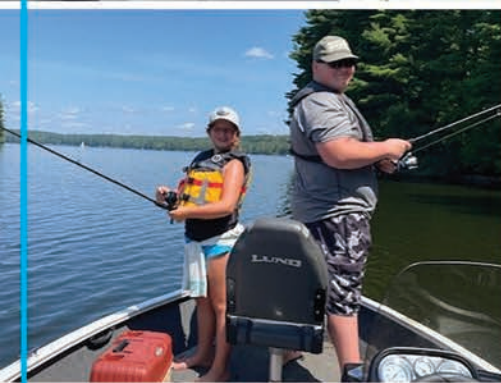


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This guide is intended to provide a summary of the most pertinent laws and regulations concerning boating in Connecticut, and to provide information on these opportunities. The writing is based on local ordinance, state regulation, state law, federal regulation, and federal law. No attempt has been made to employ the exact wording of laws and regulations, nor to provide their complete listing. While this makes for better reading, we understand that it is sometimes important to find the exact source or wording of a particular rule. If this is what you seek, we would be happy to help you find what you are looking for. Please send your inquiry by email to [deep.boating@ct.gov](mailto:deep.boating@ct.gov). In the subject line include "Regulation Question" to help route it to the correct person. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and the General Statutes of Connecticut must be consulted. A listing of the General Statutes of Connecticut can be found on the Connecticut General Assembly website at [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov) and information on state regulations is at <https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/>.

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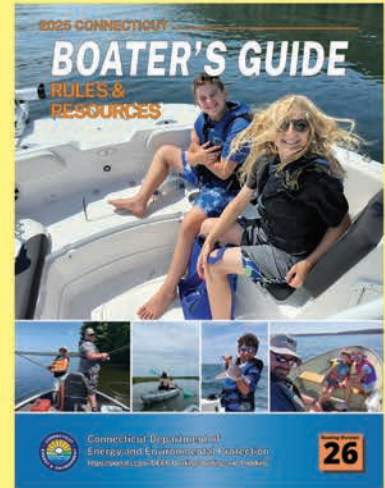
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Dear Connecticut Boaters,

We are very excited to share the 2025 edition of the DEEP Boater's Guide with you! This year's publication is once again packed with informative content for both new and experienced boaters including boating safety tips and up-to-date regulations. It also provides a map of pumpout facilities, a directory of state boat launches, information on the Boating Division's social media platforms, and much more! We recommend keeping a copy of the Boater's Guide in your vessel.

While this guide contains comprehensive information, we encourage all boaters to also follow the Boating Division's X account (@CTBoatingInfo) to get real-time notifications on boat launch closures and other navigation issues. We also share useful boating safety information, public notices, and other related content on Facebook (@Boating In Connecticut) and Instagram (@ctdeep\_boating).

**\*\*NEW!\*\*** We would like to direct all boaters to the information in this guide regarding the recent law changes to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) stamp. Effective October 1, 2024, the AIS stamp will no longer be collected by DMV during boat registration but instead must be paid through DEEP's Online Sportsmen Licensing system or wherever you buy a fishing license. The AIS stamp fees fund a critical grant program that goes towards AIS education, research and treatment. Purchasing the stamp is important – and it's the law for operators on Connecticut's inland waters. Please see additional details later in this guide.

Finally, the Boating Division would like to take this opportunity to make a direct plea to all boaters on the topic of safety. While on the water, it is vital that all boaters operate their vessels responsibly including boating sober, following navigation laws, and being courteous to other boaters. Also, I cannot stress enough how important it is for all boaters and passengers to wear your life jackets. Personal floatation devices are now more comfortable and convenient than ever. Accidents can happen in an instant and a life jacket can save your life.

I wish you all a happy and safe boating season!

All the best,

Peter B. Francis  
Boating Division Director  
State Boating Law Administrator

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Each spring and summer, Connecticut's offshore islands are home to over 80% of the state-threatened American Oystercatcher breeding population, approximately 300 breeding pairs of Common Terns, and five heron and egret rookeries.

Nesting birds are easily distressed by humans who get too close, even from a boat. Wherever you adventure, take these steps to share the shore:



American Oystercatchers. Photo: Beth Amendola/Audubon

**Respect posted signs and fences.** During nesting season, state, local, and federal agencies use signs and string fencing to help show where birds are being protected.

**Land kayaks and anchor boats away from nesting sites.** If birds are scared away from eggs or chicks for too long, they could die.

**Dispose of fishing line.** Birds can easily become entangled in loose line, which can trap, injure, or even kill them. Carry in, carry out!

**Avoid landing or walking at high tide.** Birds have fewer places to go and rest during this time.

**Keep close to the water.** Stick to a path or on the wet sand to avoid stepping on a nest or chick.

**Know before you go.** Check boating regulations to know what rules apply to your local beaches and/or islands.

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# Certificate & Education



## Connecticut Boating Certificates

No resident of the state, person owning property in the state, or person registering a vessel in the state shall operate on state waters a vessel that is required to be registered or numbered unless such person has a valid boating certificate issued by the Connecticut DEEP. There are some exceptions for persons holding specific valid United States Coast Guard licenses. To determine which vessels need to be registered or numbered in Connecticut, see page 12. If you have a license or certificate question, you can contact the DEEP Boating Division.

A **Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO)** allows an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft. To meet the requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO), an individual must:

- ▶ Pass an approved 8-hour combination basic boating/personal watercraft course; or
- ▶ Pass an approved basic boating course and an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course; or
- ▶ Pass the DEEP's Equivalency Examination.

A **Safe Boating Certificate (SBC)** will allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel, except a personal watercraft on Connecticut's waters. This certificate is currently valid but no longer issued by the DEEP.

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 27, 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.

1. Go to <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales>
  - Under "Returning Customer"
  - Type in your Last Name and your Date of Birth.
2. Select "Conservation ID."
3. Enter your Conservation ID and select the current year.
4. Select "Finish Login."
5. Select "Click here to reprint your license."



6. 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 reprinting.

The Boating Division strongly recommends that you create an account and obtain a Conservation ID number before starting any boating certification course.

To create an account and obtain your Conservation ID number go to <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales>.

### Temporary Certificate

If you purchase and register a new or used boat other than a personal watercraft in your name and do not have any kind of boating certificate, you may apply for a Temporary Safe Boating Certificate. It is valid for three months from the date the vessel was registered. Within that time, you are encouraged to obtain a permanent boating certificate.

If you purchase and register a new or used personal watercraft in your name and do not have a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you may apply for a Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation

after you have taken an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course. The temporary certificate is valid for three months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you are encouraged to obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

You can apply for either temporary certificate in person at any DEEP Processing Office (see page 4, for locations and hours).

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. One is the 8-hour CPWO combination course for new boaters. Second is the 2 1/2 hour Personal Watercraft course needed to upgrade a SBC to a CPWO or obtain a temporary CPWO. DEEP approved courses are offered by the DEEP, non-profit

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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 at <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.

Equivalency Examinations are offered only by the DEEP. Applications to register for the examination are available on the DEEP website at <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.

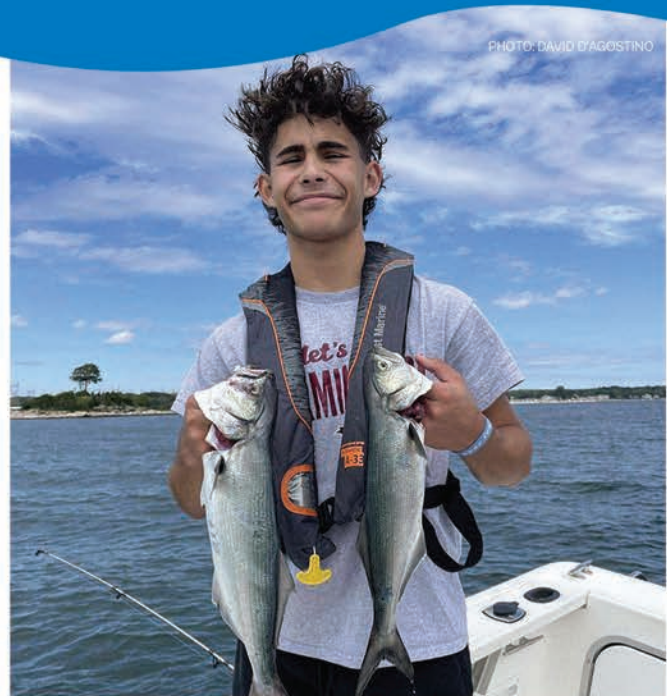
### Obtaining a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement

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 certificate.

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 course. 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 already been added to their certificate.



For additional information, please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Safety/Safe-Waterskiing-Endorsement>.

### 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 (see page 11, Reciprocity).

### Boats other than Personal Watercraft

Residents of Connecticut, persons owning real property in Connecticut (exception in the following section), 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 1/2 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.

## SHARE YOUR BOATING PHOTOS WITH US!

Help us highlight your boating adventures. Whether you have a powerboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, or paddlecraft - let's see how you enjoy the water. Photos submitted showing safe boating, such as life jackets, kill switches, etc. have a chance for publication (with written permission only) in next year's Boater's Guide.

Please submit photos to our facebook page- @BoatingInConnecticut, X (formerly Twitter)- @CTBoatingInfo, or Instagram- @ctdeep\_boating.

**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.



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**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

**CAPTAINS: DISPLAY THE DECAL!**

**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. Connecticut law requires that all boats with motors, regardless of size, and sailboats powered by sail alone, 19 1/2 feet or longer in length, be registered and numbered before launching. 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 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.

## CORRECT SPACING AND PLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION NUMBER AND VALIDATION DECALS



### Reciprocity and Certificate of Decal

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's 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 at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling>.

### 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%.

## REGISTRATION & TITLING

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 Text Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911.



### 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>

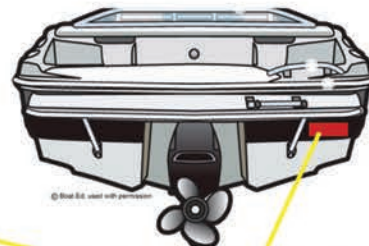
### Change of Address/ Change of Ownership/ Change of Registration Status

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.

### 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.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES VESSEL REGISTRATION THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE KEPT ABOARD THE VESSEL WHILE IN USE					
VEHICLE NO. CT4834CD	EXP. DATE 04/30/0	HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 88888374D000	STATE OF PRINCIPAL USE : CT CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER		
NAME FOREST	MODEL 87364S	CAN	LG	Sign Here X	WRITTEN SIGNATURE(S) OR COMMENTS
PROF. ORCH. OUTBOARD	HP 8	HULL MATERIAL B	TRIM PLASTIC	2000	
USE PLEASURE	FUEL GAS	WEIGHT 5	COLOR GREEN BROWN	03/03/68	
PUBLIC, JOHN 111 PARK AVE WETHERSFIELD CT			08/24/00	7.50	



ABC12345H919

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 top rail. 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.

# Safety Equipment



## 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 17), 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

In various situations, sound is a critical means of communication between vessels. For vessels under 12 meters (about 39 feet) in length, there must be some means of making an efficient sound signal. For vessels at or over 12 meters, a whistle must be carried. A whistle is defined as any sound producing device capable of producing the required sound signals.

## 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 18, 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 18 to see if you need fire extinguishers on your vessel with the updated ratings. It's recommended boaters ensure that fire extinguishers

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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.

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](http://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:
  - Pyrotechnic red flares, hand-held or aerial
  - Pyrotechnic orange smoke, hand-held or floating
  - Launchers for aerial red meteors or parachute flares.
- ▶ Non-pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices include:
  - Orange distress flags
  - Electric distress signals.
- ▶ Other VDS are useful, easy to carry, and are recognized as distress signals, but do not count as an approved VDS on coastal waters. Some examples are:
  - Signaling mirror
  - Water dye.
- ▶ No person, operator, or owner in a vessel shall display or allow the display of a visual distress signal except when assistance is needed because of immediate or potential danger to the vessel or to persons aboard.

