

The Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Rose Harvey appears to have jurisdiction over the waterways of the State. (Unless local law approved by the State is in place.)

Mooring Buoys: Chapter 35A

1. The commissioner may authorize, through the issuance of a revocable permit, the placing in the navigable waters of the state, of mooring buoys, bathing beach markers, swimming floats, speed zone markers, or any other floating object having no navigational significance, if in his opinion the placing of such floating object will not be a hazard to navigation.
3. Adjacent upland owners may place one mooring buoy and one swimming float of not more than one hundred square feet of surface area, in the waters adjacent to and within the boundaries of their shoreline, provided however, that no floating object and no vessel or part thereof which is secured to a mooring buoy shall at any time extend more than one hundred feet from shore and further provided that no floating object may be placed in a navigable channel or in any location in which it will interfere with free and safe navigation or free access to another person's property. The commissioner shall have the right to remove or alter the location of any such buoy or float in the interest of navigation.

Aids to Navigation

27. "Aids to Navigation" shall mean buoys, beacons or other fixed objects in the water which are used to mark obstructions to navigation or to direct navigation through safe channels.

The commissioner may authorize, through the issuance of a revocable permit, the placing of aids to navigation in the navigable waters of the state, and any tidewaters bordering on or lying within the boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk counties, to mark obstructions to navigation, or for any other purpose, if, in his judgment, it will promote safety of navigation. Any person interested in the navigation of the navigable waters of the state, and any tidewaters bordering on or lying within the boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk counties, who may desire to place such aids to navigation therein, without expense to the state, may make application to the commissioner and submit a map suitable for blue print reproduction showing the proposed location of such aids to navigation and their color and meaning. The commissioner shall make rules and regulations establishing the size, shape, color and significance of such aids to navigation.