

This document contains the most recent amendments and additions to the boating safety regulations. Specifically, it contains the amendments to sections 15-121-A1, 15-121-A5, 15-121-A6, 15-121-A9, 15-121-A15, 15-121-A17, 15-121-B12, 15-121-B15h, 15-121-B15m, 15-121-B16, and 15-140f-3 of the boating safety regulations and the additions of sections 15-140f-5 and 15-140v-1. The regulations became effective on January 3, 2007.

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Section 1. Section 15-121-A1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A1. Definitions.
[Effective 1993]

As used in [Sections]sections 15-121-A2 to 15-140j-3, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Marker" means either a floating or a fixed object to be used to aid or regulate waterway traffic. There shall be three types of markers: regulatory, navigational and special purpose.

(b) "Steerage speed" means the minimum speed necessary to allow a vessel to be steered while making forward progress.

(c) "Bow" means the forward half of a vessel.

(d) "Hull" means the outside body of a vessel exclusive of the deck or any superstructure, masts, or rigging.

(e) "Emergency" means a situation in which life, limb, or property are at imminent and serious risk.

(f) "Commissioner" means the [commissioner]Commissioner of [environmental protection]Environmental Protection.

(g) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other entity.

(h) "Town" includes city, town, borough or any other political subdivision of the state.

(i) "PFD" means personal flotation device bearing a United States Coast Guard approval number which indicates the performance type of the device.

(j) "Slow - No - Wake" means that a vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than 6 miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerageway when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger of injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind.

(k) "Federal waters" means the navigable waters of the United States, as defined by 33 CFR 2.36(a), within the territorial limits of the state.

(l) "State waters" means all waters within the territorial limits of the state except federal waters.

(m) "Waters of the state" means all waters, including federal waters, within the territorial limits of the state.

Section 2. Section 15-121-A5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A5. Permission required to place markers.
[Effective June 23, 1988]

(a) No person or town, shall place any regulatory [marker] or navigational marker except as authorized in this section.

(b) Any town desiring to place any [type of] regulatory or navigational marker in waters within its jurisdiction shall apply to the [Commissioner]commissioner for authorization to place said markers.

(c) Any person desiring to place any [type of] regulatory or navigational marker shall apply to the [Commissioner]commissioner for authorization to place said marker after having obtained signed approval from the chief executive authority of the town or designated lake authority in which said marker will be placed.

(d) Application for any such authorization shall be made on forms provided by the [Commissioner]commissioner. A detailed map or drawing to a scale which readily depicts the marked area and its surroundings and shows the proposed location of each marker and its relation to nearby shores, channels and water traffic patterns shall accompany the application.

(e) Criteria for authorization shall include:

(1) Signed approval from the chief executive authority of the town or designated lake authority in which said marker will be placed;

(2) completeness, accuracy and detail of the application form;

(3) demonstrated need for the proposed markers;

(4) public safety considerations;

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- (5) environmental impact considerations;
- (6) review for possible conflicts with various water use groups;
- (7) visibility and durability of proposed markers;
- (8) conformity with existing authorizations; and
- (9) consistency with federal, state and local law.

(f) The [Commissioner]commissioner may impose whatever conditions he deems necessary regarding an application for placement of regulatory or navigational markers pursuant to this section. If authorization from the [Commissioner]commissioner has been granted, said markers shall be deemed lawfully placed, provided said markers are placed subject to any conditions set forth therein and in the manner specified by the authorization. If the [Commissioner]commissioner finds authorized markers to be an obstruction or menace to navigation or a hindrance to public use of waters, he may revoke the authorization.

Section 3. Section 15-121-A6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A6. [Races] Marine parades, regattas, [and water-carnivals] races, tournaments and exhibitions.

[Effective June 23, 1988]

(a) No marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, [or] exhibition or other activity requiring exclusive use of a specified portion of a water body, use of a state boating access area, or modification or suspension of the statutory and regulatory requirements and restrictions set forth in subsection (c) of this section, shall be permitted on state waters except as authorized by a permit issued by the commissioner. A permit shall not be required, however, for a tournament authorized by a permit issued by the commissioner under section 26-112-42 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The discharge of pyrotechnic displays where any part of the shooting platform or the spent shell safety fallout zone is over state waters shall be considered [a marine]an exhibition.