**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.



<b>CONNECTICUT AND U.S. COAST GUARD MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS</b>				
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Class A</b> Less than 16 feet (less than 4.9 m)	<b>Class 1</b> 16 feet to less than 26 feet (4.9 to less than 7.9m)	<b>Class 2</b> 26 to less than 40 feet (7.9 to 12.2m)	<b>Class 3</b> 40 to less than 65 feet (12.2 to less than 19.8m)
<b>Backfire Flame Arrestor</b>	The device must be suitably attached to the air intake with a flametight connection and is required to be Coast Guard Approved or comply with SAEJ-1928 or UL1111 standards and marked accordingly.			
<b>Ventilation</b> Boats built before Aug. 1, 1980	At least two ventilator ducts, fitted with cowls or their equivalent, for the purpose of properly and effectively ventilating the bilges of every closed engine and fuel tank compartment of boats constructed or decked over after April 25, 1940, using gasoline as fuel.			
<b>Ventilation</b> Boats built on or after Aug. 1, 1980	At least two ventilator ducts for the purpose of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and every closed compartment containing a gasoline tank, except those having permanently installed tanks which vent outside the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Also, engine compartments containing a gasoline engine having a cranking motor must be open to the atmosphere or contain power operated exhaust blowers which can be controlled from the instrument panel.			
<b>Personal Flotation Devices</b>	One approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board or being towed on waterskis, etc. Check label if using Type V.		One approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board or being towed on waterskis, etc.; and, in addition, one throwable Type IV device. (Type IV not required for canoes and kayaks.) Check label if using Type V.	
<b>Sound- Producing Devices</b>	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.	Must have a whistle audible for at least one-half mile.
<b>Visual Distress Signals</b> Required on coastal waters only	Must carry approved visual distress signals for nighttime use when operating at night.		Must carry visual distress signals approved for both daytime use and nighttime use.	

## U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Requirements

If your boat is less than 26' feet in length, uses an outboard engine, fuel is in a portable fuel tank, and there are no areas within the boat where fuel vapors can be trapped, the boat is not required to have a fire extinguisher.

Boat model year of 2018 and newer.		
NOTE - may carry only 5-B or 20-B rated fire extinguishers with date stamp		
Length (feet)	Minimum number of 5-B rated portable fire extinguishers required <sup>1</sup>	
	If no fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space	If fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space
Under 16	1	0
16 but less than 26	1	0
26 but less than 40	2	1
40 up to 65	3	2

<sup>1</sup> One 20-B, rated portable fire extinguisher may be substituted for two 5-B portable fire extinguishers. One 10-B is not a substitute for two 5-B.

Boat model year between 1953 and 2017		
NOTE - may carry either 5-B, 20-B rated extinguishers with date stamp or B-I, B-II rated fire extinguishers		
Length (feet)	Minimum number of B-I/5-B, or B-II/20-B rated portable fire extinguishers required <sup>1</sup>	
	If no fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space	If fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space
Under 16	1	0
16 but less than 26	1	0
26 but less than 40	2	1
40 up to 65	3	2

<sup>1</sup> One 20-B/B-II, rated portable fire extinguisher may be substituted for two 5-B/B-I portable fire extinguishers. One 10-B is not a substitute for two 5-B.

### 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 29, to see which lights are required for your vessel.

#### Engine Cut-Off Switch

An engine cut-off switch stops a vessel's engine. An engine cut-off switch link is the apparatus that attaches the engine cut-off switch to the vessel operator. If the operator is ejected from the helm, the apparatus will engage the engine cut-off switch, which stops the engine. After January 1, 2020, certain vessels must be built with engine cut-off switches and engine cut-off switch links. This applies to vessels under 26 feet in overall length and capable of developing 115 pounds or more of static thrust. For reference, an engine around 3 horsepower can produce 115 pounds of static thrust. While on U.S. navigable waters, boaters operating such vessels on plane or above displacement speed must wear an engine cut-off switch link. Boaters must also see that their vessel's engine cut-off switch system is maintained. If a vessel was built before January 1, 2020, boaters do not need to install an engine cut-off switch system. If the vessel is already equipped with such a system, they must wear the engine cut-off switch link if their vessel meets the length and thrust standards. The engine cut-off link does not need to be worn if the vessel has an enclosed cabin around the helm, regardless of when the vessel was built.

#### 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.

#### Trailer Your Boat

The DMV has laws relative to boat trailers. Each trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or more shall, when operated on any public highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels. For trailers having a gross weight of greater than 8,000 pounds, the brakes shall be capable of being controlled or operated from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle.

#### 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 wateskiers.



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>.

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT LIFE JACKET

### REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket on board for every person on the boat.
- Boating safety advocates recommend all boaters and passengers wear a life jacket at all times while boating.



### READ THE LABEL

- All life jackets that are USCG approved have an approval number. Look for it to ensure your life jacket meets the law requirements and is safe.
- You may see a new label on the inside of new life jackets with a performance level icon. These are approved for use in the U.S. and Canada, whereas devices with the old labels continue to be approved in one country or the other, not both.
- Life jackets you may already own may have the old “type” life jacket label (Type I–Type V).
- The new label **DOES NOT** make obsolete life jackets with the old label (you can continue to use your life jacket as long as it is in good condition and appropriate for the activity).

### RIGHT LIFE JACKET

- **WEAR IT**—The best life jacket is one you will wear.
- **ACTIVITY**—It should be appropriate for the recreational water activity.
- **FIT**—A snug fit is a proper fit. All straps, buckles, and zippers should be secure.
- **CONDITION**—Life jackets with a tear, broken pieces, or buoyancy loss should be disposed.



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## NEW LIFE JACKET LABEL

### ADULT UNIVERSAL

User Weight: >40 kg (>88 lbs)  
Chest Size: 76-132 cm (30-52 in.)

#### PERFORMANCE LEVEL



Measured in newtons.

- Lower level number offers more mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation, and intended for near shore (calm water) activities.
- Higher level number offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water, and for offshore activities (greater time to rescue).
- There are areas where you may be boating near shore when rescue is hours away, and a higher level is needed.
- Be honest about your swimming ability. Poor swimmers may need a higher level to stay upright and easily tread water.

#### TURN ABILITY (SEE BELOW)

#### WARNINGS (SEE BELOW)



NEAR SHORE (CALM)

OFFSHORE (WAVES)

INCREASING TIME TO RESCUE

#### WARNINGS

Some life jackets are **NOT APPROVED** for:

- Water skiing
- Tubing
- Personal watercraft or wakeboarding
- White water paddling

#### TURN ABILITY

Life jacket will turn an unconscious wearer face up—test before use.

Life jacket will not turn an unconscious wearer face up.

USCG Approved 160.064/XXXXX  
TC Approved XXXXXXX-X  
ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5

Model: XXXX      Style: XXXX  
Lot No. XXXX

**USCG APPROVED**

Approval conditions state that this device must be worn to be counted as equipment required by vessels meeting Transport Canada or USCG regulations.

**APPROVED USE IN U.S. AND CANADA**



# Boating Regulations

## 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 environmental conservation police officers, municipal police officers, town marine officers, lake patrolmen, and POST-certified harbor masters 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 a 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.

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**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, allow the operation of a vessel, or anchor any vessel on the waters of the state within a safety or security zone or a regulated navigational area. The Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is authorized to create temporary safety zones for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours unless an emergency warrants otherwise.

### Restricted Operating Distances and Speed Regulations

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 waterskier.

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 waterskier.

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.

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.



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### 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 underway 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>.

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. Water skiing 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



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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 electing not to wear one under the above exceptions. Ski belts and inflatable life jackets are not permitted.

The maximum length of a towline measured from the tow post to the water skier's tow handle is 100 feet. No elastic component may be part of the towline. 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 water skiing is prohibited or subject to special regulations. Kite-skiers and parasailers shall not fly over or under obstructions such as utility lines and bridges, nor shall they fly over dams, locks, docks, launching ramps, swim areas, marinas, or congested areas.

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

All water ski 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


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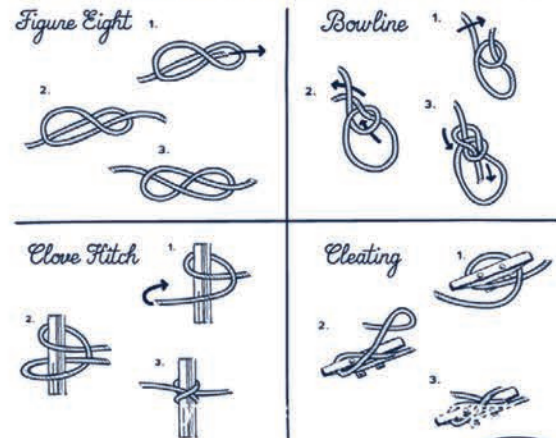


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include marine parades, regattas, races, tournaments, fireworks over water, exhibitions, and others. Applications must be received by the DEEP Boating Division at least 45 days prior to the event.

For details visit the DEEP website at <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: D01-SMB-SECLISSPWMarineEvents@uscg.mil.

### Marker (Buoy or Beacon) Permits

All marker 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 waterski courses or jumps. Visit the DEEP website at <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. You can send a cancellation note under your signature to the DMV Marine Vessel Section, 60 State Street, Wethersfield, CT 06161.

Complete instructions, rules, and necessary forms are available online at <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 27):

- ▶ 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 Water Skiing Endorsement requirements (See page 10).
- ▶ 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.
  - Handholds at or near the rear of the seat are suitable for use by a rearward-facing observer.
  - An observer aged 12 or older is always facing the skier.
- ▶ No person operating a personal watercraft shall cross or jump the wake of another vessel, when within 100 feet of the vessel creating a wake, in such a manner that the hull of the personal watercraft jumping the wake completely leaves the water.
- ▶ A "shut-off lanyard," if so equipped, must be attached to the operator, their clothing, or their personal flotation device. That way the engine will shut off in the event the operator is ejected from the personal watercraft while underway.

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## Boat Disposal

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

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

**Boats with Causes: 1-888-228-7320**  
[www.boatswithcauses.org/ct-boat-donation.htm](http://www.boatswithcauses.org/ct-boat-donation.htm)

**Vehicle Disposal Recycling Center:**  
**888-495-5886**  
[www.givecars.com](http://www.givecars.com)

**Boat Angel: 1-800-227-2643**  
[www.boatangel.org](http://www.boatangel.org)

**Boats 4 Heroes: 240-750-9899**  
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**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 Boating Division's website at <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. These circumstances include:

- ▶ 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

Public Act 16-187 set forth rules for Water Jet Packs and Flyboards, known as Jetted Articulated Vessels (JAVs).

- ▶ 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!



## 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 Regulations

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.

### Jettied Articulated Vessels

Operators must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate a Jettied 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.

