



ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN DANBURY BAY

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE FOR ALL ATTENDEES ON THE WATER

On Saturday, June 24th, 2023 (Rain Date June 25th, 2023) normal boating traffic in the area of Danbury Bay will be disrupted due to the Annual Danbury Volunteer Fireman's Fireworks Display.

- 1) **All boats entering Danbury Bay will be stopped for a safety inspection.**
 - a. These inspections by law enforcement vessels and fire rescue vessels will only take a couple of minutes and will be a minor inconvenience to boaters.
- 2) **Important Safety Information for Attendees**
 - a. All boats must have one wearable Personal Flotation Device (Life Jacket) for each person on board.
 - b. Children under the age of 13 must wear their life jackets at all times while the boat is under way.
 - c. All boats must have their required lights in working order.
 - d. Any boat found not having the required safety equipment will be turned away from the area and ordered back to shore to make the necessary repairs and will not be allowed to enter the area until these safety requirements are met.
- 3) **The Marine Patrol will be setting up a safety zone just north of City Island in Danbury Bay and a safety lane will also be created along the eastern shore of Danbury Bay.**
 - a. **Beginning at 4pm**
 - i. all boats in the vicinity of City Island must maintain a "slow-no-wake" speed to allow for the fireworks company to safely set up the fireworks behind the Island.
 - ii. no vessels will be allowed to moor or anchor south of the safety zone or in the safety lane approximately 5 hours prior to and during the event.
 - b. **Beginning at 7pm**
 - i. no boats will be allowed to travel south of the safety zone near City Island into the display area.
- 4) **When passing within 200 feet of a law stationary law enforcement vessel or fire rescue vessel with its emergency lights on**
 - a. boat operators are **required** to slow their vessel to "slow-no-wake" speed until it is more than 200 feet away from the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.
- 5) **Boaters are reminded after the display to proceed out of the viewing area at "slow-no-wake" speed.**