to the water from which taken.	None	None	None
Scup (Porgy)	See www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing for Party/Charter fishing regulations.	9"	30	May 1 – December 31
	At Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Access Sites (see Appendix A on page 56)	8"	30	May 1 – December 31
Sea-Run Trout (Brown, Brook, Rainbow)		15"	2 (all species in aggregate)	Year Round
Striped Bass	No spearing or gaffing	28"	1	Year Round
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	On the water, fillets must meet minimum length or be accompanied by a legal sized rack (carcass) See www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing for updated regulations	19"	4	May 4 – September 30
	At Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Access Sites (see Appendix A on page 56)	17"	4	May 4 – September 30
Tautog (Blackfish)		16"	2	April 1 – April 30 and July 1 – August 31
		16"	3	October 10 – November 28
Weakfish		16"	1	Year Round
White Perch		7"	30	Year Round
Winter Flounder		12"	2	April 1 – December 31
Sharks/Tuna*	Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit is required to take, possess, or land any shark species, other than smooth or spiny dogfish. To obtain an HMS permit see www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits or call NMFS Customer Service at 888-872-8862			

* Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Compliance Guide: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-fishery-compliance-guides>

Striped bass may only be taken by angling (spearing is prohibited) and the use of a gaff in the taking of striped bass is prohibited. However, striped bass legally taken by spearing in another state may be landed in Connecticut. No person shall land or possess on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state any striped bass from which the head or tail has been removed or which has otherwise been rendered unidentifiable as a striped bass or unable to be measured. Summer flounder filleting.

If summer flounder are filleted onboard either: (1) each fillet is required to meet the minimum fish length, or (2) the carcass (rack) of the fish from which the fillet was removed has to be retained and the carcass has to meet the minimum length. This rule shall not be construed to prevent filleting of fish on shore or dockside.

DEMARCATIION BETWEEN MARINE AND INLAND DISTRICT

A marine sport fishing license is required downstream of locations listed below or in areas designated as being entirely in the Marine District. Unless indicated below, the demarcation line is the first bridge upstream from the river mouth or cove.

- **Alewife Cove:** New London-Waterford. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Beebe Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Blackhall River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Branford River:** Branford. Montowese Street.
- **Bride Brook:** East Lyme. First railroad crossing.
- **Byram River:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Clinton River:** (Indian River) Clinton. Rte. 1.
- **Connecticut River:** I-95 bridge. Old Lyme-Old Saybrook.
- **Duck River:** Old Lyme. Entirely in Marine District.
- **East Creek:** Guilford. The tide gates at Guilford dock.
- **Housatonic River:** Milford-Stratford. Merritt Parkway.
- **Indian Harbor:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Indian River:** Milford. Rte. 122.
- **Jordan Cove:** Waterford. First railroad crossing.
- **Lieutenant River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Menunketesuck River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Mianus River:** Greenwich. Dam north of Boston Post Road.
- **Mill River:** Fairfield. Dam at Harbor Road.
- **Mill River:** New Haven. Tide gates at State Street.
- **Mumford Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Mystic River:** Stonington-Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Niantic River:** East Lyme-Waterford. Golden Spur Bridge, Rte. 1.
- **Norwalk River:** Norwalk. Wall Street.
- **Oyster River:** Milford. Rte. 122.
- **Palmer's Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Patchogue River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Pawcatuck River:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Pequonnock River:** Bridgeport. North Avenue (Rte. 1).
- **Poquonnock River:** Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Pequot-Sepos Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quiambaug Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quinnipiac River:** New Haven. Rte. 17.
- **Sasco Brook:** Westport. Buckley's Mill Dam, above Rte. 1.
- **Saugatuck River:** Westport. Kings Highway.
- **Shaws Cove:** New London. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Stonington Harbor, Lambert Cove and Quana duck Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Thames River:** Groton-New London. 500 ft. North of Rte. 1, I-95 bridge.
- **Tokeneke Brook:** Darien. Old Farm Road.
- **Wequetequoct River:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **West River:** Guilford. Rte. 146.
- **West River:** West Haven. Tide gates at Orange Ave. (Rte. 1).

For a complete listing, consult section 26-108-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and section 26-109 of the Connecticut General Statutes. These can be found at www.ct.gov/deep/laws-regs.

For more information, go to www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing

HOW TO CATCH FISH

Contact your local bait and tackle shop for updated fishing information. See page 14 for a list of bait and tackle shops or go to www.ct.gov/deep/baitandtackle.