# Rules of the Road and Navigation



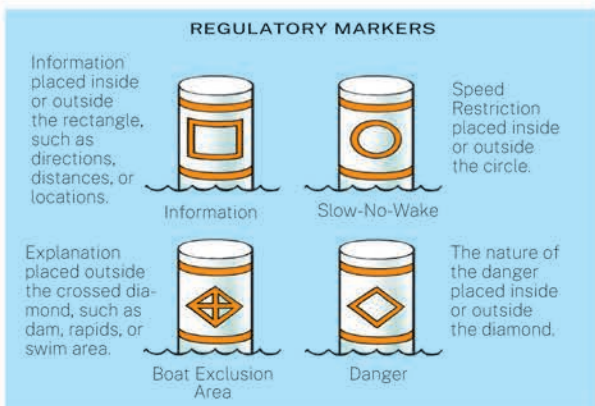
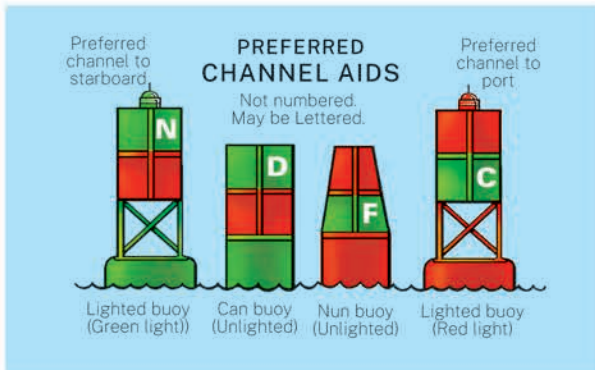
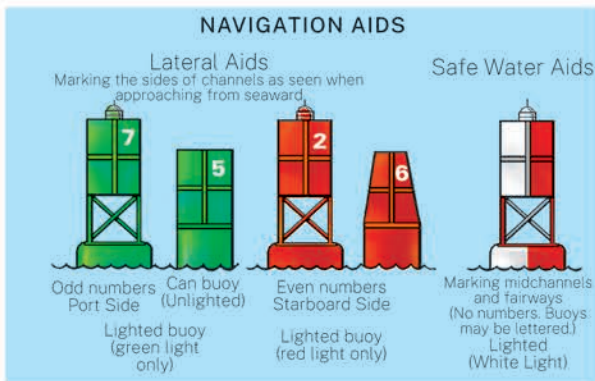
## Marker Buoy or Beacon Permits

The placement of regulatory or navigational markers, slalom course buoys, or jumps require a permit from the DEEP. Regulatory markers denote swim areas, speed zones, danger areas, or provide information. Navigational markers designate channels. Markers must meet DEEP specifications regarding size, color, banding, symbols, and wording. On tidal waters, a permit is required by the DEEP and additional permits may be required by the USCG

and the US Army Corp of Engineers. Permits for mooring buoys on tidal waters are issued by the Town, local Harbor Master, or the DEEP's Land and Water Resources Division. On inland waters, by the Town or an applicable power generating company.

For more information, please visit the DEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-Permits/Boating-Permits>.

**U.S. Aids to Navigation**



**Anchor Lights**

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

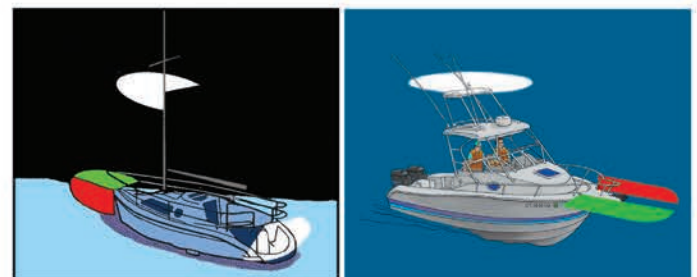
**Navigation Lights (Underway)**

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

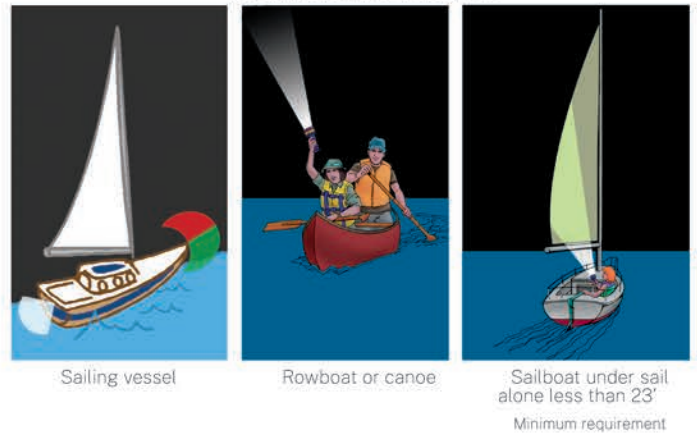
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When vessels are in sight of one another and are meeting or in a crossing situation within half a mile of each other, sound signals are to be used. A sound producing device is a required piece of equipment on every vessel. The device type is dependent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

**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.

**Movable 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 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.

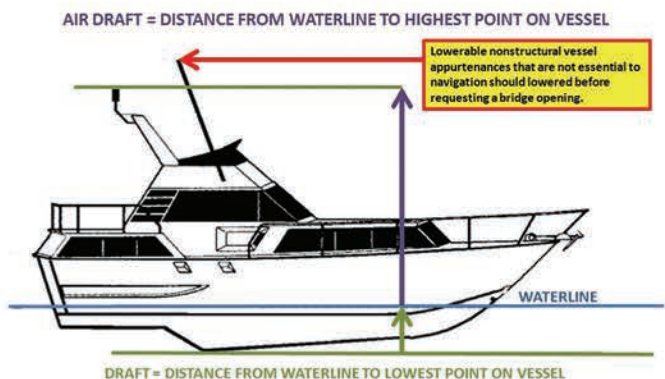
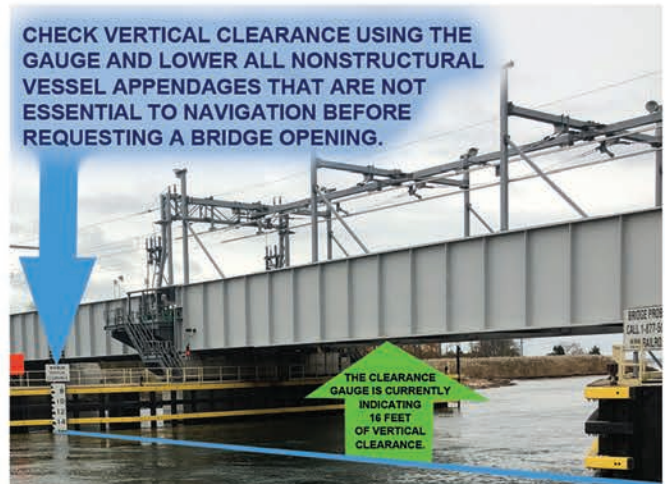
**Air draft of a vessel** – Otherwise known as vertical clearance, is the amount of vertical space that the boat needs to pass safely under an object. This distance is measured from the boat’s waterline to the top of the highest structural object on the boat. By federal regulation, movable antennas that 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 schedules 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 bridge tender. 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.

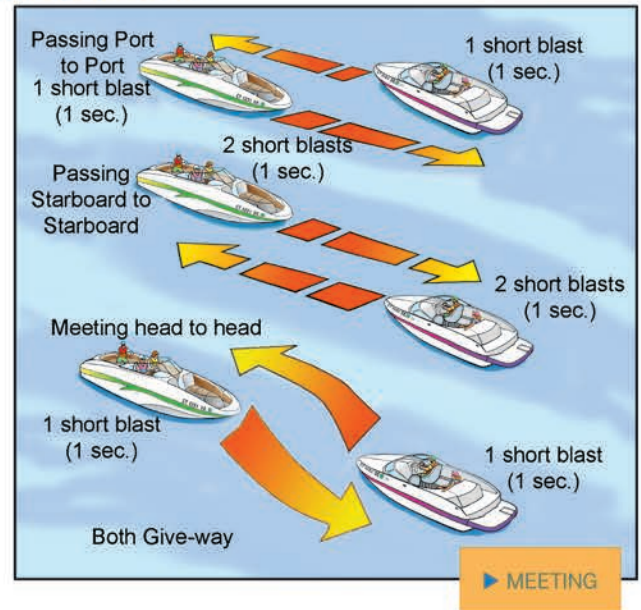
The visual signal to request the opening of a draw is a white flag raised and lowered vertically or a white, amber, or green light raised and lowered vertically. The tender shall reply in kind if the bridge can be opened. Also, the tender could raise a red flag or swing a red light back and forth horizontally 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.

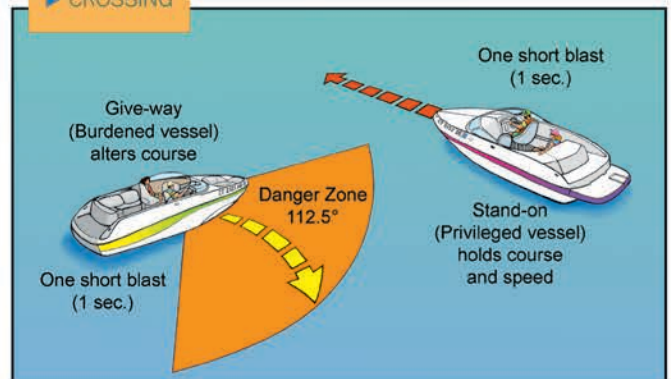
**Schedules for Bridges** - Each movable bridge has its own opening schedule that is determined by federal regulation. Between May 15 and October 15, the five Amtrak movable bridges will reopen immediately after trains pass and will close in sufficient time for approaching trains to pass safely. Knowing 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.

## Rules of the Road

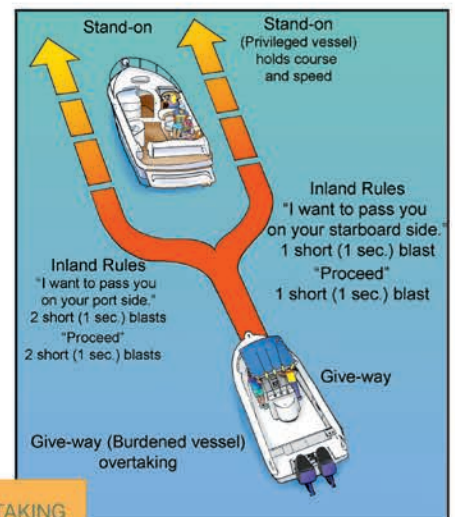


## CROSSING



## TERMS TO KNOW:

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





# Homeland Security & Helpful Internet Addresses

## 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 steerage speed.

You should report the following to the U.S. Coast Guard (see page 4 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](http://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>

Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking: <http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/index.html>

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

National Ocean Service (NOS)  
For a complete list of all NOS websites, go to: <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov>

Real time tide information: [https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide\\_predictions.html?gid=1394](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/](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/)

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

### Other websites

U.S. Power Squadrons: provides cooperative charting information & training: [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)

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

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

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

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles: <https://portal.ct.gov/dmv>

Connecticut Harbormasters: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/Harbor-Masters/Connecticut-Harbor-Masters>

# Manually Propelled Vessels



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## Manually Propelled Vessel Regulations

Stand-up paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and like vessels 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 and anyone who is using a manually propelled vessel is required to abide by all boating laws. Manually propelled vessels, including kayaks, canoes, and rowboats, are prohibited inside authorized swim areas per RCSA Sec 15-121-B12(a). Standup paddleboards are exempt from this prohibition and may be used in swim areas.

**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 persons between Oct 1 and May 31, wear a properly fitting life jacket while onboard a manually propelled vessel. Some narrow exemptions exist under 33 CFR 175.17, "Exemptions". For example, racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing kayaks are exempted from carrying any PFD required under 33 CFR 175.15.

**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 17, for more information on whether you need to carry fares 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 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.

**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 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.

**You need to have the right equipment and know the rules so that you can perform your best.**



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# Environmental Information

## Clean, Drain, Dry Method

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.

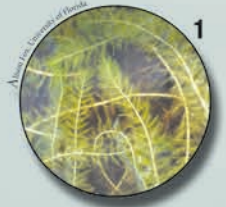
### AT HOME, PRIOR TO YOUR NEXT LAUNCH:

- ▶ **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**

**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.



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**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. Zebra mussel:**

Zebra mussels are small, striped rigid mussels that grow to a maximum length of 2.5 cm (aproximadamente una pulgada). 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. 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.



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**4. Hydrilla:**

Submersed aquatic plant that typically grows rooted in the sediment but can grow as a free-floating plant when fragmented. Hydrilla forms dense mats of vegetation that quickly out compete native species for habitat and makes navigating waterways difficult for boats. Hydrilla leaves are whorled around the stem in groups of 5 (leaves are whorled in groups of 4 to 10 for Connecticut River hydrilla). Leaves are lance-shaped, with serrated margins.

**5. Chinese mitten crab:**

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



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**6. 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.