(b) In accordance with 33 CFR Part 100, the commissioner may issue a permit for a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section on federal waters, provided the United States Coast Guard has not approved or denied an application for such marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section. A marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section on federal waters requiring use of a state boating access area shall require a permit issued by the commissioner for authorization for such use.

(c) The commissioner may modify or suspend during a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section the following statutory and regulatory requirements and restrictions:

(1) [The numbering]Numbering requirements[,] may be modified or suspended pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 15-143 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) [the safety]Safety devices and equipment requirements[, and water-skiing] may be modified or suspended pursuant to section 15-130 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) Waterskiing requirements [as stated in the general statutes and the state boating regulations] may be modified or suspended [by the commissioner during an authorized event and then only after the commissioner is furnished a satisfactory explanation that such modifications or suspensions are necessary]pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15-134 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(4) Speed and use restrictions may be suspended or modified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 15-121-B18 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(d) The person requesting permission [for holding]to hold a marine parade, regatta, race, tournament, [or] exhibition or other activity identified in subsection (a) of this section shall make application in duplicate on forms provided by the commissioner at least [thirty]forty-five days prior to the date of the proposed event and shall [give]provide the following information on the application:

- (1) [the]The name and address of organization holding the event;
- (2) the nature and purpose of the event;
- (3) information as to general public interest;
- (4) the estimated number and types of spectator watercraft;
- (5) the time schedule and a description of events, with times that nonparticipating craft will be allowed to enter the area;
- (6) a chart or drawing showing the boundaries of the event and various watercourses or areas to be utilized by participants, officials, and spectator craft;
- (7) an explanation of the system used to mark off the area;

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(8) approval of the town official in charge of enforcement or the town official's designee who shall provide the event with patrols as he deems necessary; and

(9) any desired modification or suspension of regulations mentioned above with the reasons for the request.

[(b)](e) The person obtaining permission to hold such event shall be responsible for safety in the event area and shall display during the event such warning flags or other marine event warning devices as specified in the permit so that at least one will be seen by all the nonparticipating watercraft. Marine event warning devices shall meet the following specifications:

(1) **Marine event warning flags:** Each warning flag shall be orange in color and shall measure 24 inches by 24 inches. Each flag shall be made of nylon, plastic, or other waterproof material and shall be supported by a fiberglass mast not less than 48 inches nor more than 72 inches in length. Each mast shall be fixed to a float of styrofoam or similar flotation material orange in color and of sufficient size and stability to support the masted flag in a vertical upright position. Such marker shall be placed and held in its authorized location by the use of an anchor and line. Such anchor shall be made of concrete or metal and the anchor line shall be of sufficient length and tensile strength to insure restricted marker movement and retrieval of the anchor.

(2) **Marine event warning buoys:** Each warning buoy shall be orange in color and cylindrical in shape. The minimum dimensions for each buoy shall be 9 inches in diameter and 60 inches in height with at least 36 inches exposure above the surface of the water. Each buoy shall be constructed of foam filled plastic or air inflated rubber or vinyl material sufficiently strong to resist puncture and abrasion during normal use. Anchoring of each buoy shall be by the same method and materials as specified in [Section 15-121-A6(b)(1)]subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) **Marine event fixed warning signs:** Fixed warning signs may be substituted for floating marine event warning devices during marine events such as canoe races, kayak races, raft races, and similar events when such events are held on a river or stream not more than 100 feet wide or when the use of floating warning devices described in [Section 15-121-A6(b)(1)]subdivisions (1) and [Section 15-121-A6(b)(2)](2) of this subsection is not practicable, provided that no such fixed warning signs shall be placed in the water but must be placed on shore or securely suspended on a line at least 15 feet above the water at midstream. Fixed warning signs shall be not less than 2 feet square nor more than 3 feet square, shall be constructed of 3/8 inch exterior grade plywood and shall be painted orange on both sides with the words "MARINE EVENT IN PROGRESS" in block style black letters at least 3 inches in height on the side which faces water traffic entering the event area.

(4) **Night Events:** Marine event warning devices authorized for night events shall be the same as described in [Section 15-121-A6(b)(1), Section 15-121-A6(b)(2)]subdivisions (1), (2) and [Section 15-121-A6(b)(3) respectively](3) of this subsection, except that they shall incorporate reflectorized materials as follows:

(A) Warning flags. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band along the entire perimeter of the flag on both sides of the flag.

(B) Warning buoys. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band around the buoy at its top and a second 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band around the buoy 12 inches below the top band.