STRIPED BASS



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Habitat

- Large rivers in spring and fall
- Estuaries and bays in summer

Fishing Method

- Drifting with live bait
- Jigging and trolling
- Bottom fishing with bait
- Casting to fish

Baits & Lures

- Live bait, menhaden, eels, shad and sand worms
- All types of swimming lures, plastic and rubber baits

BLACK SEA BASS



Habitat

- Estuaries and Sound
- Rock piles/reefs
- Oyster and mussel beds
- Pilings and jetties

Fishing Method

- Anchored over structure, reefs
- Bottom fishing
- Fishing with bait

Baits & Lures

- Sand worms, conch, shrimp, mummichogs, silversides, mussels/clams and baited jigs or jigs with plastic/rubber bodies or trailer

FLUKE



Habitat

- Estuaries and bays
- Lower sections of rivers
- Hard bottom and channels preferred

Fishing Method

- Drifting with bait
- Jigging up and down
- Casting and slowly moving jig with bait

Baits & Lures

- Live/dead bait (bunker, mummichogs, shiners & silversides), cut squid strips, baited jigs and plastic baits

SCUP



Habitat

- Estuaries and bays
- Rock piles/reefs
- Oyster and mussel beds
- Pilings and jetties

Fishing Method

- Anchored over structure/reefs
- Bottom fishing
- Live or dead bait

Baits & Lures

- Squid or conch strips, sand worms, shrimp, and mussels/clams

Looking for a place to fish, launch a boat, a bait and tackle shop or a party/charter vessel to go fishing on? Check out the Saltwater Fishing Resource Map at www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishingresourcemap

Enhanced Fishing Opportunities & Volunteer Angler Survey Programs

Scan the code for more information or visit www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing



ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY SHORE FISHING PROGRAM

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Appendix A. Public Shore Fishing Access Sites where Summer Flounder/Fluke (17 inch min. length) and Scup (8 inch min. length) may be taken at a smaller length limit. Please see page 54 for a complete list of marine recreational fishing regulations including creel limit and open seasons.

MARINE VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY PROGRAM

The Marine Fisheries Program is seeking marine recreational anglers who will volunteer to participate in the **Connecticut Volunteer Angler Survey (VAS) Program**. The VAS Program is designed to collect fishing trip and catch information from marine recreational (hook and line) anglers who volunteer to record their angling activities via a logbook. **VAS anglers contribute valuable fisheries-specific information concerning striped bass, fluke, bluefish, scup, tautog and other important finfish species used in monitoring and assessing fish populations inhabiting marine waters.**

Participants will have the choice of either filling out the traditional paper logbooks and mailing them back or by entering their data electronically by a computer web based application. In either case, paper logbooks will still be sent out to each angler.

Both the VAS paper logbook and the computer electronic version are easy to enter. Each participating angler is assigned a personal code number for confidentiality. The paper logbook instructions are located on the inside cover and the electronic version will have a specified menu with assisted help information. Upon completion of the paper logbook, tape the pre-postage paid logbook and drop it in the mail. All paper logbooks are returned to each angler for their own personal records upon data entry. Anglers that participate are also provided with updated program results and public hearing notices concerning recreational fishery management regulations.

LOOK FOR THIS SIGN!



APPENDIX A: Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program Access Sites

Learn more by selecting any site below from the drop-down list on www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/coastalaccess/index.html. Also see Marine Regulations on page 54.

SITE	CITY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY	
Pleasure Beach Family Fishing Pier	Bridgeport
Saint Mary's by the Sea	Bridgeport
Seaside Park	Bridgeport
Ash Creek Open Space	Fairfield
Jennings Beach	Fairfield
Penfield Beach	Fairfield
Penfield Reef	Fairfield
Calf Pasture Beach	Norwalk
Maritime Aquarium Park	Norwalk
Bond's Dock	Stratford
Long Beach	Stratford
Point-No-Point	Stratford
Russian Beach	Stratford
Short Beach Park	Stratford
Sherwood Island State Park	Westport
MIDDLESEX COUNTY	
South Cove Causeway	Old Saybrook
Saybrook Point	Old Saybrook
NEW HAVEN COUNTY	
Branford Point	Branford
Chaffinch Island Park	Guilford
Hammonasset Beach State Park	Madison
Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center	Milford
Gulf Beach	Milford
Silver Sands State Park	Milford
Criscuolo Park	New Haven
Fort Nathan Hale Park	New Haven
Tomlinson Bridge Fishing Pier	New Haven
Bradley Point Park	West Haven
Sandy Point	West Haven
Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary	West Haven
NEW LONDON COUNTY	
Cini Memorial Park	East Lyme
Hole-in-the-Wall Beach	East Lyme
McCook Park	East Lyme
Rocky Neck State Park	East Lyme
Bluff Point State Park and Reserve	Groton
Eastern Point Beach	Groton
UConn-Avery Point	Groton
City Pier and Waterfront Park	New London
Fort Trumbull State Park	New London
DEEP Marine Headquarters—Ferry Landing Park	Old Lyme
Mystic River Park	Stonington
Stonington Point	Stonington
Stonington Town Dock Fishing Pier	Stonington
Harkness Memorial State Park	Waterford
Mago Point Park	Waterford
Waterford Beach Park	Waterford



Recreational Fishing—Bait Species, Blue Crab & Lobster

TAKING OF BAIT SPECIES

For personal use/not for sale: Recreational License required in marine district.