**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.  
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**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*)
- Quagga mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*)
- Rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*)
- Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

### 7. 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.



For additional information on aquatic invasive species in Connecticut, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/invasive-species/examples-of-aquatic-invasive-species-in-connecticut>

### NEW THIS YEAR

### Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp

One way Connecticut combats the spread of aquatic invasive species is through the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp. All Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp fees collected are deposited into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. This account provides funding through a competitive grant process to state and municipal agencies, as well as non-profit organizations. These funds are utilized to conduct research on Connecticut's lakes, rivers, and ponds, provide public education, and enhance public awareness. This ultimately helps improve the management of natural resources throughout the state.

On October 1, 2024, Public Act No. 23-154 was implemented with some changes to the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp. These changes are summarized below. Please reference the Public Act for more details.

#### Who needs an Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp?

- ▶ Any person who operates a vessel on Connecticut's inland waters and is required to display a registration decal, issued by this state or another state, must have a Connecticut Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp.
- ▶ After October 1, 2024, Connecticut residents needing an Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp must purchase it through the Online Sportsmen Licensing System.
- ▶ For vessels registered out-of-state, the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp must be purchased through the Online Sportsmen Licensing System. The Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp will be valid for the calendar year it was issued.
- ▶ The Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp was previously included with your Connecticut vessel registration.
- ▶ The inland waters demarcation line is the same used for inland fishing licenses <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/fishing/regulations/demarcation-lines>.
- ▶ The AIS Stamp expires at the end of the calendar year (December 31).

### 2025 Changes (Effective October 1, 2024)

The Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp will no longer be collected in conjunction with your Connecticut vessel registration. The options listed below are available for Connecticut residents and non-residents.

#### Option 1- \$7 individual operator

- ▶ The Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp is assigned to the individual purchasing the stamp.
- ▶ It will print on the Sportsmen Conservation License as a privilege (like a fishing or hunting license).

#### Option 2- \$20 decal to cover all operators of a vessel plus individual

- ▶ The decal must be affixed to the vessel and will cover any operator of that vessel.
- ▶ The total cost will be \$25 which includes a processing fee.
- ▶ The decal will be mailed to the customer and must be adhered to the vessel.
- ▶ The Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp will also print on the Sportsmen Conservation License as a privilege (like a fishing or hunting license) to cover the purchaser on additional vessels.

Any person who operates a vessel on the inland waters of the state without the proper stamp or decal may be fined up to \$85.

### Instructions for Applying the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp Decal

To properly use the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp decal, it must be placed amidship on the port side of your vessel. You have the option of attaching it to the hull of the vessel or at the operator's station.

### How to Purchase your Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp

Beginning October 1, 2024, you must obtain your Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp on either the Online Sportsmen Licensing System- <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales> at your town clerk's office, or retailer where you can purchase a fishing license.

Connecticut's Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp benefits our inland waterways.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES  
CT VESSEL REG DECAL  
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CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

All funding supports a critical grant program that goes towards aquatic invasive species education, research, and treatment.



### 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 zincs
  - When replacing zinc anodes, bring them ashore for recycling
- ▶ Hire a professional diver and tell them you expect them to minimize pollution.

### MARPOL Regulations

All vessels must obey MARPOL regulations developed in the 1970s (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](http://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. Here is an alphabetical list of state boat launches located on Connecticut lakes, ponds, and rivers listed by the waterbody name. The map can be found on page 42.

Name	Reference Town Number	Name	Reference Town Number	Name	Reference Town Number
Amos Lake	Preston P12	Dodge Pond	East Lyme E8	Lake Waramaug	Washington W3
Anderson Pond	North Stonington N23	Dog Pond	Goshen G2	Lake Wintergreen	Hamden H5
Avery Pond	Preston P13	Dooley Pond	Middletown M11	Lake Zoar	Southbury S9
Babcock Pond	Colchester C13	Eagleville Lake	Coventry C23	Lantern Hill	Ledyard L2
Baldwin Bridge	Old Saybrook O6	East River	Guilford G26	Leonard Pond	Kent K3
Ball Pond	New Fairfield N4	Four Mile River	Old Lyme O1	Lieutenant River	Old Lyme O3
Bantam Lake	Morris M19	Gardner Lake	Salem S1	Lighthouse Point	New Haven N7
Barn Island	Stonington S17	Glasgo Pond	Griswold G11	Little Pond	Thompson T1
Bashan Lake	East Haddam E1	Gorton Pond	East Lyme E9	Long Pond	North Stonington N27
Batterson Park Pond	New Britain N2	Grand Street	East Lyme E13	Mamasasco Lake	Ridgefield R2
Bayberry Lane	Groton G14	Great Island	Old Lyme O2	Mansfield Hollow Lake	Mansfield M3
Beach Pond	Voluntown V3	Green Falls Reservoir	Voluntown V5	Mashapaug Lake	Union U3
Beachdale Pond	Voluntown V4	Guilford Town Marina	Guilford G27	Messerschmidt Pond	Westbrook W10
Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond)	Windham W25	Haddam Meadows	Haddam H1	Mohawk Pond	Cornwall C21
Beseck Lake	Middlefield M8	Hadlyme Ferry	Lyme L9	Mono Pond	Columbia C19
Bigelow Pond	Union U1	Halls Pond	Eastford E18	Moodus Reservoir, Lower	East Haddam E3
Billings Lake	North Stonington N24	Hammonasset Beach	Madison M1	Moodus Reservoir, Upper	East Haddam E4
Bissell Bridge	Windsor W26	Hampton Reservoir	Hampton H6	Morey Pond	Union U4
Black Pond	Middlefield M9	Hatch Pond	Kent K1	Mount Tom Pond	Litchfield L8
Black Pond	Woodstock W29	Higganum Reservoir	Haddam H2	Mudge Pond (Silver Lake)	Sharon S6
Bluff Point	Groton G15	Highland Lake	Winchester W21	Mystic River	Groton G16
Bolton Lake, Lower	Bolton B7	Holebrook Pond	Hebron H11	Newfield Ave	Bridgeport B14
Bolton Lake, Middle	Vernon V1	Hop Brook Lake	Middlebury M6	Niantic River	Waterford W5
Bolton Lake, Upper	Vernon V2	Hopeville Pond	Griswold G12	North Farms Reservoir	Wallingford W1
Branford River	Branford B8	Horse Pond	Salem S2	Norwich Pond	Lyme L10
Brewster Street	Bridgeport B13	Housatonic River	Milford M12	Pachaug Pond	Griswold G13
Burr Pond	Torrington T5	Howells Pond	Hartland H10	Park Pond	Winchester W22
Candlewood Lake (Lattins Cove)	Danbury D1	KE Streeter	Groton G17	Pattaconk Lake	Chester C3
Candlewood Lake (Squantz Cove)	New Fairfield N5	Kings Island	Enfield E20	Pattagansett Lake	East Lyme E10
Cedar Lake	Chester C2	Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake)	East Haddam E2	Pickereel Lake	Colchester C15
Charter Oak Landing	Hartford H8	Lake Housatonic	Shelton S7	Pierrepont Lake	Ridgefield R3
Cini Memorial Park	East Lyme E12	Lake Kenosia	Danbury D2	Pine Acres Lake	Hampton H7
Colebrook River Lake	Colebrook C16	Lake Lillinonah (Pond Brook)	Newtown N1	Plymouth Reservoir	Plymouth P5
Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug)	Coventry C22	Lake Lillinonah (Steel Bridge)	Bridgewater B20	Poquetanuck Cove	Ledyard L3
Crystal Lake	Ellington E19	Lake McDonough	Barkhamsted B1	Powers Lake	East Lyme E11
Crystal Lake	Middletown M10	Lake of Isles	North Stonington N26	Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson T2
Dock Road	Waterford W4	Lake Waramaug	Kent K2	Quinebaug Pond (Wauregan Reservoir)	Killingly K6

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### Prohibited Activities at Boat Launches

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

a. No person shall discard any fish or portion thereof.

b. No person shall dispose of any litter, as defined in Section 22a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except into a receptacle provided for such purpose, and no person shall dispose at such facility of any litter not generated at such access area.

c. No person shall wash or clean any vehicle except a boat trailer. A vessel or boat trailer may be cleaned only with plain water. No person shall use any detergent or chemical agent to clean a vessel or boat trailer.



- d. No person shall park a vehicle except in an area designated by the Commissioner for parking.
- e. No person shall kindle a fire.
- f. No person shall engage in camping.
- g. No person shall engage in disorderly conduct.
- h. No person shall damage any building, equipment, poster, or vegetation.
- i. No person shall use any such facility for purposes other than:
  1. fishing, where permitted;
  2. parking where permitted for the purpose of fishing, boating, hunting, or observing wildlife;
  3. launching of boats or;
  4. the observation of wildlife from constructed observation decks.
- j. No person shall use any such facility for any purpose when it is posted closed by the Commissioner.
- k. No person shall tie up, moor, or anchor a vessel in a manner that may obstruct or interfere with the launching of any other vessel except when actively launching or retrieving a vessel.
- l. No person shall leave any vessel unattended in the water or on land or tied to any state dock or pier.
- m. No person shall moor or anchor a vessel or leave a vessel on land at any such facility.
- n. No person shall engage in any commercial activity at such facility unless so authorized by the DEEP.
- o. No person shall erect or post any notice or sign unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner.
- p. No person shall consume any alcoholic liquor. "Alcoholic liquor," as used in this subsection, shall have the same definition as in section 30-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- q. No person shall engage in sport fishing from the courtesy docks or from the ramp surface when said sport fishing interferes with boating activities. "Courtesy docks" means, in this subsection, floating or non-floating platforms that are located adjacent to a launch ramp for use by boaters to facilitate the loading or unloading of boats.
- r. No person shall engage in bathing, swimming, snorkeling, or SCUBA diving.
- s. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than seven feet and under the control of their owner or keeper. The person responsible for the dog must hold the leash at all times. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the proper use of dogs while in the act of hunting, however, all dogs may be prohibited on any area or during any time period when so posted by the Department.

**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 CVA 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 page 42 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 by the Federal excise tax on fishing equipment, trolling motors, import duties on boats, and motorboat fuels. The tax from motorboat fuels is a significant portion of the funds collected under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. 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 page 42, 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-Launches-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.
  - Groups should park multiple cars in trailered spaces.
- ▶ Most state boat launches are not plowed.