(C) Fixed warning signs. A 2 inch wide orange reflectorized band along the entire perimeter of the sign on both sides of the sign.

[(c)](f) Nonparticipating watercraft shall not enter the event area while the marine event warning devices described in subsection (e) of this section [15-121-A6(b)] are displayed except that the official in charge of the event may allow nonparticipating watercraft to enter the event area at such times that will not interfere with the progress of the event or its participants.

Section 4. Section 15-121-A9 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A9. Requirements when [water-skiing]waterskiing.

(a) A water-skier, his observer, and the boat operator shall use the following hand signals for communications:

Faster: [Palm]thumb pointing upward

Slower: [Palm]thumb pointing downward

Speed O.K.: Arm upraised with thumb and finger forming circle

Right Turn: Arm outstretched, pointing right

Left Turn: Arm outstretched, pointing left

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Return to Drop-Off Area: [Arm at 45° from body pointing down to water and swinging toward area to be dropped off] pat on the head with an open hand

Cut Motor: Finger drawn across throat

Stop: Hand [up palm forward policemen style] drawn across throat

Skier O.K. After Fall: Hands clenched overhead

Pick Me Up or "Watch Out Fallen Skier!": One ski extended vertically out of the water

(b) No person shall operate a vessel towing a water-skier without an observer present on the vessel who shall assist the operator and monitor the progress of the water-skier. The observer shall be designated by the operator of the vessel and shall be at least twelve years of age.

(c) No person shall stand or sit either on the bow or gunwales of a vessel which is towing a water-skier except in an emergency.

(d) Each water-skier shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device, and no vessel operator shall tow a water-skier who is not wearing such a device. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person shall use an inflatable personal flotation device to meet the PFD requirements of this section.

(1) This subsection shall not apply to skiers engaged in barefoot [water skiing] waterskiing who wear a barefoot wetsuit designed specifically for such activity.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to skiers engaged in trick [water skiing] waterskiing whose movements would be restricted or impeded by the bulk of a personal flotation device. For purposes of this subsection, a trick water-skier means a water-skier whose equipment and activities have all of the following characteristics:

(A) [type] Type of skis: for standard double trick skis, length of no more than 46 inches and width of at least 8 inches, with no keels on bottom; for single trick ski boards, length of no more than 56 inches and width of at least 22 inches, with no keel on bottom;

(B) speed of tow no more than 20 miles per hour; and

(C) tow rope no longer than 50 feet.

(3) The operator of a vessel towing a trick water-skier or barefoot water-skier shall make a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device readily available aboard the tow vessel for each such skier who elects not to wear such a device while skiing.

(e) No person shall operate a vessel towing a person or persons on an inner tube unless such inner tube is fitted with permanent handholds or with a covering with permanent handholds.

(f) No person shall operate a vessel towing a water-skier from one half hour after sunset until sunrise or when weather conditions restrict normal visibility to less than one hundred yards.

(g) (1) Kite-skiing or [para-sailing] parasailing will be permitted on all waters where unlimited [water-skiing] waterskiing activity is permitted. Both are prohibited on waters where [water-skiing] waterskiing is prohibited or subject to special regulation.

(2) Nothing in the above shall be interpreted as allowing kite-skiing or [para-sailing] parasailing on any water when boating pressure by other users makes these activities imprudent because of risks involved.

(3) Kite-skiers and [para-sailers] parasailers shall not fly over or under overhead obstructions such as power and telephone lines, bridges; nor shall they fly over dams, locks, docks, launching ramps, swim areas, marinas or congested areas.

(h) Except as authorized through a marine event permit issued by the commissioner, no person shall operate a vessel towing a water-skier with a tow line greater than one hundred feet in length, measured from the vessel tow-post to the water-skier's tow handle, and no part of any such tow line shall include an elastic component, such as a bungy cord, rubber band or similar material which readily extends the length of the tow line.

(i) No person shall operate a vessel with a rigid metal tow pole, commonly used in barefoot skiing, with the pole at a right angle to the tow vessel, unless the vessel is engaged in towing a water-skier from the tow pole or from the stern and at least one person on board the vessel is using the tow pole for training. When the vessel is not engaged in towing a water-skier or no one on board the vessel is using the tow pole for training, the tow pole [is not in use, it] may remain on the vessel, provided the operator of such vessel ensures that it is dismantled or folded so that it is inside of the gunwale and parallel to the centerline of the vessel.