Net and traps which may be used to catch bait species only (see species list below)

- Cast Nets.
- Minnow Traps: no larger than 20" long by 15" in diameter.
- Umbrella Nets: not more than 4 ft. in length by 4 ft. in width.
- Scoop or Scap Nets: no larger than 36" in diameter.
- Seines: no longer than 30 feet in length.
- Up to two eel pots.
- Hook & Line.
- By hand.

Species that may be taken using the gears listed above

- Menhaden (see possession limit on page 54: [Also see Gillnetting Menhaden](#))
- Striped Killifish and Banded Killifish
- Atlantic Silverside
- Tidewater Silverside
- Mummichogs
- Sea Herring (Atlantic Herring)
- Sand Lances (Sand Eels)
- American Eel (see possession limit on page 54)
- Sea Lamprey
- Bay Anchovy
- Mullet Species
- Sheepshead Minnow
- Shrimp Species
- Green, Fiddler, Asian Shore and Hermit Crabs

SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT



Sand Tiger Shark



Sandbar (Brown) Shark

Protected and prohibited species must be released unharmed. For more information, go to <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/outreach-and-education/shark-identification-placard>

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, LET IT GO!

GILLNETTING MENHADEN

Personal Use Gillnet License Required (\$100.00)

Legal Menhaden Capture Methods

Use of a single gillnet, not more than 60 feet in length and 3 inch minimum mesh size.

Prohibited

The taking of any species other than menhaden.

Required

- Annual Report of Catch
- See Personal Use Gillnet License Guidelines for a complete list of requirements.

Info

- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Personal Use Menhaden Gillnet License Guidelines.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and search for Personal Use License.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/MarineFishInfoCirc

SHELLFISH

For personal use/not for sale: Town Shellfishing License required.

Species Include

- Mussels
- Oysters
- Clams
- Scallops

Contact the town where you plan to harvest shellfish for permit information, or the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture at 203-874-0696. email: ctdeptag@ct.gov.

LOBSTER

Personal Use Lobster License Required (\$60.00)

Legal Lobster Capture Methods:

- Ten pots or less (pot tags required)
- Skin Diving
- SCUBA Diving
- Hand Capturing

Required

- Annual Report of Catch
- See Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing for a list of requirements.

Info

- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing in Connecticut.
- Lobster Gauges can be purchased (\$4) at the Marine Fisheries office in Old Lyme or from DEEP Licensing at: 79 Elm Street, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 860-424-3105
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and search for Personal Use License.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/MarineFishInfoCirc

Reduce Catch and Release mortality — please use circle hooks.



Sherri Mallinson with her trophy Summer Flounder.

BLUE CRAB

For personal use/not for sale: No license required. **Blue crab fact sheet:** www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/saltwater/blue_crab_fact_sheet.pdf.

Legal Blue Crab Capture Methods:

- Scoop Net, Hand Line, Dip Net, Trot Line
- Star Crab Trap (or similar device)
- Circular Topless Trap (not exceeding 26" in diameter)
- Semi-Circular Cylindrical Trap (12" or less in diameter)

Open Season

May 1–November 30.

Minimum Shell Width: (Spike Tip to Spike Tip)

- 5" hard shell crabs
- 3½" soft shell crabs

Prohibited

- Possession of uncooked blue crab meat without the body shell attached.
- Possession of more than 2 claws per body.
- Possession of egg bearing females.
- Chesapeake-style crabs traps.

Required

All devices must be attended at all times.

JONAH CRAB

For personal use/not for sale: No license required. 50 crabs per day.

SQUID

For personal use/not for sale: No license required if taken using a squid jig.

Resources For Fishermen:

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/recreational/resources_for_fishermen.html

For additional information, refer to the Marine Fisheries Information Circular by visiting the www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or call the Marine Fisheries Division at: 860-434-6043.

