SALTWATER FISHING RESOURCE MAP

This online map shows the locations of points of interest related to saltwater fishing, including sporting licensing agents, bait and tackle shops, enhanced opportunity shore fishing sites, car top boat launches with Long Island Sound access, trailered boat launches with Long Island Sound access and party/charter boat locations. For information about these points of interest, go to www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishingresourcemap.

ANGLERS PLEASE NOTE

New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts also have marine license requirements. Though Connecticut has reciprocity with these neighboring states, residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District.

www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing
**DEMARCATION BETWEEN MARINE AND INLAND DISTRICT**

A marine sport fishing license is required downstream of locations listed below or in areas designated as being entirely in the Marine District. Unless indicated below, the demarcation line is the first bridge upstream from the river mouth or cove.

- **Alewife Cove:** New London-Waterford. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Becke Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Blackhall River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Branford River:** Branford. Montowese Street.
- **Bride Brook:** East Lyme. First railroad crossing.
- **Byram River:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Clinton River:** (Indian River) Clinton. Rte. 1.
- **Connecticut River:** 1-95 bridge. Old Lyme-Old Saybrook.
- **Duck River:** Old Lyme. Entirely in Marine District.
- **East Creek:** Guilford. The tide gates at Guilford dock.
- **Housatonic River:** Milford-Stratford. Merritt Parkway.
- **Indian Harbor:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Indian River:** Milford Rte. 122.
- **Jordan Cove:** Waterford. First railroad crossing.
- **Lieutenant River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Menunketesuck River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Mianus River:** Greenwich. Dam north of Boston Post Road.
- **Mill River:** Fairfield. Dam at Harbor Road.
- **Mill River:** New Haven. Tide gates at State Street.
- **Mumford Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Mystic River:** Stonington-Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Niantic River:** East Lyme-Waterford. Golden Spur Bridge, Rte. 1.
- **Norwalk River:** Norwalk. Wall Street.
- **Oyster River:** Milford. Rte. 122.
- **Palmer’s Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Pawcatuck River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Pequonnock River:** Bridgeport. North Avenue (Rte. 1).
- **Pequonnock River:** Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Pequot-Sepos Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quiambau Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quinnipiac River:** New Haven. Rte. 17.
- **Sasco Brook:** Westport. Buckley’s Mill Dam, above Rte. 1.
- **Saugatuck River:** Westport. Kings Highway.
- **Shaws Cove:** New London. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Stonington Harbor, Lambert Cove and Quanaduck Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Thames River:** Groton-New London. 500 ft. North of Rte. 1, 1-95 bridge.
- **Tokeneke Brook:** Darien. Old Farm Road.
- **Wequetequock River:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **West River:** Guilford. Rte. 146.
- **West River:** West Haven. Tide gates at Orange Ave. (Rte. 1).


**HOW TO CATCH FISH**

Contact your local bait and tackle shop for updated fishing information. See page 18 for a list of bait and tackle shops or go to [www.ct.gov/deep/baitandtackle](http://www.ct.gov/deep/baitandtackle).

**STRIPE Bass**

- **Habitat:** Large rivers in spring and fall. Estuaries and bays in summer.
- **Fishing Method:** Drifting with live bait. Jigging and trolling. Bottom fishing with bait. Casting to fish.
- **Baits & Lures:** Live bait, menhaden, eels, shad and sand worms. All types of swimming lures, plastic and rubber baits.

**BLack Sea Bass**

- **Habitat:** Estuaries and Sound. Rock piles/reefs. Oyster and mussel beds. Pilings and jetties.
- **Fishing Method:** Anchored over structure, reefs. Bottom fishing. Fishing with bait.
- **Baits & Lures:** Sand worms, conch, shrimp, mummichogs, silversides, mussels/clams and baited jigs or jigs with plastic/rubber bodies or trailer.

**FLuke**

- **Habitat:** Estuaries and bays. Lower sections of rivers. Hard bottom and channels preferred.
- **Fishing Method:** Drifting with bait. Jigging up and down. Casting and slowly moving jig with bait.
- **Baits & Lures:** Live/dead bait (bunker, mum-michogs, shiners and silversides), cut squid strips, baited jigs and plastic baits.

**SCUP**

- **Habitat:** Estuaries and bays. Rock piles/reefs. Oyster and mussel beds. Pilings and jetties.
- **Fishing Method:** Anchored over structure/reefs. Bottom fishing. Live or dead bait.
- **Baits & Lures:** Squid or conch strips, sand worms, shrimp, and mussels/clams.