**Operating Powerboats on Waterbodies with Horsepower Restrictions**

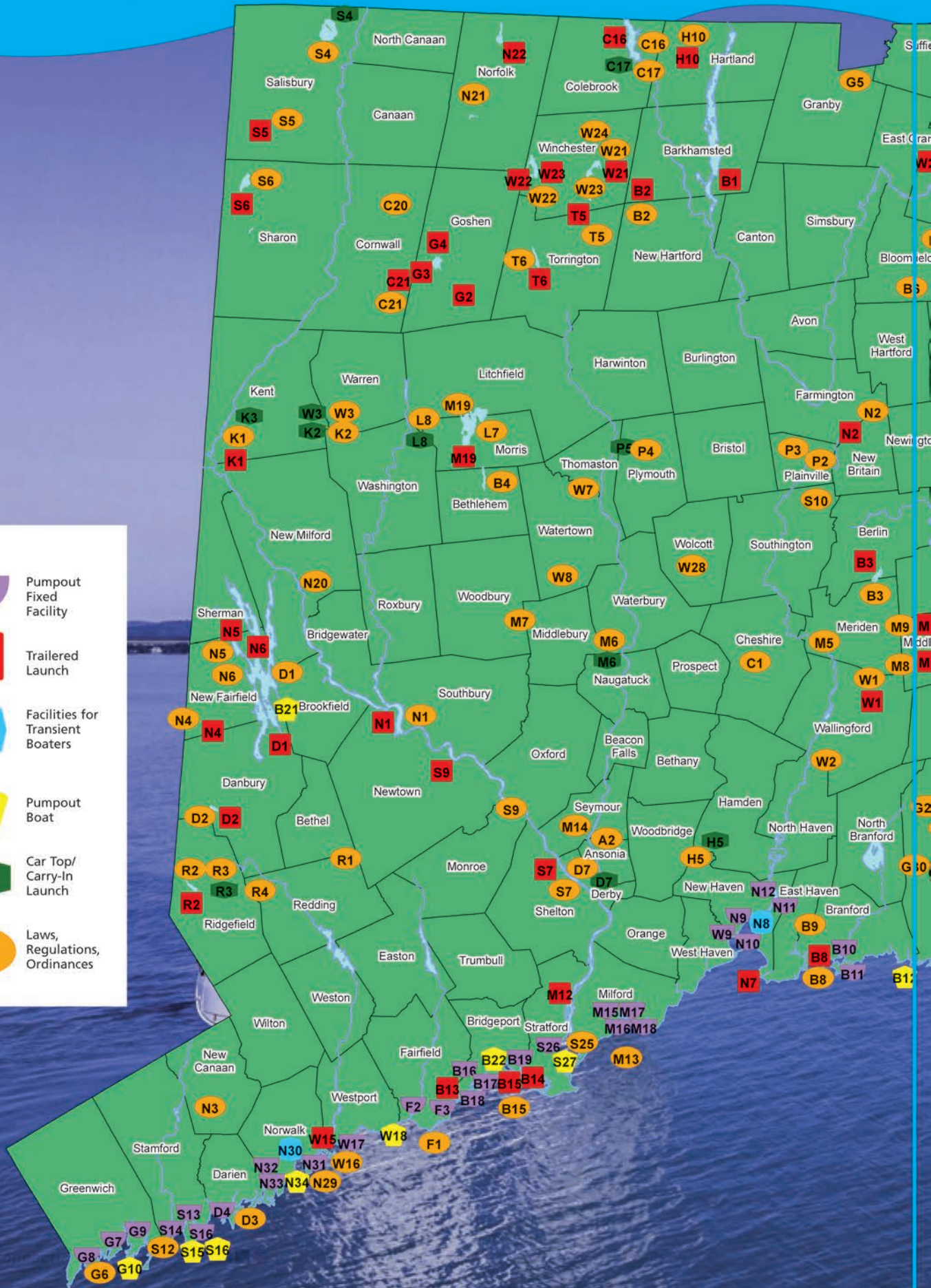
To comply with the requirements of any statute, regulation, or ordinance restricting the horsepower or size of the engine on any vessel while being operated on an inland body of water, a person may:

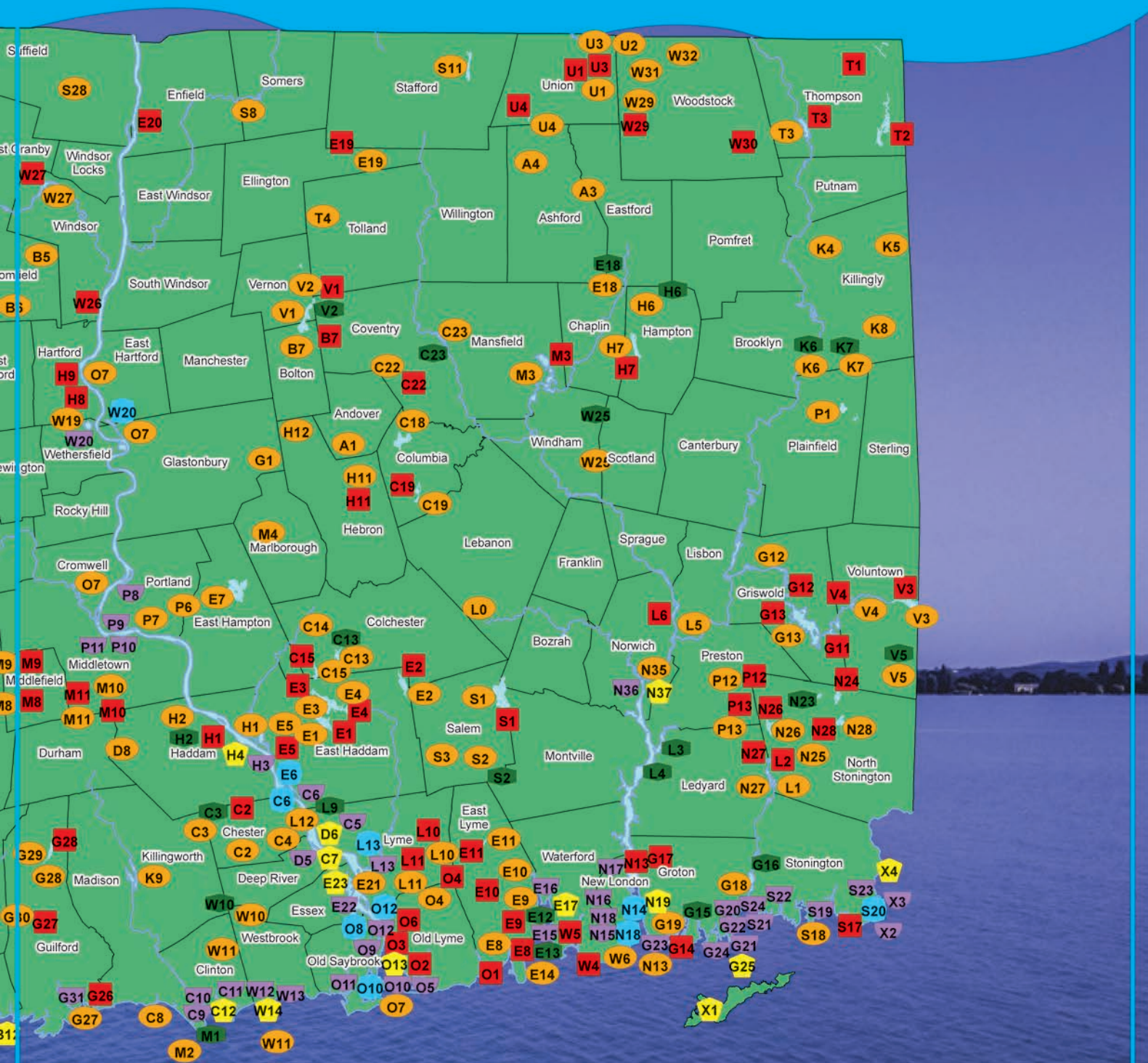
- ▶ In the case of an outboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat's engine and incline the engine out of the water so that the absence of the propeller is clearly visible
- ▶ In the case of an inboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat's engine and incline or trim the engine to an upright 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. (Sec. 15-136a.)

# PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

-  Pumpout Fixed Facility
-  Trailered Launch
-  Facilities for Transient Boaters
-  Pumpout Boat
-  Car Top/ Carry-In Launch
-  Laws, Regulations, Ordinances





Name	Town	Reference Number	Name	Town	Reference Number	Name	Town	Reference Number
Quonnapaug Lake	Guilford	G28	Shetucket River	Lisbon	L6	West Branch Reservoir	Colebrook	C17
Rainbow Reservoir	Windsor	W27	Silver Lake	Berlin	B3	West Hill Pond	Barkhamsted	B2
Riverside Park	Hartford	H9	Squantz Pond	New Fairfield	N6	West Side Pond	Goshen	G4
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	O4	Stillwater Pond	Torrington	T6	West Thompson Lake	Thompson	T3
Roseland Lake	Woodstock	W30	Stoddard Hill	Ledyard	L4	Winchester Lake	Winchester	W23
Ross Pond	Killingly	K7	Thames River	New London	N13	Witek Park Reservoir	Derby	D7
Salmon River	East Haddam	E5	Twin Lakes	Salisbury	S4	Wononscopomuc Lake	Salisbury	S5
Saugatuck River	Westport	W15	Tyler Pond	Goshen	G3	Wood Creek Pond	Norfolk	N22
Seaside Park	Bridgeport	B15	Uncas Pond (Hog Pond)	Lyme	L11	Wyassup Lake	North Stonington	N28

# PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS



TRAILERED LAUNCH



CAR TOP/  
CARRY-IN LAUNCH



HC ACCESSIBLE – NOTE:  
CONDITIONS MAY LIMIT  
ACCESSIBILITY



SEASONAL WEEKEND  
AND HOLIDAY PARKING  
FEE MAY BE CHARGED



NO ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES  
ALLOWED



STATE PARK –  
NOTE: LAUNCH OPEN ONLY  
DURING PARK HOURS

Entries without launch symbols may not have public access.



PUMPOUT LAND  
BASED FACILITY



PUMPOUT  
BOAT



FACILITIES FOR  
TRANSIENT BOATERS



INDICATES CLEAN VESSEL  
ACT FUNDED

**Note:** Additional local ordinances may exist at some launches and bodies of water that are not listed in this guide. Before boating on any new body of water, always check all local and state regulations and ordinances.

## ANDOVER

### A1- Bishops Swamp Regulations

53 acres

Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## ANSONIA

### 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.

## ASHFORD

### 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



### A4- Lake Chaffee Regulations

33 acres

10 mph limit, no waterskiing, no motors 8:30 pm to 8 am.

### Morey Pond -

44.8 acres  
(Ashford, Union)  
See # U4- Union

## BARKHAMSTED

### 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. Fee applies, for details see [www.themdc.org/recreation-areas](http://www.themdc.org/recreation-areas)

Parking: 50 spaces



### B2- West Hill Pond - 261 acres

3 Laurel Passway,  
Barkhamsted  
Launch: Lake drawn down after Labor Day.  
Regulations: 7.5 hp limit; 6 mph during night time.  
Parking: 20 spaces



## BERLIN

### B3- Silver Lake - 146 acres

282 Norton Lane, Berlin  
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 waterskiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm  
Parking: 15 spaces



## BETHEL

### Huntington State Park Pond

(Redding, Bethel)  
See # R1 Redding

## BETHLEHEM

### B4- Long Meadow Lake Regulations - 120 acres

15 mph limit. Internal combustion engines prohibited.

## BLOOMFIELD

### 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.

## BOLTON

### B7- Bolton Lake, Lower -

175 acres

Between Keeney Drive and North Road, Bolton  
Regulations: Motors limited to 6 hp.  
Parking: 30 spaces



## BOZRAH

### Gardner Lake

(Salem, Montville, Bozrah)  
See # S1- Salem

## BRANFORD

### B8- Branford River

30 Goodsell Point Road, Branford  
Launch: Crowded on weekends, steep ramp.  
Regulations: Stony Creek, 6 mph in the established channel from the reef extension of Linden Point northward. Branford Harbor, Slow- No-Wake in all waters north of the line from Indian Neck Point to Lovers Island. All tidal marshes, marsh channels and estuaries, Slow-No-Wake. All shores, 6 mph within 100 yards of any shore.  
Parking: 50 spaces.



### B9- Lake Saltonstall Regulations

422 acres, (Branford, East Haven)

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

### B10- Branford Yacht Club

(Branford River)  
203-488-9798 Apr - Nov 15,  
Fri - Sun, 8 am - 7:30 pm;  
Mon - Thur, 8 am - 4:30 pm



### B11- SHM Bruce & Johnson's Marina

(Branford River)

VHF 9 or 203-448-8329  
May 15 - Oct 30, Daily,  
7 am - 5 pm



### B12- Branford Town Pumpout Boat

(West Haven, New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Thimble Islands and Sachem Head Harbor, Guilford)  
VHF 9 or 203-430-9305  
May 1 - Oct 30, Fri - Mon,  
9 am - 5 pm. Add'l days as weather permits



## BRIDGEPORT

### B13- Brewster Street

Launch is located at the end of Brewster St.  
Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport.  
Parking: on Street only



### B14- Newfield Avenue

Launch is at the end of Newfield Ave.  
Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport.  
Parking: on Street only



### B15- Seaside Park

1 Barnum Dyke, Bridgeport  
Launch: Located in Seaside Park. Owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Park is open 9:00 am to Sunset.  
Regulations: Bridgeport Harbor Breakwater to point between Tongue Point and Pleasure Beach Pier: 12 mph. From that point to inner harbor including Johnson's Creek, Yellow Mill River and Poquonock River: 5 mph and no wake. Entrance to Black Rock Harbor at "FL G 7" to head of

Cedar Creek Channel and Burr Creek: 5 mph and no wake. Parking: 60 spaces. Fees apply contact City of Bridgeport for details. 203-576-7233 or www.bridgeportct.gov/Parks sticker



**B16- Captain's Cove Marina**  
(Black Rock Harbor)  
VHF 18 or 203-335-1433  
May 1 - Nov 1, Daily,  
8 am - 5 pm



**B17- Cedar Marina**  
(Cedar Creek)  
203-335-6262  
Apr 15 - Oct 15, Mon - Sat,  
8 am - 4:30 pm



**B18- Fayerweather Yacht Club**  
(Black Rock Harbor)  
VHF 14 or 203-576-8860  
May 27 - Oct, Daily,  
8 am - 10 pm



**B19- Miamogue Yacht Club**  
(Bridgeport Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 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 1/2  
hour after sunset to 1/2 hour  
before sunrise.