Shoreline Fishing in Coastal State Parks

During regular hours, a vehicle parking fee is required for out-of-state vehicles to enter most of the state parks. There is no parking fee for CT registered vehicles. Parking fees are collected from 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays, and 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. during the week except at state parks marked with an asterisk. Late day fees (4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. any day) for Harkness, Hammonasset, Rocky Neck and Sherwood Island are \$7 for non-residents. For more information please see the coastal state parks website: www.ct.gov/deep/stateparks.

- * Parking Fees subject to change.
- Fishing Line Recycling Receptacle



Camping

NIGHT FISHING RULES

Anglers entering a park by vehicle must obtain a vehicle permit in order to park and fish. Between the hours of 6:30 am and 8:00 am no vehicle will be allowed into the day-use area of the park. Individuals entering the park without a vehicle do not require a permit, but must possess fishing tackle (rod & reel, bait, light, etc.) and engage in fishing.

BLUFF POINT STATE PARK & COASTAL RESERVE, GROTON

Fishing is allowed 24 hrs.

- Fish to be caught:** Winter flounder and snapper bluefish can be caught at Poquonnock Cove. Bluefish, striped bass, hickory shad, summer flounder, little tunny, blue crab, striped sea robin and tautog can be caught from the beach.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 88 to Route 117 south, right onto Route 1, left onto Depot Road. Follow to end.
- Parking Fees:** None.

FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK, NEW LONDON



Fishing access (handicapped accessible), 24 hour pedestrian access from Riverfront Walk to Fishing Pier on the Thames River.

- Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad, scup, tautog, winter flounder, weakfish, blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass.
- Directions:** I-95N, Exit 83 (Huntington Street). I-95S, Exit 84.
- Parking Fees:** None. Telephone: 860-444-7591.

FERRY LANDING STATE PARK, OLD LYME



Fishing access (handicapped accessible) consists of a fenced bulkhead area and a fishing/crabbing boardwalk. Parking is available inside the park after hours for fishing/crabbing only.

- Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, catfish, American eel, hickory shad, blue crab, striped sea robin and white perch.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 70 to Route 156. After ¼ mile make a right onto Ferry Road. Follow to end. Telephone: 860-434-6043.
- Parking Fees:** None.

HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK, MADISON



Fishing is allowed only at the Meigs Point Jetty (south end) and at West Beach Jetty during the peak season from 8 a.m. to sunset. Night fishing is permitted along the entire beach (2 miles). **The entire beach (2 miles) is not open to night fishing during the off-season (October–May).**

- Fish to be caught:** Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, summer flounder, scup, weakfish, striped bass, blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 62. Telephone: 203-245-2785.
- Parking Fees***
 - Weekdays: non-resident—\$15.00
 - Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—\$22.00

HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, WATERFORD

Fishing is allowed along the beach. No swimming allowed.

- Fish to be caught:** Tautog, bluefish, striped bass and scup (porgy) can be caught off the rocky point, blue crab, striped sea robin and summer flounder off the beach.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 75. Take Route 1 North to Avery Lane on right. Follow Avery Lane to Route 213. Follow Route 213 to the park. Telephone: 860-443-5725.

- Parking Fees***
 - Weekdays: non-resident—\$10.00
 - Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—\$15.00
 - After 4pm any day: non-resident— \$7.00

ROCKY NECK STATE PARK, EAST LYME



Fishing is allowed on the jetty year round. The entire beach and jetty is open to fishing during the off-season. Jetty located on right side of beach. **Please note:** When no night rangers are on staff and on major holiday weekends, no vehicles are permitted in park for night fishing.

- Fish to be caught:** Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, striped bass, scup (porgy), blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass can be caught off the jetty. Crabbing is allowed at designated areas.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 72 to Route 156. Telephone: 860-739-5471.
- Parking Fees***
 - Weekdays: non-resident—\$15.00
 - Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—\$22.00

SHERWOOD ISLAND STATE PARK, WESTPORT



Fishing is allowed at Sherwood Point, East and West Jetty during the open season (April 15–Sept. 30). The entire beach is open to fishing during the off-season from 8 a.m. to sunset only.

- Fish to be caught:** Tautog, bluefish, scup, summer flounder, winter flounder, blue crab, striped sea robin and striped bass can be caught off Sherwood Point.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 18. Telephone: 203-226-6983.
- Parking Fees***
 - Weekdays: non-resident—\$15.00
 - Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—\$22.00

SILVER SANDS STATE PARK

AFTER HOURS FISHING PARKING/CHARLES ISLAND, MILFORD

Fishing is open throughout the area including the sand spit which extends about a mile from the mainland to Charles Island. **Caution is advised when fishing or walking the Tombolo (sand bar).** Swift tidal currents during a flood tide can make passage dangerous and persons unfamiliar with the area may be stranded on Charles Island until low tide.

- Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad, blue crab, striped sea robin and weakfish.
- Directions:** I-95, Exit 35. Follow Schoolhouse Road south to Route 1 (Bridgeport Avenue). Turn left onto Route 1 then right at first light (Silver Sands Park Way). Follow Park Way and turn left at next light (Meadowside Road). Follow Meadowside 0.7 mile and turn right at Robert Treat Parkway which then becomes Surf Avenue. Follow Surf Avenue to end at East Broadway and turn right. The After Hours Fishing Parking Lot is at the end of East Broadway.
- Hiking the Tombola (Sand Bar) while it is covered in water is prohibited.
- Parking Fees:** None.

SHORELINE FISHING & PROPERTY RIGHTS



CT Coastal Management Program

Connecticut's intertidal shore belongs to the people. Under the common law public trust doctrine, the public may freely use land and waters waterward of the mean high water line to fish. The public trust area includes beaches, rocky shores and open waters along tidal and navigable waters. Fishing in the public trust area is not trespassing; the DEEP encourages anglers to enjoy their rights to use the public trust lands for fishing. However, anglers should also respect the rights of adjacent landowners by not crossing private property without permission and by leaving the shoreline clean and litter free.

For other boat launches, see the 2019 *CT Boaters Guide* (www.ct.gov/deep/boating) and the *CT Coastal Access Guide* (www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/coastalaccess/index.html). Call 860-424-3034 or e-mail coastal.access@ct.gov for questions or additional information.

Scan the code to view the CT Boaters Guide:



BARN ISLAND, STONINGTON

- **Parking:** 60 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 91. South to N. Main Street to Rte. 1. Greenhaven Road to Palmer Neck Road, follow to end.

BAYBERRY LANE, GROTON

- **Parking:** 30 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 87. Rte. 349 becomes Shennecossett Road, left onto Bayberry Lane.

BRANFORD RIVER, BRANFORD

- **Parking:** 50 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
- **Use:** Low use.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 53. Rte. 142 left onto Stannard Avenue to Goodsell Point Road.

CONNECTICUT RIVER, OLD SAYBROOK

- **Parking:** 75 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, year round.
- **Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** Exit 1 off Rte. 9 North. End of ramp turn right. Located under Baldwin Bridge, (I-95) off Ferry Road.

DOCK ROAD, WATERFORD

- **Parking:** 45 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Ramp is steep and narrow; Launching may be difficult during strong southwesterly winds.
- **Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 74. Rte. 213, south on Goshen Road, launch straight ahead.

THAMES RIVER (KENNETH E. STREETER BOAT LAUNCH), GROTON

- **Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Launching may be difficult during strong northwesterly winds.
- **Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95 North, Exit 85, bear right onto Bridge Street, next right onto Fairview Avenue, launch on left.

THAMES RIVER, NEW LONDON

- **Parking:** 50 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Good launching conditions.
- **Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95 North, Exit 84, left onto Williams Street. Turn east onto State Pier Road, launch at end, under I-95, Goldstar Bridge.

EAST RIVER, GUILFORD/MADISON

- **Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Concrete planks.
- **Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 59. Located on east side of East River. Take Rte. 1 onto Neck Road and follow to end.

FOUR MILE RIVER, SOUTH LYME

- **Parking:** 55 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Shallow launching area; low railroad bridge clearance.
- **Use:** Low use.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 71. Rte. 156, east on Oakridge Drive, first right to launch area.

GREAT ISLAND, OLD LYME

- **Parking:** 35 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Shallow at low tide.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 70. Rte. 156 east, south to end of Smith Neck Road and Great Island Wildlife Area.

HOUSATONIC RIVER, MILFORD/DEVON

- Open May 2019
- **Parking:** 50 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Launching may be difficult due to swift river currents at times of abnormal tides or extreme flooding.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** Located on the east side of the Housatonic River under I-95 (Exit 34). Take Route 1 onto Naugatuck Ave. Access approx. 1 mile on the left/

NIANITIC RIVER, WATERFORD

- **Parking:** 100 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, year round.
- **Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 74. ¼ mile northeast of Rte. 156 bridge across Niantic River.

SAUGATUCK RIVER, WESTPORT

- **Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- **Conditions:** Shallow launching conditions at low tide.
- **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- **Access:** I-95, Exit 17 east side of river. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, first right to launch.