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Section 5. Section 15-121-A15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A15. Personal watercraft safety restrictions.
[Effective May 19, 1994]

(a) The use of personal watercraft, as defined in [Section]section 15-140j of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be subject to the following operation restrictions:

(1) All persons aboard personal watercraft shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device and no operator of a personal watercraft shall allow any person who is not wearing a PFD to be aboard such personal watercraft. No person aboard a personal watercraft shall use an inflatable personal flotation device to meet the PFD requirements of this section.

(2) No person shall operate a personal watercraft, or be on board or towed by personal watercraft operated by another, between sunset and sunrise.

(3) No person shall operate a personal watercraft towing a water-skier and no person shall water-ski while being towed by a personal watercraft, except under the following conditions:

(A) The personal watercraft towing a water-skier shall have:

(i) A capacity label permanently affixed by its manufacturer on the personal watercraft indicating that the vessel is designed for and capable of carrying at least two persons in addition to the operator;

(ii) [A]a minimum length overall of 119 inches, a minimum width overall of 46 inches and a minimum horizontal seat surface length of 39 inches for three person capacity. For personal watercraft with greater than a three person capacity noted on the capacity label affixed to the personal watercraft by its manufacturer, for each additional person the minimum horizontal seat length must be increased by at least 13 inches; and

(iii) [Handholds]handholds at or near the rear of the seat suitable for use by a rearward-facing observer to conveniently hold on to with two hands.

(B) [Whenever]whenever a skier is being towed, there shall be an observer, who is at least twelve years old, other than the operator, onboard the personal watercraft towing such water-skier, who shall face the skier at all times;

(C) [The]the number of persons on board the personal watercraft towing a water-skier added together with the number of water-skiers being towed shall not exceed the "persons" carrying capacity, as indicated on the capacity label permanently affixed to the personal watercraft by its manufacturer; and

(D) [The]the operator of a personal watercraft towing a water-skier and the skier being towed shall, in addition to the requirements of this section, comply with all provisions of section 15-134 of the Connecticut General Statutes and section 15-121-A9 of the Regulations of Connecticut [state agencies]State Agencies.

(4) No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of Slow - No - Wake within two hundred feet of shore, or of a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless said personal watercraft is approaching such float, dock or shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in waterskiing to take off or land.

(5) No person operating a personal watercraft shall cross or jump the wake of another vessel, when within one hundred feet of the vessel creating such wake, in such a manner that the hull of the personal watercraft jumping the wake completely leaves the water.

(6) No person less [then]than sixteen years of age, who has not been issued a certificate of personal watercraft operation on or before [January 1, 2004]March 9, 2004, [may]shall operate a personal watercraft without the onboard supervision of a person who is at least eighteen years of age and in possession of a certificate of personal watercraft operation.

(7) No person shall operate a personal watercraft equipped by its manufacturer with a device for shutting off the engine, known as a "shut-off lanyard", unless such device is attached via a lanyard to the operator, his clothing, or his personal flotation device in a manner which will shut off the engine in the event the operator is ejected from the personal watercraft while underway.

(b) Any operator of a vessel less than sixteen feet in length designed so that the operator and passengers ride on the outside surface of the vessel as opposed to riding inside the vessel, and in which the operator and passenger may in the normal course of use fall overboard, and which has an internal combustion engine powering a propeller as its primary source of motor propulsion shall be subject to the restrictions in subsection (a) of this section. Any such operator shall in addition have his vessel equipped with a device for shutting off the engine, known as a "shut-off lanyard", which device shall be attached via a lanyard to the operator, his clothing or his personal flotation device in a manner which will shut off the engine in the event the operator is ejected from the vessel while underway.

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Section 6. Section 15-121-A17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-A17. Personal flotation devices for [canoes] manually propelled vessels.

During the period from October first through May [thirtieth] thirty-first all persons aboard a [canoe] manually propelled vessel shall wear a Type I, II, III, V or V Hybrid United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device [and] of appropriate size and in serviceable condition. Except as provided in subsection (b) of section 15-121-A13 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, no operator, owner or [paddler] user of said manually propelled vessel shall allow any person to be aboard who is not wearing such a device.

Section 7. Section 15-121-B12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-B12. [Vessels and vessel speeds restricted within and adjacent to restricted] Vessel, vessel speeds and fishing restrictions regarding swim areas and [boat]boating access areas.