Parking: 50 spaces



**BROOKFIELD**

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

**CHESTER**

**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  
water-skiing. 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. Interfer-  
ence 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  
May 5 - Nov. 1, 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



**CLINTON**

**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 fed-  
eral channel of Clinton Harbor  
until the channel ends, then by  
the north bank of the Hammon-  
asset River.

**C9- Cedar Island Marina Inc.**

(Clinton Harbor)  
VHF 68 or 860-391-1450  
Stationary: May 6 - Nov. 19,  
Daily, 24 hours



**C10- Clinton Yacht Haven Dockominium Association**

(Clinton Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 860-669-7254,  
Apr 1 - Dec 1 Daily,  
7 am - 5 pm



**C11- Riverside Basin Marina**

(Hammonasset River)  
VHF 9 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 4 - Nov. 17, Sat - Sun, 8am  
- 6pm, and June 28 - Sept. 6,  
Fri, 12pm - 6pm  
(by appointment)



**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- Pickerel Lake** - 82.2 acres

Between 107 & 131 Pickerel  
Lake Road, Colchester  
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 waterskiing are  
permitted between  
11 am and 6 pm  
Parking: 10 spaces



**COLEBROOK**

**C16- Colebrook River Lake**  
826 acres  
Launch is owned and operated  
by US Army Corps of Engi-  
neers.  
Regulations: 20 mph limit, no  
waterskiing  
Parking: 24 spaces



Connecticut

## PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

### **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 waterskiers per boat maximum. No waterskiing 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  
Parking: 14 spaces



### **CORNWALL**

#### **C20- Cream Hill Pond Regulations** 72 acres

Use of all motors prohibited on all bodies 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 pm from May 15 to Sep 15 and from noon to 2 pm on Jul 4. Forty mph limit at other times. Vessels towing water-skiers to proceed in a counterclockwise direction. Town permission required for towing of more than two skiers at one time, parasailing, or hosting marine event. No drinking of alcoholic beverages while operating vessel.

Parking: 26 spaces



#### **C23- Eagleville Lake** - 76.9 acres

30 Pine Lake Drive, Coventry  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing  
Parking: 10 spaces



### **DANBURY**

#### **D1- Candlewood Lake**

5,064 acres (Lattins Cove)  
8 Forty Acre Mountain Road, Danbury  
Regulations: No registered vessels 26-ft or larger permitted unless authorized in advance by the Commissioner ([www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep)). Slow-No-Wake in Lattins Cove from the south end north 2,500 ft. and in Squantz Cove from the causeway south 2,500 feet. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. M.S.D. (toilet) on vessels shall not be capable of overboard discharge.  
Parking: 100 spaces



#### **D2- Lake Kenosia** - 59.5 acres

11 Kenosia Avenue, Danbury  
Launch: Dirt ramp, shallow pond  
Regulations: Operating a boat propelled by an internal combustion engine is prohibited  
Parking: 6 spaces



#### **Candlewood Lake Pumpout Boat**

See # B21- Brookfield



### **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  
8am - 4:30 pm;  
Sat - Sun, 8am - 5pm



#### **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 at least 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 Ballhack Road No. 1, East Haddam  
Launch: Narrow, rocky channel  
Regulations: 35 mph limit. 6 mph limit from 1/2 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 combustion 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 1/2 hour after sunset to 8 am No sitting on deck, bow or gunwale. No person shall tow more than two water-skiers 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 Moodus Reservoir (above).  
Parking: 10 spaces



#### **Pickarel Lake**

(Colchester, 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 # 07-  
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 motor-  
boats 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 ves-  
sels. 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 prohibi-  
ted. Portable toilets discharge  
prohibited.

**EAST HAVEN**

**Lake Saltonstall**  
(Branford, East Haven)  
See # B9- Branford

**Branford Town Pumpout Boat**

See #B12- Branford



**EAST LYME**

**E8- Dodge Pond** - 34.3 acre  
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 Whistle town 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 prohibi-  
ted in channels, waterski-  
ing prohibited in channels/  
anchorage, 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 30, Daily,  
8:30 am - 4 pm



**E16- Niantic Dockominium  
Association**

(Niantic River) 860-739-8585  
Mar 15 - Nov 15, Daily,  
8 am - 5 pm



**E17- Niantic River Pumpout  
Boat**

(Niantic River)  
860-287-2774  
May 27 - Oct. 28, Fri. - Mon:  
9am - 5pm



**EASTFORD**

**E18- Halls Pond** - 81.5 acres  
Between 78 & 96 Kennerson  
Road, Eastford  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no  
waterskiing  
Parking: 5 spaces



**ELLINGTON**

**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 3:00 pm.  
No kite-skiing 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



**Shenipsit Lake**- 532 acres  
See # T4- Tolland

**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 anchor-  
ages 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)  
VHF 68 or 860-767-8267  
Apr 15 - Nov 5, Daily,  
8 am - 7 pm



**E23- Connecticut River  
Pumpout Boat**

(Haddam, Chester, Deep River,  
Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old  
Saybrook)  
VHF 72 or 860-463-9753  
May 1 - June 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 31, weekends  
and holidays 9 am - 5 pm and  
additional service as needed  
based on boater demand and  
special events.



## PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

### FAIRFIELD

#### F1- Fairfield Regulations

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

#### F2- Pequot Yacht Club

(Southport Harbor)  
VHF 69 or 203-255-5740  
May - Sep 2, 8am - midnight;  
Sep 3 - Oct, 8 am - sunset (call for appointment)



#### F3- South Benson Marina

(Ash Creek)  
203-400-2838  
Apr 15 - Nov, Daily,  
10 am - 6 pm



#### East Norwalk Blue, Inc. Pumpout Boat

See # N34 - Norwalk



### FARMINGTON

#### Batterson Park Pond

(New Britain, Farmington)  
See # N2- New Britain

### GLASTONBURY

#### G1- Diamond Lake Regulations

- 30 acres  
Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

### GOSHEN

#### G2- Dog Pond - 65.8 acres

Between 85 & 98 Town Hill Road, Goshen  
Parking: 4 spaces



#### Mohawk Pond - 16.2 acres

(Cornwall, Goshen)  
See # C21- Cornwall

#### G3- Tyler Lake - 187 acres

20 Park Road, Goshen  
Parking: 5 spaces



#### G4- West Side Pond - 41.9 acres

Between 344 & 346 West Side Road, Goshen  
Parking: 3 spaces



### GRANBY

#### G5- Manitoak Lake Regulations

- 54 acres  
5 mph limit in restricted areas.  
Use of motors in excess of 7 1/2 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 Cormorant 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 Cormorant Reef, and then from green can #1 to the northeastern tip of Great Captain Island (simplified; see the ordinance text for exact requirements).

#### G7- Beacon Point Marine

(Mianus River)  
203-661-4033  
May 1-May 31 and Sep 1-Nov 30,  
Daily, 8 am - 4:30 pm;  
Jun 1-Aug 31, Daily, 8 am-8 pm



#### G8- Grass Island Municipal Marina

(Greenwich Harbor)  
203-618-9695  
May - Oct 15, Daily, 24 hours



#### G9- Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club

(Mianus River)  
203-869-4689  
Apr 15- Oct. 30, Daily,  
7am - 7pm



#### G10- East Norwalk Blue, Inc. Pumpout Boat

(Mianus River, Greenwich Harbor, Stamford Harbor)  
See #N34 - Norwalk



### GRISWOLD

G11- Glasgow Pond - 168 acres  
(Pachaug State Forest)  
45 Hillview Heights, Griswold  
Parking: 20 spaces



#### G12- Hopeville Pond -

137 acres  
(Hopeville Pond State Park)  
929 Hopeville Road, Griswold  
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  
Regulations: No water-skiing within 1,000 feet of the dam.  
Parking: 40 spaces



### GROTON

#### 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

Regulations: See #G18 Mystic River (Regulations)  
Parking: 8 spaces



#### G17- K.E. Streeter

#### CURRENTLY CLOSED Check Website for Updates

(Thames River)  
58 Fairview Avenue, Groton  
Regulations: See # N13- Thames River  
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

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 water-skiing is permitted.

#### 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, 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, Fri. - Wed.,  
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 Sluice 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 Chaf-  
finch Island at a speed greater  
than four miles per hour.  
Parking: 25 spaces



**G27- Town Marina**  
505 Whitfield St, Guilford  
Launch is owned and operated  
by the Town of Guilford. Fee:  
\$100 season pass or \$10/day  
Regulations: See# G26-  
Guilford  
Parking: 20 spaces



**G28- Quonnapaug Lake -**  
98.7 acres; Across from 4158  
Durham Road, Guilford  
Regulations: 6 hp limit.  
Motorboat operation prohib-  
ited 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  
Launch: No ramp  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no  
waterskiing  
Parking: 4 spaces



**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.

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

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### **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



### **HAMDEN**

#### **H5- Lake Wintergreen-**

45 acres  
(West Rock Ridge State Park)  
Across from 45 Main Street, Hamden  
Launch: Water is 250 feet from parking area.  
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 30 spaces



### **HAMPTON**

#### **H6- Hampton Reservoir**

88.3 acres  
(Nachaug State Forest)  
Across from 338 Kenyon Road, Hampton  
Regulations: 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



### **HARTFORD**

#### **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 regulations  
Parking: 15 spaces (13 non-town resident parking).



#### **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.

### **KILLINGWORTH**

#### **K9- Schreeder 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



### **LISBON**

#### **L5- Blissville Pond**

Regulations - 50 acres  
Use of all motors prohibited.

#### **L6- Shetucket River**

Rte. 169, turn north onto Wheelabrator Corp. access road. Launch is on the left. Boat launch is owned and operated by town of Lisbon. Closed 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 # 07- Connecticut River  
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



**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 motor-boats 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

**FTB information**

**Power Avail.:** 30 amps  
**Max LOA:** 40 ft

**Hrs:** Memorial Day - Labor Day, Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm, Sat 9 am - 4 pm

**Fees:** Call for pricing and availability

**Fuel Avail.:** None



**Connecticut River Pumpout Boat**

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



**MADISON**

**M1- Hammonasset Beach**

(Hammonasset Beach State Park)  
1288 Boston Post Rd. (Rte. 1) Madison  
Launch: Located in park at Meigs Point. Launching over wide sandy beach.  
Regulations: See # M2- Madison  
Parking: 35 spaces



**M2- Madison Regulations**

All shores - 6 mph limit and no water-skiing within 100 yards of shore.

**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.

**MIDDLEBURY**

**M6- Hop Brook Lake**

- 26 acres  
Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers.  
Fee: \$5  
Regulations: Non-motorized vessels and boats with electric motors only. Park is open third Sat in Apr until Columbus Day, 8 am to sunset.  
Parking: 50 spaces



**M7- Lake Quassapaug**

**Regulations**- 271 acres (Middlebury, Woodbury)  
Motorboats shall not be operated at night between 11 pm and 6 am Daytime speed limit is 25 mph except from third Sat in Apr to the first Tue after Labor Day, daytime limit is 6 mph.