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**Looking for a place to fish, launch a boat, a bait and tackle shop or a party/charter vessel to go fishing on?**

Check out the Saltwater Fishing Resource Map at [www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishingresourcemap](http://www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishingresourcemap)
During regular hours, a vehicle parking fee is required for out-of-state vehicles to enter most of the state parks. There is no parking fee for CT registered vehicles. Parking fees are collected from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays, and 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. during the week except at state parks marked with an asterisk. Late day fees (4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. any day) for Harkness, Hammonasset, Rocky Neck and Sherwood Island are $7 for non-residents. For more information please see the coastal state parks website: www.ct.gov/deep/stateparks.

• Parking Fees subject to change.

Camping

NIGHT FISHING RULES

Anglers entering a park by vehicle must obtain a vehicle permit in order to park and fish. No vehicle will be admitted into the day-use area of the park from 6:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Individuals entering the park without a vehicle do not require a permit, but must possess fishing tackle (rod & reel, bait, light, etc.) and engage in fishing.

BLUFF POINT STATE PARK & COASTAL RESERVE, GROTON

Fishing is allowed 24 hrs.
• Fish to be caught: Winter flounder and snapper bluefish can be caught at Poquonnock Cove. Bluefish, striped bass, hickory shad, summer flounder, little tunny, blue crab, striped sea robin and tautog can be caught from the beach.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 88 to Route 117 south, right onto Route 1, left onto Depot Road. Follow to end.
• Parking Fees: None.

FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK, NEW LONDON

Fishing access (handicapped accessible), 24 hour pedestrian access from Riverfront Walk to Fishing Pier on the Thames River.
• Fish to be caught: Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad, scup, tautog, winter flounder, weakfish, blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass.
• Directions: I-95N, Exit 83 (Huntington Street). I-95S, Exit 84.
• Parking Fees: None. Telephone: 860-444-7591.

FERRY LANDING STATE PARK, OLD LYME

Fishing access (handicapped accessible) consists of a fenced bulkhead area and a fishing/crabbing boardwalk. Parking is available inside the park after hours for fishing/crabbing only.
• Fish to be caught: Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, catfish, American eel, hickory shad, blue crab, striped sea robin and white perch.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 70 to Route 156. After ¼ mile make a right onto Ferry Road. Follow to end. Telephone: 860-434-6043.
• Parking Fees: None.

HAMMONSET BEACH STATE PARK, MADISON

Fishing is allowed only at the Moogs Point Jetty (south end) and at West Beach Jetty during the peak season from 8 a.m. to sunset. Night fishing is permitted along the entire beach (2 miles). The entire beach (2 miles) is not open to night fishing during the off-season (October–May).
• Fish to be caught: Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, summer flounder, scup, weakfish, striped bass, blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 62. Telephone: 203-245-2785.
• Parking Fees:
  — Weekdays: non-resident—$15.00
  — Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—$22.00

HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, WATERFORD

Fishing is allowed along the beach. No swimming allowed.
• Fish to be caught: Tautog, bluefish, striped bass and scup (porgy) can be caught off the rocky point, blue crab, striped sea robin and summer flounder off the beach.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 73. Take Route 1 North to Avery Lane on right. Follow Avery Lane to Route 213. Follow Route 213 to the park. Telephone: 860-443-5725.
• Parking Fees:
  — Weekdays: non-resident—$10.00
  — Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—$15.00
  — After 4pm any day: non-resident—$7.00

ROCKY NECK STATE PARK, EAST LYME

Fishing is allowed on the jetty year round. The entire beach and jetty is open to fishing during the off-season. Jetty located on right side of beach. Please note: When no night rangers are on staff and on major weekend holidays, no vehicles are permitted in park for night fishing.
• Fish to be caught: Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, striped bass, scup (porgy), blue crab, striped sea robin and black sea bass can be caught off the jetty. Crabbing is allowed at designated areas.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 72 to Route 156. Telephone: 860-739-9471.
• Parking Fees:
  — Weekdays: non-resident—$15.00
  — Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—$22.00