(a) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a vessel inside markers demarcating a restricted swim area which has been authorized in writing by the commissioner[of environmental protection].

(b) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a vessel at [more than the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage] a speed in excess of Slow - No - Wake when within one hundred feet of markers placed to designate a restricted swim area or [boat]boating access area which has been authorized in writing by the commissioner [of environmental protection].

(c) This section shall not apply to vessels used exclusively as lifeguard rescue boats.

(d) No person shall fish inside the markers demarcating a restricted swim area that has been authorized in writing by the commissioner.

Section 8. Section 15-121-B15h of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-B15h. West Hill Pond special regulation.

On the waters of West Hill Pond located in the towns of New Hartford and Barkhamsted the following restrictions shall apply [from the fifteenth day of June through Labor Day, both days inclusive]:

(a) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat equipped with a motor or motors with a total greater than [seven and one-half] eight horsepower [except fire boats and emergency civil defense boats owned and operated exclusively for such purposes by any of the Boy Scout camps located on said Pond. None of the boats so excepted may be used for pleasure purposes] from Memorial Day through the fifteenth of September, both days inclusive. For purposes of this subsection, Memorial Day shall be as defined in section 1-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour.

(c) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat at a speed in excess of six miles per hour between [one half hour after] sunset and [one half hour before] sunrise.

(d) No person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier.

Section 9. Section 15-121-B15m of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-B15m. Housatonic River regulation.

(a) No person shall operate a vessel in other than a careful and prudent manner, so as not to unreasonably interfere with free and proper use of the navigable waters or endanger life, limb or property, having due regard for conditions and circumstances such as weather, current, visibility, water depth, width of channel, proximity to shore, water hazards, vessel traffic and water use.

(b) When not within areas governed by subsection (c) of this section, from the lower Housatonic Dam in Shelton to the southern tip of the outer break wall in Milford, and when passing a marina, yacht club, fuel dock, an area in which boats are docked, at anchor, being launched or retrieved, or congested area, no person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow - No - Wake.

(c) No person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake within:

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(1) The area bounded northerly by a point five hundred feet upstream from navigation aid #4 and bounded southerly by a point five hundred feet downstream from navigation aid #3;

[(2) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid #23 and bounded southerly by navigation aid #14;

(3) The] (2) the channel east of Nells Island and all channels, creeks or waterways within the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, including Nells Island;

[(4) The] (3) the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford and bounded southerly by [the U.S. Route 1 Devon highway bridge] navigation aid #14; and

[(5) The] (4) the area bounded northerly by the northernmost tip of Wooster Island and bounded southerly by the southernmost tip of Wooster Island.

Section 10. Section 15-121-B16 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-121-B16. [Public use of state facilities and waters .] Vessel restrictions on state-owned lakes and ponds.

[Effective May 19, 1994]

(a) [Motorboat restrictions. On the state-owned lakes and ponds specified below, motorboats] Motorboats shall not be operated at a speed in excess of eight miles per hour and no person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier on the following state-owned lakes and ponds unless specified in subsection (b) of this section:

- (1) Amos Lake, Preston;
- (2) Avery Lake, Preston;
- (3) Babcock Pond, Colchester;
- (4) Beachdale Pond, Voluntown;
- (5) Beseck Lake, Middlefield;
- (6) Burr Pond, Torrington;
- (7) Dooley Pond, Middletown;
- (8) Eagleville Lake, Coventry and Mansfield;
- (9) Gorton Pond, East Lyme;
- (10) Halls Pond, Ashford and Eastford;
- (11) Hatch Pond, Kent;
- (12) Higganum Reservoir, Haddam;
- (13) Holebrook Pond, Hebron;
- (14) Hopeville Pond, Griswold;
- (15) Mono Pond, Columbia;
- (16) Morey Pond, Ashford and Union;
- (17) North Farms Reservoir, Wallingford;
- (18) Park Pond, Winchester;
- (19) Pataconk Lake, Chester, and in addition, the use of internal combustion engines is prohibited during the months of July and August;
- (20) Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme;
- (21) Pickerel Lake, Colchester and East Haddam;
- (22) Powers Lake, East Lyme;
- (23) Silver Lake (Peat Works Pond), Berlin and Meriden;
- (24) Tetreault Pond, Killingly;
- (25) Winchester Lake, Winchester; and
- (26) Wyassup Lake, North Stonington.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from June fifteenth to the Sunday following Labor Day, inclusive, motorboats on Amos Lake, Beseck Lake, Pattagansett Lake, Pickerel Lake, Wyassup Lake and Silver Lake may be operated at speeds in excess of eight miles per hour and persons may water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier. With respect to Wyassup Lake, however, no person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier between the islands and the east shore.