**MIDDLEFIELD**

**M8- Beseck 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



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**MIDDLETOWN**

**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

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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



### **Town of Stratford Pumpout Boat**

See # S27- Stratford



### **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



### **NEWTOWN**

**N1- Lake Lillinonah - 1,547**  
acres

(Pond Brook)  
160 Hanover Road, Newtown  
Regulations: See # B20-  
Bridgewater  
Parking: 60 spaces



### **NEW BRITAIN**

**N2- Batterson Park Pond**

140 acres  
457 Alexander Road, New  
Britain  
Regulations: Use of internal  
combustion engines prohibited.  
Watercraft launched and recov-  
ered only at the state boat ramp.  
Parking: 25 spaces



### **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 equip-  
ment 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. 15 - Nov. 15, Daily,  
24 Hours



**N11- Quinnipiac River Marina**

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



**N12- Waucoma Yacht Club**

(Quinnipiac River)  
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  
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@  
sbcglobal for availability.  
**Power Avail.:** 30/50 amps  
**Max LOA:** 100+ ft  
**Hrs:** Memorial Day - Labor Day  
**Fees:** \$35/day for moorings.  
Call for slip pricing  
**Fuel Avail.:** None



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**N15- Crocker's Boatyard, Inc.**  
(Shaw's Cove)  
VHF 9 or 860-443-6304  
Mar 1 - Dec 16, Daily,  
8 am - 4:30 pm



**N16- Ferry Slip Dockminium Association**

(Thames River)  
860-460-8957  
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 -  
Dec 1, 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 down-  
stream 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  
433 Ashpohtag 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



**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)  
203-866-8810

**Power Avail.:** 30/50 amps

**Max LOA:** 100+ ft

**Hrs:** May - Oct, 7 am - 9 pm

**Fees:** 8 am - 4pm \$1.60/ft,

4 pm - 12 am \$1.60/ft,

12 am - 8 am \$1.60/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, Wed. - Sun.,  
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**

**O1- Four Mile River**

99 Old Cart Path, Old Lyme  
Launch: Shallow launch con-  
ditions at low tide; clearance  
problem at high tide.  
Parking: 55 spaces



**O2- Great Island**

End of Smiths Neck Road,  
Old Lyme  
Launch: Shallow at low tide  
Regulations: See # O7-  
Connecticut River  
Parking: 35 spaces



**O3- Lieutenant River**

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



**O4- Rogers Lake**

- 260 acres  
96 Grassy Hill Road, Old Lyme  
Regulations: Marine heads are  
prohibited. Boats propelled by  
air- plane propeller, fan or duct-  
ed 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 Rog-  
ers 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,  
south- westerly direction only

in excess of steerage way between Picnic Island and Whale Island, counterclockwise pattern throughout lake when in excess of steerage way speed. Speed limits: year-round, sunset to 10 am, 6 mph; steerage way with no wake in cove by Hains Park and in boat launch channel.

Parking: 20 spaces



**05- CT DEEP Marine Headquarters**

(Connecticut River)  
VHF 9 or 860-434-6148  
Currently Nonoperational



**Connecticut River Pumpout Boat**

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



**OLD SAYBROOK**

**06- Baldwin Bridge**

(Connecticut River)  
212 Ferry Road, Under the I-95 bridge, Old Saybrook  
Regulations: See # 07- Connecticut River  
Parking: 75 spaces



**07- 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 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise on all days of the year.  
(B) A 30 mph limit from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on Sats and Suns 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 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, Mon through Fri, inclusive, during all seasons, and on Sats. and Suns 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;
- (4) The area bounded northerly by a point 800 feet upstream from the East Haddam Bridge and bounded southerly by a point 1,500 feet downstream from the East Haddam Bridge;
- (5) The area bounded northerly by a point 500 feet downstream from the highway bridge in Middletown and bounded southerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #87;
- (6) The area bounded northerly by the navigation aid Connecticut River light #113 and bounded southerly by the water tower on property now or formerly known as the Connecticut Foundry in Rocky Hill;
- (7) The area bounded northerly by the railroad bridge (north of the Bulkeley Bridge) and bounded southerly by navigation aid #143 (south of the Charter Oak Bridge).

**08- 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 - 5:30 pm, Sat 8 am - 4 pm, Sun 11 am - 3 pm;  
Nov 1 - Apr 1 closed Sun

**Fees:** call for prices & availability  
**Fuel Avail.:** None



**09- Ragged Rock Marina**

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



**010- Saybrook Point Marina**

(Connecticut River)  
**Pumpout Information**  
VHF 9 or 860-395-3080  
May 1 - Oct.31, Daily, June & Sept., Daily, 9am - 6pm, July & Aug., daily, 8am - 7pm

**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



**011-SHM Ferry Point Marina**

(Connecticut River)  
VHF 9 or 860-388-3260  
May 1 - Oct. 31, Daily,  
8am - 5pm



**012- 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 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



**013- 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.

**PLAINVILLE**

**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.

**PLYMOUTH**

**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



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## PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

### 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- Petzold's Marine Center**

(Connecticut River)  
860-342-1196  
Mar. 1 - Nov. 30, Mon. - Sat.,  
8am - 4pm



#### **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  
June 15 - Oct. 15, Daily,  
8 am - 5 pm



#### **P11- Birdon New England LLC.**

(Connecticut River)  
860-342-4735  
June 15 - Oct. 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- Mamasasco Lake** -

89.2 acres  
At the Intersection of 12th  
Lane and Mamasasco 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  
combustion 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 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2  
hour after sunrise. Waterskiing  
activity to go counter- clock-  
wise 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:** 7 1/2 hp limit, 6  
mph limit. Motorboat operation  
prohibited 1/2 hour after sunset  
to sunrise and anytime within  
200 feet of town beach.  
Parking: 14 spaces



### SHELTON

#### **S7- Lake Housatonic-**

328 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 steerage speed  
within 25 ft. of shore or dock.  
45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph  
from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2  
hour before sun- rise. No kite  
skiing or parasailing without  
permission.  
Parking: 45 spaces



### SOMERS

#### **S8- Somersville Mill Pond**

**Regulations** - 25 acres  
6 mph limit, no waterskiing.

### SOUTHBURY

#### **Lake Lillinonah**

See # B20 - Bridgewater

#### **S9- Lake Zoar** - 975 acres

210 Scout Road Southbury  
**Regulations:** 45 mph limit day-  
time, 25 mph from 1/2 hour after  
sunset to 1/2 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**

**Regulations** - 125 acres  
40 mph limit except 5mph  
limit after 8 pm during Jul and  
Aug and after 7:30 pm at other  
times, also before 10 am on  
Sats and holidays and before  
noon on Suns.



**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- Czescik 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 1 - Oct 31; Daily,  
8:30 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**

(Pawcatuck River)  
Slow-no-wake on the Pawcatuck River between the area known as "Pawcatuck Rock" at Red Navigation Marker No. 16 and the area known as "Graves Neck" at Red Navigation Marker No. 6. (Stonington Harbor)  
Slow-No-Wake for mechanically propelled vessels within the area bounded by the railroad causeway to the north, and within the area bounded to the south by the breakwater, and generally within a line from fixed navigation aid #5 (the end of the breakwater) to fixed Red navigation aid #8. No waterskiing within Stonington Harbor and within the waters north of a line running from red and green buoy "SP" to buoy "2" to the northwest tip of Sandy Point to Edwards Point. 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 nun #4 and green can #5, then due east to Sandy Point (simplified: see the ordinance for exact text).



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**S19- Dodson Boatyard**

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



**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  
May 1 - Nov. 15,  
Mon. - Thurs: 8am - 5pm,  
Fri. - Sun: 7am - 7pm



**S22- Mystic Shipyard East**

(Mystic River)  
860-536-6588  
Apr 1 - Dec 1, Daily, 24 hours



**S23- Norwest Marine Inc.**

(Pawcatuck River)  
VHF 68 or 860-599-2442  
May 1 - Nov. 15, 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



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**Slow Down**  
If you think animals are in the area slow to 10 knots or less\*. If you see animals, keep a no wake speed until the animals are a safe distance from your boat.

**Give Space**  
How much space depends on the animal you are viewing.  
• North Atlantic right whale: 500 yards or 3 boatload boat lengths (required by law)  
• Other whales: 100-400 feet  
• Seals, dolphins and sea turtles: 150 feet.  
• Leaving sturgeon also require extra space to avoid injury to you and the fish.

**Report**  
You can help save the life of a marine mammal or sea turtle in trouble by calling our New England/Mid-Atlantic hotline (866) 735-6522, or calling the Coast Guard. Never enter the water or attempt to rescue on your own. Trained responders are available to help.

**Don't Feed**  
Feeding marine animals puts them at risk of injury or illness. If they approach people or boats too closely, become dependent on animals, or eat something they shouldn't. Dependent animals also become aggressive. Feeding protected marine animals is also against the law.

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**STRATFORD**

**S25- Housatonic River and Greater 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



**S27- Town of Stratford Pumpout Boat**

(Housatonic River - Milford & Stratford) VHF 68;  
May 7 - Oct. 20, Wed. - Sun., 10 am - 6 pm



**SUFFIELD**

**S28- Suffield Town Park Ponds Regulations**

Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

**THOMPSON**

**T1- Little Pond** - 64.8 acres  
17 Lakeview Street, Thompson  
Launch: Gravel launch, shallow pond.

Parking: 6 spaces



**T2- Quaddick Reservoir**

407.7 acres  
(Quaddick State Park)  
In Quaddick State Park off Quaddick 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



**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.

**TORRINGTON**

**T5- Burr Pond** - 85.1 acres  
(Burr Pond State Park)  
Burr Mountain Road, Torrington

Launch: Heavily used, good sailing, shallow at ramp.  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing.  
Parking: 25 spaces

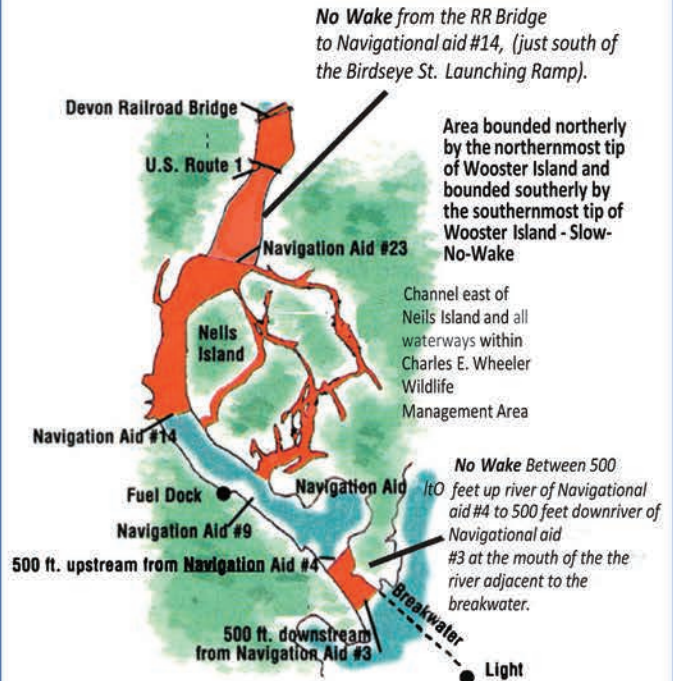


**T6- Stillwater Pond** - 100 acres

948 Norfolk Road, Torrington  
Regulations: The use of internal combustion engines prohibited.  
Parking: 6 spaces



**The Housatonic River NO WAKE ZONE**



**On the Housatonic ...**

Operate your vessel in a manner so not to interfere with all other vessels, structures and people.

Always have due regard for conditions and circumstances such as weather, current, visibility, water depth, width of channel, proximity to shore, water hazards, vessel traffic and water use.

When passing a marina, yacht club, fuel dock, an area in which boats are docked, at anchor, being launched, retrieved or at a congest-ed area, operate your vessel at no greater than **Slow-No-Wake**.