SHERWOOD ISLAND STATE PARK, WESTPORT

Fishing is allowed at Sherwood Point, East and West Jetty during the open season (April 15–Sept. 30). The entire beach is open to fishing during the off-season from 8 a.m. to sunset only.
• Fish to be caught: Tautog, bluefish, scup, summer flounder, winter flounder, blue crab, striped sea robin and striped bass can be caught off Sherwood Point.
• Parking Fees:
  — Weekdays: non-resident—$15.00
  — Weekend/Holiday: non-resident—$22.00

SILVER SANDS STATE PARK

AFTER HOURS FISHING PARKING/CHARLES ISLAND, MILFORD

Fishing is open throughout the area including the sand spit which extends about a mile from the mainland to Charles Island. Caution is advised when fishing or walking the Tombolo (sand bar). Swift tidal currents during a flood tide can make passage dangerous and persons unfamiliar with the area may be stranded on Charles Island until low tide.
• Fish to be caught: Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad, blue crab, striped sea robin and weakfish.
• Directions: I-95, Exit 35. Follow Schoolhouse Road south to Route 1 (Bridgeport Avenue). Turn left onto Route 1 then right at first light (Silver Sands Park Way). Follow Park Way and turn left at next light (Meadowside Road). Follow Meadowside 0.7 mile and turn right at Robert Treat Parkway which then becomes Surf Avenue. Follow Surf Avenue to end at East Broadway and turn right. The After Hours Fishing Parking Lot is at the end of East Broadway.
• Hiking the Tombola (Sand Bar) while it is covered in water is prohibited.
• Parking Fees: None.

SHORELINE FISHING & PROPERTY RIGHTS

CT Coastal Management Program

Connecticut’s intertidal shore belongs to the people. Under the common law public trust doctrine, the public may freely use land and waters waterward of the mean high water line to fish. The public trust area includes beaches, rocky shores and open waters along tidal and navigable waters. Fishing in the public trust area is not trespassing; the DEEP encourages anglers to enjoy their rights to use the public trust lands for fishing. However, anglers should also respect the rights of adjacent landowners by not crossing private property without permission and by leaving the shoreline clean and litter free.
ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY SHORE FISHING PROGRAM

This Marine Fisheries program is part of a broader Department effort to improve the quality of access and fishing to our Public Trust marine fisheries resources in CT, especially in urban areas. This unique program relies on reduced size limit regulations to allow anglers young and old alike the opportunity to experience the joy and relaxation of outdoor recreation and the satisfaction of catching their own dinner. At the same time, the design of this program assures that marine fish conservation objectives continue to be met.

Appendix A. Public Shore Fishing Access Sites where Summer Flounder/Fluke (17 inch min. length) and Scup (8 inch min. length) may be taken at a smaller length limit. Please see page 58 for a complete list of marine recreational fishing regulations including creel limit and open seasons.

BONUS STRIPER FISHING PROGRAM

www.ct.gov/deep/BonusStripedBass

From May 1st to December 31st 2018 inclusive, striped bass at least 22 inches but less than 28 inches total length may be possessed provided the angler:

1. Immediately upon retention of such fish, permanently secures a tag (see image below) through the mouth of the striped bass. Bonus striped bass tags can be obtained at CT DEEP offices or through CT DEEP Marine Fisheries Angler Survey staff and other designated locations. See www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing for updated information.

2. Ensures that the bonus striped bass tag remains on the fish until such fish is taken home or to another location where the fish is to be consumed.

3. Uses the Bonus Striped Bass Reporting Card that was provided with your fish tag to record the date of capture, length of the fish and your Conservation ID.

4. Returns the reporting card within 48 hours of harvesting the bonus striped bass.

5. Harvests only ONE bonus striped bass per day regardless of the number of tags the angler possess.

6. Understands that the tags are valid only in Connecticut State Waters.

FOR 2018… 1 Tag per Angler available at DEEP Offices

Your cooperation is critical in the success of this program and its continuation. Please participate in marine fisheries management and return the reporting cards. Thank you.

APPENDIX A: Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program Access Sites

Learn more by selecting any site below from the drop-down list on www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess. Also see Marine Regulations on page 58.