(c) [Use of engines and motors. Except as otherwise specified herein, no] No person shall use and no owner shall allow the use of an internal combustion engine [or an electric motor] to propel a vessel on the following state-owned lakes and ponds:

- [(1) Barber Pond, Bloomfield;
- (2) Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond), Windham;]
- [(3)](1) Bigelow Pond, Union[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];

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- [(4)](2) Bishops Swamp, Andover[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(5)](3) Black Pond, Meriden and Middlefield[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(6)](4) Breakneck Pond, Union[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- (5) Brewster Pond, Lebanon;
- [(7)](6) Crystal Lake, Middletown[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(8) Dodge Pond, East Lyme;]
- [(9)](7) Green Falls Reservoir, Voluntown[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(10)](8) Griggs Pond, Woodstock[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(11)](9) Hampton Reservoir, Hampton[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(12)](10) Horse Pond, Salem[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(13)](11) Howells Pond, Hartland[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(14)](12) Huntington State Park Ponds (all waters within the boundaries of Collis P. Huntington State Park), Redding and Bethel[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(15)](13) Messerschmidt's Pond, Deep River, Westbrook[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(16)](14) Millers Pond, Durham[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- (17) Mohawk Pond, Cornwall and Goshen];
- [(18)](15) Pine Acres Lake, Hampton[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(19)](16) Ross Pond, Killingly[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(20)](17) Savin Lake, Lebanon[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(21)](18) Stillwater Pond, Torrington[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted];
- [(22)](19) Wauregan Reservoir, Killingly[. The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted]; and
- [(23)](20) Wintergreen Lake, Hamden. [The use of battery powered electric motors is permitted]
- (d) No person shall use and no owner shall allow the use of an internal combustion engine or an electric motor on the following state-owned lakes and ponds:
- (1) Barber Pond, Bloomfield;
- (2) Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond), Windham;
- (3) Dodge Pond, East Lyme; and
- (4) Mohawk Pond, Cornwall and Goshen.
- [(d)] (e) [Use of Vessels.] Except as otherwise specified herein, no person shall use and no owner shall allow the use of a vessel on the following state-owned lakes and ponds:
- (1) Barber Pond, Bloomfield. [From]Provided that from May sixteenth to October thirty-first, manually propelled vessels may be used;
- (2) Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbin Pond), Windham. [From]Provided that from May sixteenth to October thirty-first, manually propelled vessels may be used;
- (3) Black Rock Pond, Watertown;
- (4) Day Pond, Colchester;
- (5) Gay City Pond, Hebron;
- (6) Mad River Impoundment, Winchester;
- (7) Schreeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth; and
- (8) Wharton Pond, Wallingford.
- [(e) Additional] (f) The following additional restrictions[. On state-owned lakes and ponds specified below, the following restrictions] shall apply:
- (1) Beach Pond, Voluntown. No person shall water-ski and no person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat which is towing a water-skier in the narrow area from the dam east eight hundred feet to the mouth of said narrow area. At the discretion of the commissioner the eastern end of this restricted area may be marked with a regulatory buoy;
- (2) Gorton Pond, East Lyme. The operation of personal watercraft as defined in [Section]section 15-140j of the Connecticut General Statutes, is prohibited;
- (3) Pachaug Pond, Griswold. No person shall water-ski and no person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat which is towing a water-skier in the narrow area from the dam one thousand feet southeast to the mouth of said narrow area. At the discretion of the commissioner the southeastern end of this restricted area may be marked with a regulatory buoy; and
- (4) Somersville Mill Pond, Somers. No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of six miles per hour and no person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier[;
- (5)Wyassup Lake, North Stonington. No person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier between the islands and the east shore].

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Section 11. Section 15-140f-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-140f-3. Issuance of safe boating certificates.