Michael Parks with his trophy Smooth Puffer (Catch & Release)

CONNECTICUT STATE WATERS BOUNDARY

Fishing Across State Boundary Lines

Anglers are reminded that several states have areas of jurisdiction in Long Island Sound and fishing regulations can vary between these states. When on the waters or shores of each state, anglers must comply with all regulations of that state, regardless of the port they intend to return to. To be legal when crossing state boundary lines, anglers must abide by the most restrictive of the states' regulations for each species. Latitude/Longitude coordinates depicting the Connecticut boundary line in Long Island Sound and Fishers Island Sound are available in the Marine Fisheries Information Circular which can be found on the DEEP web site: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing. The Information Circular can also be obtained by calling 860-434-6043 or email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov.

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Long Island Sound map is for general reference only. For detailed information, please refer to Navigational Charts.

State Record Marine Fish (Harvested)



Red type signifies a new record set in 2018.

CATEGORY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT		LENGTH	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT
		lbs.	oz.				
STATE RECORD MARINE FISH	Albacore	68	14	46.5"	Atlantis Canyon	John Dagon	2012
	American Eel	5	3	39.5"	West Haven	Alyssa Zuppe	2017
	Atlantic Bonito	11	8	29.5"	Ocean Beach	Mark Drummey	2017
	Atlantic Cod	45	0		South of Block Island	John Chomen	2004
	Black Sea Bass	7	8	25"	Six Mile Reef, Clinton	Mike Lane	2005
	Blackfish (Tautog)	26	9.6	34"	Two Tree Island	Thien Nguyen	2015
	Bluefin Tuna	770	0		Block Island Sound	Lester Debetta	1990
	Bluefish	24	13		Norwalk Islands	Charles J. Toth	1979
	Blue Marlin	449	6		Atlantis Canyon	Jeffrey K. Eckert	2001
	Blue Shark	361	0		Ranger Wreck	Robert H. Oslen	1993
	WORLD RECORD Clearnose Skate	9	8	37"	Fort Nathan Hale	Anthony Carpentino	2017
	Conger Eel	7	4		Noank	Maria Annunziata	1987
	Cunner	3	4		Block Island Sound	Wesley E. Sargent	1998
	Hickory Shad	3	4		Niantic River, Niantic	Richard Kozlowski	2003
	Hogchoker	0	9	10.25"	West Haven	Albert Zuppe	2016
	Little Tunny	16	13	37"	Butterfish Hole	Vincent Deledda	2011
	Mako Shark	650	0		Block Island Sound	Gregory J. Erisoty	1987
	Oyster Toadfish	2	12	14"	Millstone Outflow	William Kondrasiewicz	2018
	Pollock	34	2		Block Island Sound	Joe DeCosta	2000
	Sandbar (Brown) Shark	118	7		Connecticut River, Old Saybrook	Bruce Kelly	1995
	Scup (Porgy)	4	2	19"	Block Island Sound	Marcelo Moutinho	2012
	Sheepshead Porgy	10	11		Branford Reef	Clyde Turner	1998
	Smooth Dogfish	18	11	57"	New Haven Breakwall	Jennifer Zuppe	2017
	Spiny Dogfish	22	11	57.75"	Milford	Jennifer Zuppe	2018
	Squid			14.25" mantle	Stonington	Christopher Sottile	2016
	WORLD RECORD Striped Bass	81	15	54"	Outer Southwest Reef	Greg Myerson	2011
	Striped Seabrobin	4	3	20"	Housatonic River	Howard Wolowitz	2012
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	14	11	31"	Black Point, Niantic	Tobey Sweet	2013
	Thresher Shark	467	0		Montauk Point	Mark Hiller	2006
	White Perch	1	15	14"	Old Lyme	Rufino Vargas Jr.	2015
Winter Flounder	6	1		Millstone Point, Waterford	Tom Kobas	1999	
Weakfish	17	14		Fayerweather Island	June Andrejko	1986	
Winter Skate	17	6		Watch Hill, R.I.	William F. Zanks	1995	
Yellowfin Tuna	210	7		Block Canyon	Charles J. Lobacz	1991	
EXOTIC MARINE SPECIES (Rare Species)	Atlantic Chub Mackerel	2	1	14"	Montauk Shoal	Brandon Collins	2016
	Banded Rudderfish	1	5	13"	Milford	Israel Ruman	2018
	Black Drum	15	3		New Haven Breakwater	Howard D. LaFrance	2001
	Black Grouper	1	4	13.5"	Millstone Outflow, Waterford	Hugh Durham	2012
	Cobia	18	0		East Haven	Nicholas Carafeno	2008
	Grey Snapper	5	15	25"	Millstone Outflow	Nelson Carey	2016
	Gray Triggerfish	6	1.5	19"	Pine Island, Groton	Keith Mehmet	2016
	Jack Crevalle	3	7.5	18.8"	Millstone Outflow, Waterford	Hugh Durham	2014
	King Mackerel	7	2	33.5"	Old Saybrook	Doug Clark	2018
	Ladyfish	3	8	23"	Millstone Point, Waterford	Nelson Carey	2014
	Mahi Mahi (Dolphinfish)	47	2	60"	Fish Tales Canyon	John Dagon	2016
	Monkfish	42	0	40"	Southside of Fisher's Island	Craig Weagle	2016
	Northern Kingfish	2	10	19.5"	Silver Sands State Park	Christopher Shea	2016
	Porbeagle Shark	191	0	75"	Ryans' Horn	Austin Urban	2013
	Roughtail Stingray	86	15	88"	Millstone Outflow, Waterford	Kevin McCaffery	2014
	Scalloped Hammerhead Shark	235	0		Block Island Sound	Richard Bonaccorsi	1992
	Smooth Puffer	9	6	25.25"	Sara's Ledge	Wayne Schneider	2016
	Spanish Mackerel	6	5		Branford Beacon	Michael Audet	2003
	Swordfish	359	0		Fish Tales	Fred J. Malcarne	2004
	Torpedo Ray	89	8		Misquamicut, R.I.	Chuck Adams	2008
	Wahoo	88	0		Fish Tales	Mike Matrishon	2005
	White Marlin	108	8		Block Canyon	Frederick Iasiello	1988
BLUE CRAB	Blue Crab			8.81"	Oyster River	Thomas Buonanni	2016