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For a complete list of marine recreational fishing regulations including creel limit and open seasons, please see page 58.
CONNECTICUT MARINE ANGLER SURVEY
The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Marine Fisheries Program is conducting a survey of marine recreational anglers in order to collect fishing trip information and length measurements on kept and released fish. Anglers will be recruited by DEEP Marine Fisheries staff to volunteer their fishing trip information and take length measurements on fish caught for that particular fishing day. Post marked daily catch cards will be distributed to anglers fishing from both shore, including Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program Access Sites (EOS) and boat launch sites along the Connecticut coastline. EOS locations are areas that have less restrictive fishing regulations for summer flounder and scup enabling anglers a better chance of bringing a fish home for dinner. This fishing information will provide us with important individual angler trip and species catch data needed to effectively monitor and assess the marine recreational fishery and ultimately provide the most fishing opportunity possible. Participating anglers will be provided a waterproof daily catch card, pencil, and measuring tape for recording this important fisheries data. Anglers will be encouraged to drop post marked catch cards in the mail, or at designated drop-off boxes (see www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing) and CTDEEP Marine Fisheries Survey staff upon trip completion.

MARINE VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY PROGRAM
The Marine Fisheries Program is seeking marine recreational anglers who will volunteer to participate in the Connecticut Volunteer Angler Survey (VAS) Program. The VAS Program is designed to collect fishing trip and catch information from marine recreational (hook and line) anglers who volunteer to record their angling activities via a logbook. VAS anglers contribute valuable fisheries-specific information concerning striped bass, fluke, bluefish, scup, tautog and other important finfish species used in monitoring and assessing fish populations inhabiting marine waters. Participants will have the choice of either filling out the traditional paper logbooks and mailing them back or by entering their data electronically by a computer web based application. In either case, paper logbooks will still be sent out to each angler. Both the VAS paper logbook and the computer electronic version are easy to enter. Each participating angler is assigned a personal code number for confidentiality. The paper logbook instructions are located on the inside cover and the electronic version will have a specified menu with assisted help information. Upon completion of the paper logbook, tape the pre-postage paid logbook and drop it in the mail. All paper logbooks are returned to each angler for their own personal records upon data entry. Anglers that participate are also provided with updated program results and public hearing notices concerning recreational fishery management regulations.

Supporting Conservation by participating is critical in managing your Marine Fishery Resources

Please contact:
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CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Marine Fisheries Program
P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371

MARINE DEFINITIONS
CLOSED SEASON (SALTWATER) The period of time during which no person shall take, possess or land a particular species taken by sportfishing methods, regardless of where taken. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.
- Anglers cannot be in possession of fish legally taken in another state when on the waters or shores of Connecticut during a closed season for that species in Connecticut.

DAILY CREEL LIMIT The number of fish of a species or species group that can be retained by an individual angler during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

“CULLING” OR “HIGH-GRADING” means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the daily creel limit. “Culling” or “High-Grading” is prohibited in the Marine District!
Species, Minimum Sizes, Daily Limits, & Fishing Seasons

Effective 2018: Species regulations are subject to change. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies must be consulted. Visit www.ct.gov/deep/laws-regs or contact Marine Fisheries (860-434-6043) for current regulations.

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Red type signifies new regulations for 2018.

### SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS, & FISHING SEASONS

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<td>The taking of Alewife and Blueback Herring is prohibited.</td>
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<td><strong>American Eel</strong></td>
<td>Eel Pots limited to 2 pots per person, personal use only. Legal Methods: Angling, Snagging, Spearig, Eel Pot Silver eel harvest is prohibited.</td>
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<td><strong>American Shad</strong></td>
<td>All state waters closed except the Connecticut River.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>6 (American and Hickory Shad in aggregate)</td>
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<td><strong>Atlantic Cod</strong></td>
<td>Visit <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs">www.nero.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs</a> for updated federal regulations.</td>
<td>22”</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>Bluefish</strong></td>
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<td>Visit <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs">www.nero.noaa.gov/sustainable/recfishing/regs</a> for updated federal regulations.</td>
<td>18”</td>
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<td><strong>Menhaden</strong></td>
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<td>50 fish or 5 gallons (whichever is the greater amount)</td>
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<td><strong>Pollock</strong></td>
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<td>19”</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td><strong>Red Drum</strong></td>
<td>No person shall possess any red drum greater than 27 inches measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Any red drum greater than 27” shall, without avoidable injury, be returned immediately to the water from which taken.</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td><strong>Scup (Porgy)</strong></td>
<td>See <a href="http://www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing">www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing</a> for Party/Charter fishing regulations.</td>
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<td><strong>Sea-Run Trout (Brown, Brook, Rainbow)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Summer Flounder (Fluke)</strong></td>
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<td>Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit is required to take, possess, or land any shark species, other than smooth or spiny dogfish. To obtain an HMS permit see <a href="http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits">www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits</a> or call NMFS Customer Service at 888-872-8862.</td>
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Stripped bass may only be taken by angling (spearing is prohibited) and the use of a gaff in the taking of striped bass is prohibited. However, striped bass legally taken by spearing in another state may be landed in Connecticut. No person shall land or possess on the waters of this state of on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state any striped bass from which the head or tail has been removed or which has otherwise been rendered unidentifiable as a striped bass or unable to be measured. Summer flounder filleting.