(a) Any person required by subsection (a) of [Section]section 15-140e of the Connecticut General Statutes[, as amended,] to obtain a safe boating certificate shall apply to the commissioner for such certificate on a form provided by the commissioner. The applicant shall provide the following information on the form: the applicant's name, address, date of birth, place of birth, phone number, sex, hair color, eye color, and height. Proof of identity shall be required as provided in subsection (a) of [Section]section 14-137-67 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, except that a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license with photograph of the applicant, or an acknowledgment of the identity of the applicant, taken by a person authorized by [Section]section 1-29 of the Connecticut General Statutes[, as amended,] to take such acknowledgment, if submitted as part of the application shall be conclusive proof of the identity of the applicant.

(b) A safe boating certificate issued to any person less than twelve years of age shall have a notation thereon that the holder of such certificate shall not operate a vessel with a motor of greater than ten horsepower unless he is under the on-board supervision of a person at least eighteen years of age who has been issued a safe boating certificate.

(c) Each safe boating certificate issued by the commissioner shall be assigned a boat operator number unique to the person to whom such certificate is issued and the same number shall be assigned to any duplicates of such certificate. Only one safe boating certificate and boat operator number shall be assigned to any person and no person shall apply for or obtain more than one such certificate or number.

(d) No person shall make a material false statement on an application to obtain a safe boating certificate or duplicate certificate and every statement made on any such application shall be upon oath or affirmation. The certificate of any person who knowingly makes a material false statement, or provides insufficient funds for payment of applicable fees, or obtains any certificate to which he is not entitled, shall be null and void.

(e) No person shall alter or deface a safe boating certificate or a duplicate certificate, and no person shall exhibit to any enforcement officer identified in [Section]section 15-154 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a certificate or duplicate certificate which has been altered or defaced, or a certificate or duplicate certificate other than the one issued to him.

(f) Duplicates of safe boating certificates may be issued by the commissioner only to applicants who change their legal name or to applicants whose certificate is lost, stolen, or destroyed upon application to the commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner. Every statement made on any such application shall be upon oath or affirmation. Information to be provided by the applicant may include any or all of the items which the commissioner, in his sole discretion, deems required for issuance of an original certificate. Any person to whom a duplicate certificate is issued who subsequently finds or has returned to him the original or previous duplicate of such certificate shall, within five days, return his last-issued certificate to the [boating division]Boating Division of the [department]Department of [environmental protection]Environmental Protection.

(g) Temporary safe boating certificates shall be subject to the same provisions regarding issuance of safe boating certificates set forth in subsections (a) through (f) of this section. Each application for a temporary certificate shall be accompanied by a certificate of number or certificate of decal issued to the applicant for his vessel on the date of vessel registration. Temporary certificates shall expire in six months from the date of vessel registration as is provided for in [Section]section 15-140e(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. No person shall be issued more than one temporary safe boating certificate and issuance of a temporary certificate shall not entitle the holder thereof to issuance of a lifetime certificate as provided for by subsection (a) of [Section]section 15-140e of the Connecticut General Statutes[, as amended].

(h) For any person applying to the commissioner before October 1, 1997 for a safe boating certificate by providing proof that he has owned either a registered or numbered vessel during any period in the five years preceding October 1, 1992 or has been a member during any period in the five years preceding October 1, 1992 of the United States Power Squadrons or the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, as provided for by subdivisions (3) and (5) of subsection (b) of Section 15-140e of the General Statutes, as amended, such proof shall consist of:

(1) in the case of an applicant who owns or has owned a registered or numbered vessel, the original of the applicant's vessel registration certificate or a copy thereof, provided the commissioner may waive such requirement of proof when verification is obtained by the applicant or the department of environmental protection from records of the department of motor vehicles that such registration certificate was issued. Proof of registration shall result in the issuance of a safe boating certificate only to

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a person or persons named on the registration as the owner or owners to whom the vessel is registered. Registration of a vessel to a corporation or other organization or entity shall not entitle any person who is an officer, partner or member of such corporation or other organization or entity to the issuance of a safe boating certificate.

(2) In the case of an applicant who is or has been a member of a United States Power Squadrons or the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the original of the applicant's membership certificate from either organization dated so as to prove membership during any period in the five years preceding October 1, 1992, or a copy thereof, or an original statement written on the organization's letterhead and signed by an authorized member of the organization attesting to such membership during such period.

(i) (h) Any person applying for a safe boating certificate by providing proof that he has successfully completed an approved course in safe boating operation shall provide with his application the original document demonstrating successful course completion, or a copy thereof, or an original statement, written on the letterhead of and signed by an authorized representative of the agency or organization which gave such course, attesting to the existence of records which show that the applicant successfully completed such course.

