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## **BOATING REGULATIONS**

### **Speed and Area Restrictions**

**Sec. 15-121-B12. Vessel, vessel speeds and fishing restrictions regarding swim areas and 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.

(b) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a vessel at a speed in excess of Slow - No - Wake when within one hundred feet of markers placed to designate a restricted swim area or boating access area which has been authorized in writing by the commissioner.

(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.

[April 1, 1964 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 1041); May 31, 1974 (SOSFN: 1716); November 5, 1991 (SOSFN): 4202); January 3, 2007 (SOSFN: 5746)]

**Sec. 15-121-B13. Restricted areas adjacent to dams on the Housatonic River**

No person shall operate a vessel within three hundred feet of the upstream side of the Lake Housatonic Dam in Derby, the Stevenson Dam in Oxford, the Shepaug Dam in Southbury, or the Bleachery Dam in New Milford. No person shall operate a vessel within fifteen hundred feet of the downstream side of the Lake Housatonic Dam in Derby or the Shepaug Dam in Southbury, within seven hundred feet of the downstream side of the Stevenson Dam in Oxford, or within three hundred feet of the downstream side of the Bleachery Dam in New Milford.

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**Sec. 15-121-B14. Restricted speed limit.**

(a) No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within one hundred feet of shore, or of a dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel, unless such motorboat is approaching such float, dock or shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in waterskiing to

take off or land.

(b) The Commissioner may temporarily limit vessel speed to Slow-No-Wake in a construction area or in association with a marine event authorized by the Commissioner pursuant to Section 15-121-A6. Uniform State Waterway Marking System controlled area regulatory markers may be placed to indicate the Slow-No-Wake area.

(c) Violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be an infraction.

(d) This section shall not preempt town ordinances or regulations which are adopted in accordance with Section 15-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes and which have more stringent speed limits or distance from shore limits.

[March 9, 1967 (SOSFN: 1131); May 31, 1974 (SOSFN: 1716); June 23, 1988 (SOSFN: 3716); November 5, 1991(SOSFN): 4202); April 23, 1993 (SOSFN: 4395); March 9, 2004 (SOSFN: 5496); amendment published in Conn. Law Journal July 26, 2011, effective July 8, 2011]

**Sec. 15-121-B15. Connecticut River regulation.**

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

(b) When not within areas governed by subsection (c) of this section, from the Bulkeley Bridge in Hartford to Saybrook outer light in Old Saybrook, when passing a marina, yacht club area in which boats are docked at anchor, or being launched or retrieved or a congested area, a motorboat shall be operated with minimum wake and not in excess of Slow-No-Wake.

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

(1) The area between the Saybrook breakwaters bounded northerly by the Saybrook inner light and bounded southerly by the Saybrook outer light in Old Saybrook;

(2) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light # 15 and bounded southerly by the southernmost point of Saybrook Point in Old Saybrook;

(3) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River red nun #20 and bounded southerly by the railroad bascule bridge in Old Saybrook;

(4) The area bounded northerly by a point eight hundred feet upstream from the East Haddam Bridge and bounded southerly by a point one thousand five-hundred feet downstream from the East Haddam Bridge;

(5) The area bounded northerly by a point five hundred feet downstream from the highway bridge in Middletown and bounded southerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #87;

(6) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #113 and bounded southerly by the water tower on property now or formerly known as the Connecticut Foundry, in Rocky Hill;

(7) The area bounded northerly by the rail road bridge (north of the Bulkeley Bridge) and bounded southerly by navigation aid #143 (south of the Charter Oak Bridge).

(d) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person shall operate a vessel in excess of the following speed limits:

(1) 45 miles per hour from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset on Monday through Friday, inclusive, during all seasons, and on Saturdays and Sundays from the Saturday following Labor Day to the Friday preceding Memorial Day, inclusive;

(2) 30 miles per hour from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset on Saturdays and Sundays from the Saturday preceding Memorial Day to the Sunday preceding Labor Day, inclusive, and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day;

(3) 25 miles per hour from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise on all days of the year.

(e) For the purposes of this section, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day shall be as defined in Section 1-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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**Sec. 15-121-B15a. Candlewood Lake special regulation .**

(a) On the waters of Candlewood Lake, including Squantz Pond, the following restrictions shall apply:

(1) No person shall operate a vessel in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise;

(2) No person shall operate a vessel in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset;

(3) Within the area of Lattins Cove, from the end northerly for two-thousand five-hundred (2,500) feet no person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake; and

(4) Within the area of Squantz Cove, from the causeway southeasterly for two- thousand five-hundred (2,500) feet no person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake.