If summer flounder are filleted onboard either: (1) each fillet is required to meet the minimum fish length, or (2) the carcass (rack) of the fish from which the fillet was removed has to be retained and the carcass has to meet the minimum length. This rule shall not be construed to prevent filleting of fish on shore or dockside.
TAKING OF BAIT SPECIES
For personal use/not for sale: Recreational License required in marine district.

Net and traps which may be used to catch bait species only (see species list below)
- Cast Nets
- Minnow Traps: no larger than 20" long by 13" in diameter
- Umbrella Nets: not more than 4 ft. in length by 4 ft. in width
- Scoop or Scap Nets: no larger than 36" in diameter
- Seines: no longer than 30 feet in length
- Up to two eel pots
- Hook & Line
- By hand.

Species that may be taken using the gears listed above
- Menhaden (see possession limit on page 58: Also see Gillnetting Menhaden)
- Striped Killifish and Banded Killifish
- Atlantic Silverside
- Tidewater Silverside
- Mummichogs
- Sea Herring (Atlantic Herring)
- Sand Lances (Sand Eels)
- American Eel (see possession limit on page 58)
- Sea Lamprey
- Bay Anchovy
- Mullet Species
- Sheepshead Minnow
- Shrimp Species
- Green, Fiddler, Asian Shore and Hermit Crabs

GILLNETTING MENHADEN
Personal Use Gillnet License Required ($100.00)

Legal Menhaden Capture Methods
Use of a single gillnet, not more than 60 feet in length and 3 inch minimum mesh size.

Prohibited
The taking of any species other than menhaden.

Required
- Annual Report of Catch
- See Personal Use Gillnet License Guidelines for a complete list of requirements.

Info
- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Personal Use Menhaden Gillnet License Guidelines.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and search for Personal Use License.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/MarineFishInfoCirc

SHELLFISH
For personal use/not for sale: Town Shellfishing License required.

Species Include
- Mussels
- Oysters
- Clams
- Scallop

Contact the town where you plan to harvest shellfish for permit information, or the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture at 203-874-0696. email: ctdoag@ct.gov.

LOBSTER
Personal Use Lobster License Required ($60.00)

Legal Lobster Capture Methods:
- Ten pots or less (pot tags required)
- Skin Diving
- SCUBA Diving
- Hand Capturing

Required
- Annual Report of Catch
- See Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing for a list of requirements.

Info
- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing in Connecticut.
- Lobster Gauges can be purchased ($4) at the Marine Fisheries office in Old Lyme or from DEEP Licensing at:
  79 Elm Street, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127
  860-424-3105
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and search for Personal Use License.
- Or go to www.ct.gov/deep/MarineFishInfoCirc

BLUESTAR CRAB
For personal use/not for sale: No license required.


Legal Blue Crab Capture Methods:
- Scoop Net, Hand Line, Dip Net, Trot Line
- Star Crab Trap (or similar device)
- Circular Topless Trap (not exceeding 26" in diameter)
- Semi-Circular Cylindrical Trap (12" or less in diameter)

Open Season
May 1–November 30.

Minimum Shell Width: (Spike Tip to Spike Tip)
- 9" hard shell crabs
- 3½" soft shell crabs

Prohibited
- Possession of uncooked blue crab meat without the body shell attached.
- Possession of more than 2 claws per body.
- Possession of egg bearing females.
- Chesapeake-style crabs traps.

Required
All devices must be attended at all times.

JONAH CRAB
For personal use/not for sale: No license required. 50 crabs per day.

SQUID
For personal use/not for sale: No license required if taken using a squid jig.

Shark Species You May Encounter in Coastal Waters of Connecticut

Sand Tiger Shark

Sandbar (Brown) Shark

Protected and prohibited species must be released unharmed. For more information, go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/sharks/2008/Rec_shark_ID_placard.pdf

IF YOU DON’T KNOW, LET IT GO!