**Caution:** No wake in area of navigational aids #9 & #10. A fuel dock is located on the west side of the river.

**Slow-No-Wake Areas:**  
Vessels shall travel no greater than 6 miles per hour and at a speed that produces no more than a minimum wake.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WAKE AND ANY DAMAGE IT CAUSES.**

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**UNION**

**U1- Bigelow Pond** - 24.5 acres (Bigelow Hollow State Park) Bigelow Hollow Rd., 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 Hollow Rd., Union Launch: In State Park Regulations: 10 mph limit, no waterskiing. Parking: 16 spaces  


**U4- Morey Pond** - 44.8 acres (Nipmuck State Forest) 717 Buckley Highway, Union Launch: Shallow launch conditions, shallow pond. Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing. Parking: 10 spaces  


**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 westerly end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam. Parking: 25 spaces  


**V4- Beachdale Pond** - 45.9 acres  
 115 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown Regulations: 8 mph limit, no waterskiing  
 Parking: 20 spaces  


**V5- Green Falls Reservoir**  
 48.2 acres  
 Green Fall Pond Road, Voluntown Launch: Open 24 hours/day during season. Open from the Fri before the third Sat in Apr through Dec 30th. Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Parking: 6 spaces  


**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

**WASHINGTON**

**W3- Lake Waramaug**- 656 acres (Washington, Warren, Kent) 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 860-868-6427 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. 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 Tue 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.

**Niantic River Pumpout Boat**  
 See # E17- East Lyme  


**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**  
 (Westbrook Harbor)  
 VHF 9 or 860-399-7906 or 860-339-1800; Apr. 1 - Nov. 30, Daily, 24 hrs

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


## PUMPOUT FACILITIES, BOAT LAUNCHES, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

### **W14- SHM Pilots Point Pumpout Boats**

(Westbrook 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. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, take first right to launch. 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



### **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 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 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 Sats, Suns, 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 waterskiing.  
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



### **WINDSOR**

#### **W26- Bissell Bridge**

(Windsor Meadows State Park Connecticut River)

At the End of East Barber

Street, Windsor

Regulations: See # 07

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



### **WOLCOTT**

#### **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

### **WOODBURY**

#### **Lake Quassapaug**

See # M7- Middlebury

### **WOODSTOCK**

#### **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



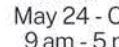
#### **X4- Westerly Pumpout Boat**

(Stonington Harbor, Little Narragansett Bay, Pawcatuck River, Watch Hill Harbor)

VHF 8 or 401-345-3162

May 24 - Oct 27, Daily,

9 am - 5 pm



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1	07:18	07:03	06:25	06:33	05:47	05:18	05:20	05:45	06:17	06:48	07:23	06:59
2	07:18	07:02	06:23	06:31	05:45	05:18	05:20	05:46	06:18	06:49	06:24	07:00
3	07:18	07:01	06:22	06:30	05:44	05:17	05:21	05:47	06:19	06:50	06:26	07:01
4	07:18	06:59	06:20	06:28	05:43	05:17	05:22	05:48	06:20	06:51	06:27	07:02
5	07:18	06:58	06:19	06:26	05:42	05:17	05:22	05:49	06:21	06:52	06:28	07:03
6	07:18	06:57	06:17	06:25	05:40	05:16	05:23	05:50	06:22	06:53	06:29	07:04
7	07:18	06:56	06:15	06:23	05:39	05:16	05:23	05:51	06:23	06:54	06:31	07:05
8	07:18	06:55	06:14	06:21	05:38	05:16	05:24	05:52	06:24	06:55	06:32	07:06
9	07:17	06:54	07:12	06:20	05:37	05:16	05:25	05:53	06:25	06:57	06:33	07:06
10	07:17	06:52	07:10	06:18	05:36	05:16	05:26	05:54	06:26	06:58	06:34	07:07
11	07:17	06:51	07:09	06:16	05:35	05:16	05:26	05:55	06:27	06:59	06:35	07:08
12	07:17	06:50	07:07	06:15	05:34	05:15	05:27	05:56	06:28	07:00	06:37	07:09
13	07:16	06:48	07:05	06:13	05:33	05:15	05:28	05:57	06:29	07:01	06:38	07:10
14	07:16	06:47	07:04	06:12	05:32	05:15	05:29	05:58	06:30	07:02	06:39	07:10
15	07:15	06:46	07:02	06:10	05:31	05:15	05:29	05:59	06:31	07:03	06:40	07:11
16	07:15	06:44	07:00	06:09	05:30	05:15	05:30	06:00	06:32	07:04	06:42	07:12
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**BOATING INCIDENT REPORT**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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**BOATING DIVISION**  
 P.O. BOX 280, OLD LYME CT 06371-0280  
 E-mail: [deep.boating@ct.gov](mailto:deep.boating@ct.gov)



POLICE DEPARTMENT NAME AND CASE NO. (if any)

The operator of a vessel 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, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at the above address. If the operator is unable to report the accident, the boat owner or survivor of the accident should prepare the report. Any person violating these requirements is subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OPERATOR	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON THIS VESSEL		OPERATOR'S FORMAL BOATING INSTRUCTION (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> State Course <input type="checkbox"/> USCG Aux. Course <input type="checkbox"/> US Power Squadrons <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
	OPERATOR'S PHONE NUMBER			<input type="checkbox"/> Under 20 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 100 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Over 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
	OPERATOR'S SAFE BOATING OR PWC CERTIFICATE #			OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON OTHER VESSELS		
E-MAIL				<input type="checkbox"/> Under 20 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 100 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 100 to 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Over 500 hours <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS ABOVE			RENTED VESSEL? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	NUMBER OF PEOPLE ONBOARD	NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING TOWED <i>ex. skier, tuber</i>	

REGISTRATION NUMBER	STATE	MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	VESSEL NAME				
TYPE OF VESSEL		HULL MATERIAL		ENGINE TYPE	PROPULSION	ENGINES	LENGTH	BEAM (Width)	DEPTH FROM TRANSDOM TO KEEL
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin Motorboat <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Open Motorboat <input type="checkbox"/> Standup Paddleboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoe <input type="checkbox"/> PWC <input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat <input type="checkbox"/> Rowboat <input type="checkbox"/> Sail ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Pod Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Stern Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Propeller <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Water Jet <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Air Thrust <input type="checkbox"/> Other	No. _____ Total HP _____	ft. _____ FUEL TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Other	ft. _____	ft. _____	ft. _____

**SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON VESSEL**

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

**INCIDENT DETAILS**

DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	# VESSELS INVOLVED	NAME OF WATER BODY	EXACT LOCATION <i>if possible, provide Latitude and Longitude</i>	NEAREST TOWN
WEATHER CONDITIONS	WAVE CONDITIONS	WIND	VISIBILITY	EST. AIR TEMP	STRONG CURRENT?	WEATHER ENCOUNTERED?
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Raining <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Hazy <input type="checkbox"/> Foggy <input type="checkbox"/> Snowing <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm (Under 6in.) <input type="checkbox"/> Choppy (6in. - 2ft.) <input type="checkbox"/> Rough (2ft. - 6ft.) <input type="checkbox"/> Very Rough (over 6ft.)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Light (0 - 12 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (13 - 24 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Strong (25 - 54 mph) <input type="checkbox"/> Stormy (55 mph & Over)	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair	°F _____ EST. WATER TEMP _____ °F _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No CONGESTED WATERS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No HAZARDOUS WATERS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> was as forecast <input type="checkbox"/> not as forecast <input type="checkbox"/> no forecast obtained <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other
ESTIMATED SPEED	OPERATOR/PASSENGER ACTIVITIES <i>(Check all applicable)</i>	INCIDENT EVENTS <i>(Check all applicable)</i>	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS <i>(check all applicable)</i>			

ESTIMATED SPEED  
 0 - 10 mph  None  
 11 - 20 mph  
 21 - 40 mph  
 Over 40 mph

OPERATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT  
*(Check all applicable)*

- Cruising *(underway under power)*
- Changing Direction
- Changing Speed
- Racing
- Sailing
- At Anchor
- Tied to Dock / Mooring
- Rowing / Paddling
- Drifting
- Being Towed
- Towing Another Vessel
- Launching
- Docking / Undocking
- Other: (list) \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATOR/PASSENGER ACTIVITIES *(Check all applicable)*

- Recreational**
- Commercial**
- Fishing
- Hunting
- White Water Activity
- Tubing
- Waterskiing
- Starting Engine
- Making Repairs
- Relaxing
- Other: (list) \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT EVENTS *(Check all applicable)*

- Collision w/ Vessel
- Collision w/ Fixed Object *(Allision)*
- Collision w/ Floating Object
- Sinking  Grounding
- Capsizing
- Swamping  Flooding
- Fire / Explosion *(Non-Fuel)*
- Fire / Explosion *(Fuel)*
- Engine *(propulsion)* or Generator related
- Not Engine *(propulsion)* or Generator related
- Fire / Explosion *(Unk Origin)*
- Electrical Shock
- Carbon Monoxide Exposure
- Person Struck By Vessel
- Person Fell Overboard
- Sudden Medical Condition
- Person Departs Vessel/Voluntarily
- Towed Watersport Mishap
- Person Ejected from Vessel
- Natural Phenomena
- Person Impacts Vessel
- Impacted By Vessel
- Person Struck By Propeller/Propulsion Unit/Water Jet
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS *(check all applicable)*

- Alcohol Use
- Drug Use
- Hazardous Waters
- Excessive Speed
- Improper Anchoring
- Improper Loading
- Overloading
- Improper Lookout
- Operator Inattention
- Operator Inexperience
- Language Barrier
- Navigation Rules Violation
- Failure to Vent
- Ignition of Fuel or Vapors
- Congested Waters
- Machinery Failure *(check applicable below)*
- Engine
- Electrical Sys.
- Fuel System
- Radio
- Throttle
- Shift
- Sail/Mast
- Seats
- On-Board Lights
- Ventilation
- Steering
- On-Board Nav. Aids *(ex., GPS)*
- People on Gunwale/Bow/Transom
- Force of Wake/Wave
- Heavy Weather
- Sharp Turn
- Hull Failure
- Starting in Gear
- Restricted Vision *(ex., fog)*
- Missing/Inadequate Aids to Nav.
- Inadequate On-Board Nav. Lights
- Dam/Lock
- Passenger or Skier Behavior
- Failure to Yield
- Lack of/Improper ski observer
- Careless/Reckless Operation
- Other *(describe)* \_\_\_\_\_
- Equipment Failure *(check applicable below)*
- Auxiliary Equipment
- Fire Extinguisher
- Sound Equip. *(ex. horn)*
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**INJURED / MISSING / DECEASED**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VICTIM	AGE	D.O.B.	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	ONBOARD VESSEL # <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	WAS A PFD WORN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment Beyond 1st Aid <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Was Hospitalized
	DEATH CAUSED BY: (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Drowning <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Other			MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	CAUSE OF INJURY	LOCATION OF INJURY
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NOTE: If more space is needed to list information concerning Injured / Missing / Deceased persons please attach a separate page.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATE	PROPERTY DAMAGE DESCRIPTION
Vessel #1 \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel Was A Complete Loss. \$ _____ Vessel's Value
Vessel #2 \$ _____	
Other Property (not vessel) \$ _____	

**INCIDENT DESCRIPTION**

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED (Include a sequence of events and what in your opinion caused the incident. 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 incident 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.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Other Vessel Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Vessel Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner of other damaged property	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger on your vessel	<input type="checkbox"/> Witness
NAME AND ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL		
		OTHER VESSEL REGISTRATION (if applicable)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Vessel Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Vessel Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner of other damaged property	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger on your vessel	<input type="checkbox"/> Witness
NAME AND ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL		
		OTHER VESSEL REGISTRATION (if applicable)		

**SIGNATURE**

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

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of person completing this report      \_\_\_\_\_ Date      \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name of person completing this report

\_\_\_\_\_ Address (Street, Town, State)      \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

INVOLVEMENT:  Operator  Owner  Witness:  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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