(j) (i) Any person applying for a safe boating certificate by providing proof that he has successfully passed an equivalency examination shall provide with his application the original document demonstrating that the applicant passed such examination. The commissioner may waive such requirement of proof when verification is obtained from records of the commissioner which show such examination was passed.

Section 12. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding section 15-140f-5 as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 15-140f-5. Reciprocal agreements with other states.

Any person who possesses a safe boating or a personal watercraft operation certificate issued by a state having an agreement of reciprocity with the commissioner may present evidence of said certificate to satisfy the educational requirements, as described in sections 15-140e and 15-140j of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the issuance of a Connecticut safe boating certificate or a certificate of personal watercraft operation.

Section 13. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding section 15-140v-1 as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 15-140v-1. Reinstatement of safe boating certificate, right to operate vessel or certificate of personal watercraft operation.

The commissioner shall not reinstate a person's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation until such person notifies the commissioner in writing of the completion of the required suspension period and requests the reinstatement of such person's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation.

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Statement of Purpose: Section 15-121-A1 would add to the list of definitions the terms “federal waters”, “state waters”, and “waters of the state”; Section 15-121-A5 would clarify the types of markers for which a person or town is required to obtain authorization from the commissioner to place to include only regulatory or navigational markers; Section 15-121-A6 would clarify the marine events for which a permit is required to include only events requiring exclusive use of a specified portion of a water body, use of a boat launch, or modification or suspension of specified statutory and regulatory requirements and restrictions, would increase the commissioner’s marine event permitting authority to include events on federal waters, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 100, and would increase the requirements and restrictions that the commissioner may modify or suspend to include speed or use restrictions; Section 15-121-A9 would update the water-skier hand signals and would prohibit the operation of a vessel with a tow pole except when the vessel is engaged in towing a water-skier from either the tow pole or the stern and at least one person on board the vessel is using the tow pole for training purposes; Section 15-121-A15 would change the date by which a person under sixteen years of age has to have been issued a certificate of personal watercraft operation to be allowed to operate a personal watercraft without the onboard supervision of a person who is at least eighteen years of age and in possession of a certificate of personal watercraft operation from January 1, 2004 to March 9, 2004; Section 15-121-A17 would replace “canoe” with “manually propelled vessel” to encompass a larger number of users and change the date on which persons aboard manually propelled vessels are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) from May thirtieth to May thirty-first; Section 15-121-B12 would change the terminology to the easier to understand and to enforce Slow-No-Wake designation and would prohibit fishing inside the markers demarcating a restricted swim area; Section 15-121-B15h would change the prohibition on the use of motorboats equipped with motors with a total greater than seven and one-half horsepower to a prohibition on the use of motorboats equipped with motors with a total greater than eight horsepower and would limit this prohibition to the period of time from Memorial Day through the fifteenth of September, would increase the period of time during which the daytime and nighttime speed limit restrictions are applicable to a year-round prohibition, and would prohibit water-skiing and the operation of a vessel towing a water-skier on West Hill Pond; Section 15-121-B15m would extend in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) the Slow-No-Wake zone in the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford to include the area bounded southerly by navigation aid #14; Subsection (c) of section 15-121-B16 would prohibit only the use of an internal combustion engine on the enumerated lakes and ponds of this subsection, subsection (d) would prohibit the use of an internal combustion engine or an electric motor on the enumerated lakes and ponds of this subsection, and subsection (e) would permit only manually propelled vessels on Beaver Brook Pond and Barber Pond from May sixteenth to October thirty-first; Section 15-140f-3 would remove subsection (h), which subsection addresses persons applying to the commissioner for a safe boating certificate before October 1, 1997, because the subsection is no longer applicable; Section 15-140f-5 (NEW) would permit a safe boating or personal watercraft operation certificate issued by a state having an agreement of reciprocity with the commissioner as evidence to satisfy the educational requirements for issuance of a Connecticut safe boating certificate or a certificate of personal watercraft operation; and Section 15-140v-1 (NEW) would provide the process, as required by law, by which a person's safe boating certificate, right to operate a vessel that requires a safe boating certificate for operation, or certificate of personal watercraft operation may be reinstated after the commissioner has suspended it because the person either refused to submit to a blood, breath or urine test or the person submitted to the test and the results of the test indicated that the person had elevated blood alcohol content.