

To promote boating safety on the Niantic River and to preserve the maximum number of boating opportunities, please familiarize yourself with the laws and regulations concerning the area.

As a responsible boater it is important to operate your vessel with care and consideration of fellow boaters and residents who want to enjoy the river.

★ WEST SIDE OF THE NIAN TIC RIVER (EAST LYME)

By local ordinance and Sec. 15-121-A15(a)(4) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Slow-No-Wake within:

- The federal navigation channel.
- 200 feet of shore north of federal channel.
- 100 feet of shore or any dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel; 200 feet for Personal Watercraft (PWC).

No swimming or SCUBA in channels.

No obstructions of channels or fairways.

- No water-skiing/tubing in designated channel or anchorages or restricted speed zones.

★ EAST SIDE OF THE NIAN TIC RIVER (WATERFORD)

By local ordinance and Sec. 15-121-B14(a) and 15-121-A15(a)(4) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Slow-No-Wake within:

- 100 feet of shore, or of a dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel, unless such motorboat is approaching such float, dock, shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in waterskiing to take off or land; 200 feet for Personal Watercraft.

Violation of State Boating Laws and Regulations will lead to monetary penalties. Below is a list of a few of the infractions based on the Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of State Agencies.

**Statute No: 15-133(f)**  
Violation of boating regulations \$ 75

**Statute No: 15-140(j)**  
Illegal operation of personal watercraft \$120

**Statute No: 15-133(b)**  
Interference with navigation \$120

**Statute No: 15-134(b)**  
Skiing in prohibited area \$ 80

**Statute No: 15-134(a)**  
Failure to have an observer while towing skier \$ 80

**Statute No: 15-134(c)**  
Illegal skiing in darkness \$ 80

**Statute No: 15-134(d)**  
Reckless skiing \$ 80

**Statute No: 15-140J(g)**  
Permitting passenger to ride in front of operator of personal watercraft \$ 80

In Connecticut, operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is a criminal offense. Penalties include loss of right to operate boat, fines from \$500 - \$8000 and possible jail time.

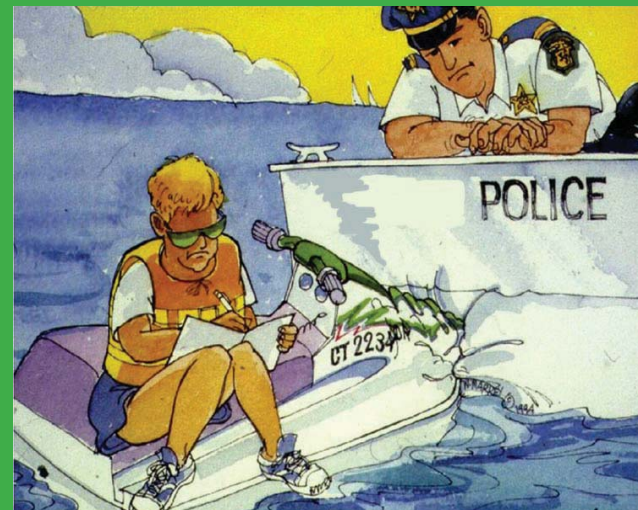
PLEASE REMEMBER

-No passenger should ride in front of the operator on a personal watercraft.

-The navigation channel in the Niantic River is a Slow-No-Wake Zone and it is illegal to water-ski or tube in this area.

-Boaters are responsible for damage to other vessels or to shorelines caused by their wakes. Notice the wake your boat creates at various speeds.

