

New York State Navigation Law (for complete listing please refer to NYS Parks and Recreation – www.nysparks.com)

Maximum Speed Limits

- 45 mph during daylight hours
- 25 mph after sunset until sunrise
- 5 mph within 200 ft of shore, docks, rafts or moored vessels (except when pulling up or dropping off a water skier)

<u>Boating Equipment</u>	<u>Motor Boat</u>	<u>PWC</u>	<u>Sailboats under 23 ft & Manually powered vessels</u>
PFD (wearable)	One per person	One per person	One per person
Fire Extinguisher(s) – B1	All	Federal Rules Require	NR
Visual Distress Signals	<i>(see Navigation Law Sect 40.7 for details & other options)</i>		
Red Flares (qty 3)	16 ft & up ¹	NR	From Sunset to Sunrise
Distress Flag	Day Only	Required	NR
Throwable Device ³	Type IV PFD ^{2,3}	NR	Type IV PFD ³
Anchor	All	NR	NR
Horn/Bell/Whistle-Mechanical	39 ft & Over	NR	NR
Whistle or Horn - Mouth	Under 39 ft	All	NR
Navigation Lights	Bow & Stern	NR ⁴	White lantern ⁵

NOTES

- 1 Orange “Distress” Flag may substitute during daylight hours
- 2 Boats 16 ft and longer
- 3 Boat Cushion does not qualify
- 4 PWCs may operate only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset)
- 5 Sailboats may require additional lighting under certain circumstances & should contact the proper authorities for further information.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON FLARES AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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

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

Powerboat Training: Persons 10-17 must have successfully completed a State certified, Power Squadron, or Coast Guard Safe Boating Course in order to operate a powerboat without adult supervision. Certificates 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.

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.

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