State Record Marine Fish (Catch & Release)

Red type signifies a new record set in 2018.

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT		LENGTH	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT
	lbs.	oz.				
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	34"	Mystic River	Zacery Martindale	2016
Black Sea Bass			24"	Six Mile Reef	Evan Kamoen	2018
Blackfish (Tautog)	13	9	27"	Indian Neck Point, Branford	Jack Martin	2012
Bluefish	15	6	37"	Housatonic River	Shawn Lalond	2012
Blue Shark			120"	Block Island Sound	Timothy E. Kilbride	2009
Clearnose Skate			35"	Clinton Harbor	Evan Kamoen	2018
Little Tunny (False Albacore)	6	8	26.5"	Block Island Sound	Timothy E. Kilbride	2009
Northern Puffer	0	0	10"	Hammonasset	Evan Kamoen	2017
Oyster Toadfish	3	4	16"	Norwalk	Patrick DeVito	2014
Scup (Porgy)	0	0	18.25"	Hammonasset	Evan Kamoen	2017
Smooth Dogfish	0	0	51"	New Haven Breakwall	Albert Zuppe	2016
Striped Bass	0	0	54"	Long Island Sound	Derek Williams	2017
Summer Flounder	10	11	29"	Sara's Ledge	Sara Roman	2018
Striped Sea Robin	0	0	20"	Long Island Sound	Alex Erdmann	2016

EXOTIC MARINE SPECIES (RARE SPECIES)

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT		LENGTH	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT
	lbs.	oz.				
Atlantic Stingray	14	4	58"	New Haven Breakwater	Larry E. Lainey	2010
Gray Triggerfish	4	8	19.25"	Niantic Bay	Christopher Otis	2013
Inshore Lizardfish	0	8	10"	Milford Point	Dean Vogel, Sr.	2011
Scalloped Hammerhead Shark	0	0	120"	Butterfish Hole	Christian Urban	2013
Smooth Puffer	0	0	23"	Six Mile Reef	Michael Parks	2018
Tiger Shark	550	0	108"	Block Channel	Pauly Randazzo Jr.	2017

MARINE DEFINITIONS

CLOSED SEASON (SALTWATER) The period of time during which no person shall take, possess or land a particular species taken by sportfishing methods, regardless of where taken. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

- Anglers cannot be in possession of fish legally taken in another state when on the waters or shores of Connecticut during a closed season for that species in Connecticut.

DAILY CREEL LIMIT The number of fish of a species or species group that can be retained by an individual angler during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

"CULLING" OR "HIGH-GRADING" means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the daily creel limit. "Culling" or "High-Grading" is prohibited in the Marine District!