# LAWS ON THE NIAN TIC RIVER



**SAFETY ON THE RIVER IS BASED ON OBSERVING AND OBEYING THE LAW!**



East Lyme Harbor Management Commission

















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# Niantic River

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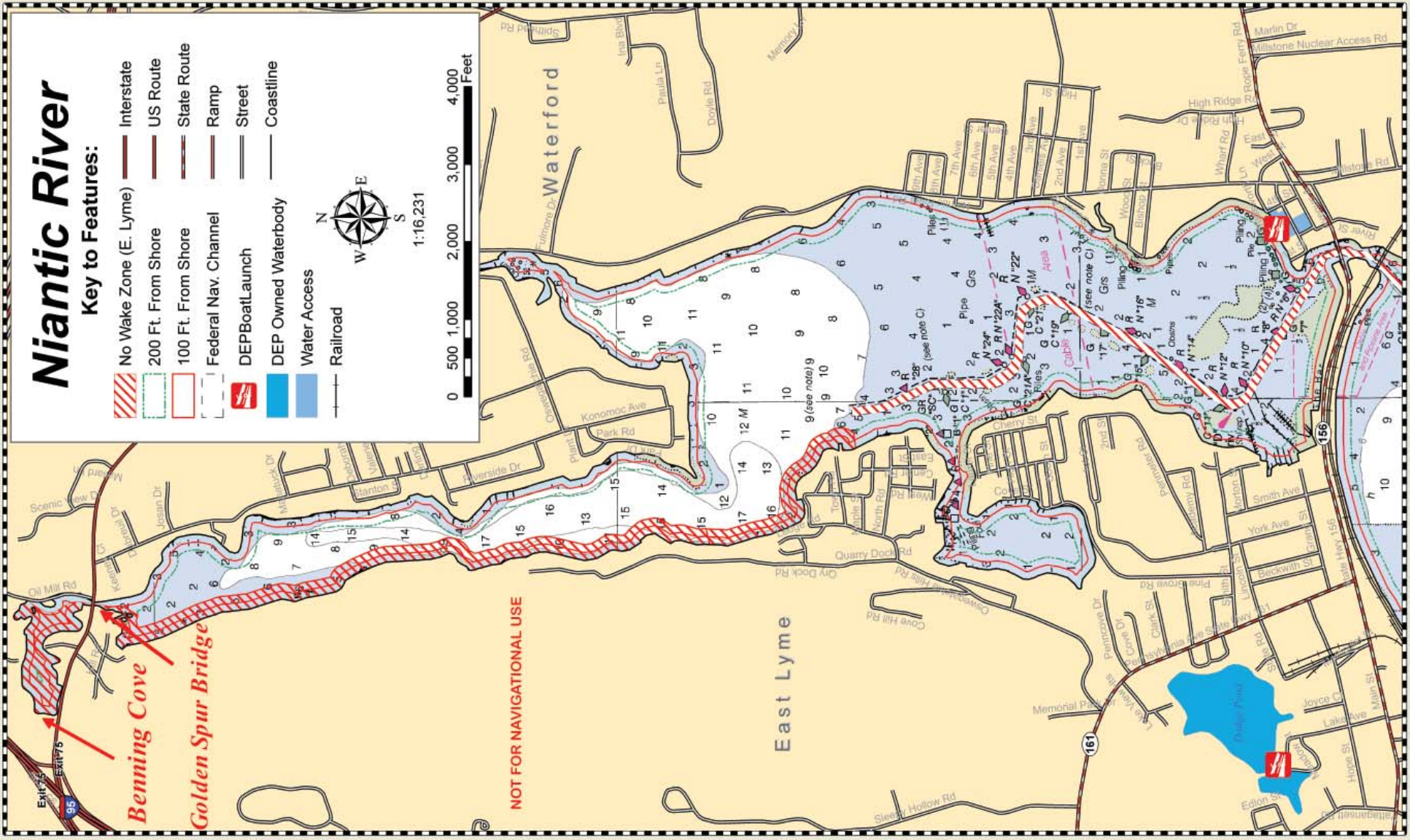
-  No Wake Zone (E. Lyme)
-  200 Ft. From Shore
-  100 Ft. From Shore
-  Federal Nav. Channel
-  DEP Boat Launch
-  DEP Owned Waterbody
-  Water Access
-  Railroad
-  Interstate
-  US Route
-  State Route
-  Ramp
-  Street
-  Coastline



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**NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL USE**



**SLOW-NO-WAKE:** A vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than 6 miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerageway when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger or injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind. Please operate your vessel carefully, especially north to the Golden Spur Bridge, including Benning Cove.