(b) No person shall operate a registered vessel that is 26 feet in length or greater on the waters of Candlewood Lake unless such operation has been exempted or authorized by the Commissioner under this subsection. For the purpose of this subsection the registered length of the vessel shall be determined from the length identified on the vessel's certificate of number awarded by this state, by another state or by the United States pursuant to the provisions of the federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, or marine document issued by the Unites States Coast Guard.

(1) The following vessels are exempt from the requirements of this subsection:

(A) Vessels that while on the waters of Candlewood Lake are operated exclusively by authorized law enforcement personnel in the performance of official duties;

(B) Vessels that while on the waters of Candlewood Lake are used exclusively for invasive species control, sewage transfer, or marine structure or infrastructure construction or maintenance; and

(C) Vessels displaying a valid marine dealer registration number that are being demonstrated for sale, test run in connection with maintenance or repair, or surveyed by a certified marine surveyor.

(2) The Commissioner shall authorize the operation of vessels that are 26 feet in length or greater on the waters of Candlewood Lake that meet one of the following conditions:

(A) The vessel is owned by a person other than a marine dealer and such person purchased and registered the vessel prior to the effective date of this regulation and presents evidence to the Commissioner of one or more of the following:

(i) dockspace on Candlewood Lake for such vessel which dockspace was owned or rented on or before the effective date of this regulation;

(ii) a written contract or agreement executed on or before the effective date of this regulation for the storage of such vessel on property abutting Candlewood Lake;

(iii) a written contract or agreement which explicitly references Candlewood Lake that was executed on or before the effective date of this regulation that

includes a provision for the launching of such vessel onto Candlewood Lake or the retrieving of such vessel from Candlewood Lake; or,

(iv) other documentation evidencing the use of the subject vessel on the waters of Candlewood Lake for more than ten consecutive days or twenty days in the aggregate, over the twenty four months preceding the effective date of this regulation.

(B) The vessel is owned by a marine dealer located in one of the five surrounding municipalities (Danbury, Brookfield, New Milford, Sherman, or New Fairfield) where the vessel is present in inventory or ordered for inventory prior to the effective date of this regulation.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, for any marine dealer located within one of the five municipalities surrounding Candlewood Lake who shares ownership of vessel inventory with other businesses that are located outside of the five municipalities surrounding Candlewood Lake or with a branch or branches of the same business that are located outside of the five municipalities surrounding Candlewood Lake, the Commissioner may authorize the number of vessels equal to the average number of vessels 26 feet in length or greater that were sold per year over the last five years, rounded up to the nearest whole number, from that business located within one of the five municipalities surrounding Candlewood Lake.

(D) For the purpose of this section, a “marine dealer” means any business that possesses a Marine Dealer Registration Number pursuant to section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or that uses a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) or Standard Industry Classification (SIC) code for vessels sales in tax filings, and can demonstrate the use of such code in tax filings prior to the effective date of this regulation.

(3) The Commissioner shall provide permanent numbered decals that shall be attached to those vessels that are 26 feet in length or greater that are authorized by the Commissioner to operate on the waters of Candlewood Lake and that are not exempt in accordance with this subsection. The Commissioner shall issue one such authorizing decal for each vessel 26 feet or greater in length meeting one of the conditions of subdivision (2) of this subsection. The authorizing decal shall be affixed to the starboard side of the vessel such that the decal is not obstructed from view on the hull and above the waterline and closer to the stern than the bow, or on a superstructure or windshield near the operator’s station. The authorizing decal shall be

permanently affixed to the vessel for the life of the vessel. The authorizing decal shall not be transferable to other vessels or other hulls.

(A) Requests for an authorizing decal made by a person other than a marine dealer shall be made on or before December 31, 2014, and on a form provided by the Commissioner for this purpose.

(B) Requests for an authorizing decal made by a marine dealer shall be made within sixty days of the effective date of this regulation and on a form provided by the Commissioner for this purpose. A marine dealer shall provide proof to the satisfaction of the Commissioner regarding the ownership, identity and number of vessels claimed for authorization, and that such vessels were present in inventory or ordered for inventory prior to the effective date of this regulation, as applicable.

(4) The Commissioner may issue a replacement authorizing decal at any time upon written application.

(5) An individual vessel owner or marine dealer whose vessel is denied an authorizing decal or a replacement authorizing decal by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee may apply to the Commissioner for reconsideration of the denial. Such application shall be made in writing by the vessel owner or owners and shall contain the original signature of the applicant or applicants and the statement, " I (we) declare under penalty of false statement that the information furnished herein is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief." Such application shall be notarized and shall include additional evidence not considered in the denied application, which evidence may include, but shall not be limited to, financial records, contracts or agreements, photographs, vessel safety check records, third party affidavits, government records, newspaper articles, or other information evidencing the right to seek authorization for use of such vessel on Candlewood Lake pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall review such application and may issue an authorizing decal or a replacement decal after considering such evidence. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall be the sole judge as to the weight and suitability of such evidence.