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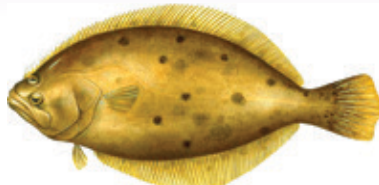
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Atlantic Menhaden



Weakfish



Scup (Porgy)



Atlantic Bonito



Little Tunny (False Albacore)



Striped Sea Robin



Black Sea Bass



Smooth Dogfish



American Eel



Northern Kingfish



Inshore Lizardfish



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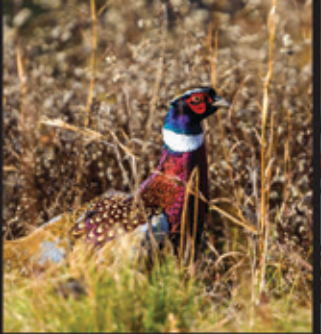
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2019 Tide Table—Saybrook Point



Sara Roman holding her trophy Tautog (Catch & Release).

HIGH TIDE PREDICTIONS BETWEEN 6:00 a.m. AND 7:00 p.m.
(Adjusted for daylight savings time) — 41.2833 N, 72.3500 W

○ FULL MOON ● NEW MOON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	6:50 a	8:07 a	6:57 a	9:03 a	9:10 a	9:55 a	10:05 a	11:15 a	12:36 p	1:03 p	2:24 p	1:50 p
2	7:39 a	8:50 a	7:47 a	9:44 a	9:50 a	10:36 a	10:51 a ●	12:07 p	1:30 p	1:57 p	3:21 p	2:45 p
3	8:23 a	9:31 a	8:30 a	10:23 a	10:29 a	11:19 a ●	11:39 a	1:01 p	2:25 p	2:53 p	3:22 p	3:43 p
4	9:05 a	10:12 a ●	9:11 a	11:01 a	11:08 a ●	12:05 p	12:31 p	1:56 p	3:22 p	3:52 p	4:26 p	4:43 p
5	9:47 a ●	10:53 a	9:50 a	11:39 a ●	11:49 a	12:53 p	1:24 p	2:52 p	4:23 p	4:57 p	5:29 p	5:40 p
6	10:30 a	11:33 a	10:29 a ●	12:17 p	12:30 p	1:44 p	2:19 p	3:50 p	5:28 p	6:04 p	6:04 a	6:15 a
7	11:13 a	12:13 p	11:07 a	12:56 p	1:14 p	2:37 p	3:15 p	4:51 p	6:34 p	6:42 a	6:53 a	7:01 a
8	11:56 a	12:52 p	11:45 a	1:36 p	2:01 p	3:34 p	4:15 p	5:55 p	7:08 a	7:38 a	7:35 a	7:43 a
9	12:40 p	1:31 p	12:23 p	2:18 p	2:52 p	4:36 p	5:17 p	6:23 a	8:04 a	8:24 a	8:15 a	8:21 a
10	1:23 p	2:12 p	2:01 p	3:06 p	3:49 p	5:39 p	6:19 p	7:27 a	8:49 a	9:05 a	8:52 a	8:58 a
11	2:07 p	2:58 p	2:41 p	4:01 p	4:52 p	6:01 a	6:43 a	8:22 a	9:31 a	9:44 a	9:28 a	9:35 a
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15	5:39 p	6:29 a	6:33 p	7:45 a	8:20 a	9:40 a	10:10 a	11:16 a ○	12:09 p	12:13 p	11:58 a	12:28 p
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17	6:59 a	8:15 a	8:04 a	9:29 a	9:58 a	11:14 a ○	11:40 a	12:41 p	1:28 p	1:27 p	1:35 p	2:17 p
18	7:45 a	9:06 a	8:58 a	10:18 a	10:46 a ○	12:02 p	12:25 p	1:24 p	2:06 p	2:07 p	2:34 p	3:18 p
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31	7:20 a	—	8:18 a	—	9:14 a	—	10:25 a ●	11:43 a	—	1:30 p	—	2:08 p

TIDAL DIFFERENCES — Remember that weather conditions affect tidal range & current speeds, sometimes very strongly.

Stonington	Less 1 Hour, 43 Min.	Duck Island	Plus 7 Min.	Bridgeport	Plus 33 Min.
Noank	Less 1 Hour, 33 Min.	Madison	Plus 12 Min.	Greenwich	Plus 34 Min.
Norwich	Less 1 Hour, 25 Min.	Falkner Island	Plus 19 Min.	Stamford	Plus 38 Min.
New London	Less 1 Hour, 11 Min.	Branford Harbor	Plus 24 Min.	Cos Cob Harbor	Plus 38 Min.
Millstone Pt.	Less 1 Hour, 2 Min.	New Haven Harbor	Plus 25 Min.	South Norwalk	Plus 45 Min.
Niantic	Less 10 Min.	Milford Harbor	Plus 26 Min.	Housatonic River, Stratford	Plus 1 Hour.
Old Saybrook	See tide chart	Saugatuck River	Plus 31 Min.		

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