Reduce Catch and Release mortality — please use circle hooks.

Resources For Fishermen:

For additional information, refer to the Marine Fisheries Information Circular by visiting the www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or call the Marine Fisheries Division at: 860-434-6043.
For other boat launches, see the 2018 CT Boaters Guide (www.ct.gov/deep/boating) and the CT Coastal Access Guide (www.lirs.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/index.asp). Call 860-424-3034 or e-mail coastal.access@ct.gov for questions or additional information.

Scan the code to view the CT Boaters Guide:

BARN ISLAND, STONINGTON
• Parking: 60 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Large ramp with floating dock.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 91. South to N. Main Street to Rte. 1. Greenhaven Road to Palmer Neck Road, follow to end.

BAYBERRY LANE, GROTON
• Parking: 30 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 87. Rte. 349 becomes Shennecossett Road, left onto Bayberry Lane.

BRANFORD RIVER, BRANFORD
• Parking: 30 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
• Use: Low use.
• Access: I-95, Exit 53. Rte. 142 left onto Stannard Avenue to Goodsell Point Road.

CONNECTICUT RIVER, OLD SAYBROOK
• Parking: 75 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, year round.
• Conditions: Large ramp with floating dock.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: Exit 1 off Rte. 9 North. End of ramp turn right. Located under Baldwin Bridge. (I-95) off Ferry Road.

DOCK ROAD, WATERFORD
• Parking: 45 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Ramp is steep and narrow; Launching may be difficult during strong southwesterly winds.
• Use: Moderate use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 74. Rte. 213, south on Goshen Road, launch straight ahead.

THAMES RIVER (KENNETH E. STREETE BOAT LAUNCH), GROTON
• Parking: 25 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Launching may be difficult during strong northwesterly winds.
• Use: Moderate use on weekends.
• Access: I-95 North, Exit 85, bear right onto Bridge Street, next right onto Fairview Avenue, launch on left.

THAMES RIVER, NEW LONDON
• Parking: 50 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Good launching conditions.
• Use: Moderate use on weekends.
• Access: I-95 North, Exit 84, left onto Williams Street. Turn east onto State Pier Road, launch at end, under I-95, Goldstar Bridge.

EAST RIVER, GUILFORD/MADISON
• Parking: 25 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Concrete planks.
• Use: Moderate use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 59. Located on east side of East River. Take Rte. 1 onto Neck Road and follow to end.

FOUR MILE RIVER, SOUTH LYME
• Parking: 35 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Shallow launching area; low railroad bridge clearance.
• Use: Low use.
• Access: I-95, Exit 71. Rte. 156, east on Oakridge Drive, first right to launch area.

GREAT ISLAND, OLD LYME
• Parking: 35 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Shallow at low tide.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 70. Rte. 156 east, south to end of Smith Neck Road and Great Island Wildlife Area.

HOUSATONIC RIVER, MILFORD/DEVON
>> Closed due to bridge construction. <<
May re-open in the fall/winter of 2018.

NIANTIC RIVER, WATERFORD
• Parking: 100 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, year round.
• Conditions: Large ramp with floating dock.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 74. ¼ mile northeast of Rte. 156 bridge across Niantic River.

SAUGATUCK RIVER, WESTPORT
• Parking: 25 cars with trailers.
• Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.
• Conditions: Shallow launching conditions at low tide.
• Use: Heavy use on weekends.
• Access: I-95, Exit 17 east side of river. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, first right to launch.

Fishing Across State Boundary Lines
Anglers are reminded that several states have areas of jurisdiction in Long Island Sound and fishing regulations can vary between these states. When on the waters or shores of each state, anglers must comply with all regulations of that state, regardless of the port they intend to return to. To be legal when crossing state boundary lines, anglers must abide by the most restrictive of the states’ regulations for each species. Latitude/Longitude coordinates depicting the Connecticut boundary line in Long Island Sound and Fishers Island Sound are available in the Marine Fisheries Information Circular which can be found on the DEEP web site: www.ct.gov/deep/fulling. The Information Circular can also be obtained by calling 860-434-6043 or email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov.
www.ct.gov/deep/statewatersboundary

Long Island Sound map is for general reference only. For detailed information, please refer to Navigational Charts.
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