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(see <http://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/> for the latest Edition of the NYS Boaters Guide)

### Maximum Speed and noise Limits

- 45 mph during daylight hours, 25 mph after sunset until sunrise *and times of reduced visibility*
- Maximum 90 decibels stationary, 75 decibels underway (mufflers must remain in place)
- 5 mph within 200 ft of shore, docks, floats or anchored boats (except when pulling up or dropping off a water skier)
- In times of high or low water, be alert to additional restrictions announced by the Sheriffs

<u>Boating Equipment</u>	<u>Motor Boat</u>	<u>PWC</u>	<u>Sailboats under 23 ft &amp; Manually powered vessels</u>
Life Jackets <sup>5</sup>	One per person	One per person	One per person (incl. paddle craft <sup>1</sup> )
Fire Extinguisher(s) – B1	All	Federal Rules Require	NR
Visual Distress Signals (see <i>Boaters Guide, page 23</i> )			
Red Flares (qty 3)*	16 ft & up	NR	From Sunset to Sunrise
Red Flares (qty 3)*	Under 16' – night only		
*The Sirius Signal SOS distress light is now approved by the US Coast Guard and NYS as a night time visual distress signal in place of flares.			
Distress Flag	Day Only	Required	NR
Throwable Device	Type IV <sup>2</sup>	NR	Type IV <sup>2</sup>
Anchor	All	NR	NR
Horn/Bell/Whistle-Mechanical	39 ft & Over	NR	NR (whistle req. on paddle craft)
Whistle or Horn - Mouth	Under 39 ft	All	NR
Navigation Lights	Bow & Stern	NR <sup>3</sup>	White lantern <sup>4</sup>

### NOTES

- 1 Paddle Craft include canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and pedal boats.
- 2 All boats 16 ft & longer (except canoes and kayaks) require a buoyancy cushion or other throw able device.
- 3 PWCs may operate only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset)
- 4 Sailboats under power must exhibit navigation lights required of a motor boat.

**THE COLD WATER LAW requires all occupants of a vessel 21' or less to wear a Life Jacket from Nov. 1 to May 1 while underway – if the vessel is not tied to the dock, it is “underway”.**

### **PLEASE BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON FLARES AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

**Additional Suggested Equipment: First Aid Kit, Bailer, Boat Hook, Paddle, Compass, Marine Radio**

**Bow riding with arms or legs outside the boat not allowed by any passenger.**

**Children under 12 on board a vessel under 26 feet must wear an appropriately sized Type I, II or III USCG Approved life jacket while boat is underway.**

### Water Skiing

- Tow boat must have an observer at least ten years of age, in addition to the operator
- Skier must wear an approved PFD
- Water Skiing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise *and times of reduced visibility*.

**Powerboat Operation:** Persons born on or after May 1, 1996 must have successfully completed a State certified, Power Squadron, or Coast Guard Safe Boating Course in order to operate a mechanically propelled vessel. Please refer to the NYS Boaters Guide. Certificates or a NYS driver's license with the “anchor” symbol must be in the operator's possession (ie: on the boat).

**Personal Watercraft:** Operators must be at least 14 years old. Operators of all ages are required to have successfully completed one of the NYS approved safe boating courses. Certificates must be in the operator's possession.

**All boats must stay 100 feet from “diver down” flags, these are the Alpha Flag (blue pennant with white stripe at base) and the Diver Flag (red rectangle with white diagonal stripe).**