(6) The Commissioner may designate the Candlewood Lake Authority (CLA) to act as agent in issuing authorizing decals upon receipt of written agreement from the executive officer of the lake authority. The Commissioner may designate any or each of the governments of the several lakefront municipalities (Danbury, Brookfield, New Milford, Sherman, and New Fairfield) to act as agent in issuing authorizing decals upon receipt of written agreement from the

municipality's executive officer. The CLA or any municipality so designated may withdraw from being a designated agent upon written request by the Chairman of the CLA or that municipality's executive officer to the Commissioner, and such withdrawal shall be effective forty-five (45) days from the date which the written withdrawal is received by the Commissioner.

(7) Any law enforcement officer or lake patrolman duly authorized to enforce these regulations may terminate the operation of a vessel that is in violation of this section. On and after the sixth month following the effective date of this regulation, operation of a registered vessel on the waters of Candlewood Lake that is 26 ft in length or greater and that does not have an authorizing decal issued by the Commissioner shall be an infraction.

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**Sec. 15-121-B15b. Lake Lillinonah special regulation.**

On the waters of Lake Lillinonah, located in the towns of Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Milford, Newtown, and Southbury, no person shall operate a vessel at a speed in excess of forty five miles per hour, except that the speed limit shall be twenty-five miles per hour from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202); September 8, 1998 (SOSFN: 5026)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15c. Mount Tom Pond special regulation**

No person shall use any internal combustion engine to propel a vessel on Mount Tom Pond located in the towns of Litchfield, Morris and Washington.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15d. Lake Quassapaug special regulation**

On the waters of Lake Quassapaug located in the towns of Middlebury and Woodbury the following restrictions shall apply:

(a) No person shall operate a vessel at a speed in excess of twenty five miles per hour.

(b) No person shall operate a vessel at a speed in excess of six miles per hour from the third Saturday in April through the first Tuesday after Labor Day, both days inclusive.

(c) No person shall operate a motorboat between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. prevailing time.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15e. Long Pond and Bush Pond special regulation**

On the waters of Long Pond and Bush Pond, both located in the towns of Ledyard and North Stonington, the following restrictions shall apply:

(a) No motorboat shall be operated on such waters at a speed in excess of five miles per hour.

(b) Water skiing and similar activities involving the towing of any person behind a vessel under power are prohibited on such waters.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15f. Lake Housatonic special regulation.**

On the waters of Lake Housatonic located in the towns of Seymour, Oxford, Derby and Shelton the following restrictions shall apply:

(a) No person shall operate a vessel in excess of 45 miles per hour, except that speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

(b) All vessels proceeding upstream shall, when it is safe and practical, keep to that side of midstream which lies on the starboard side of the vessel. All vessels proceeding downstream shall, when it is safe and practical, keep to that side of midstream which lies on the starboard side of the vessel.

(c) Motorboats must be operated at the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage when within twenty-five feet of any dock, pier, shore, or anchored vessel, except for the purpose of enabling a water-skier to take off or land.

(d) The launching into the air of objects or persons towed by a motorboat is prohibited; however, a town may, in waters within its jurisdiction, permit such activity provided the area, time, and conditions

are approved by the commissioner through issuance of a marine event permit pursuant to Section 15-140b of the General Statutes.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202); September 8, 1998 (SOSFN: 5026)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15g. Bantam Lake special regulation**

On the waters of Bantam Lake located in the towns of Morris and Litchfield the following restrictions shall apply:

(a) The launching into the air of objects or persons towed by a motorboat is prohibited; however, a town may, in waters within its jurisdiction, permit such activity provided the area, time, and conditions are approved by the commissioner through issuance of a marine event permit pursuant to Section 15-140b of the General Statutes.

(b) No person shall operate or allow the operation of any motorboat between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. prevailing time.

(c) No person shall operate or allow the operation of any motorboat which is towing a water skier closer than one hundred and fifty feet from the shore, unless such motorboat is approaching the shore for the purpose of enabling a water skier to take off or land.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202)]

**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:

(a) No person shall operate or allow the operation of a motorboat equipped with a motor or motors with a total greater than eight horsepower 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 sunset and sunrise.

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

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202); January 3, 2007 (SOSFN: 5746)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15i. Farmington River special regulation**

No person shall operate or allow the operation of a vessel at a speed in excess of thirty-five miles per hour on that portion of the Farmington River known as Rainbow Reservoir located in the town of Windsor and bounded upstream by the Windsor town line and downstream by the Rainbow Dam.

[November 5, 1991 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4202)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15j. Crystal Lake regulation**

On the waters of Crystal Lake, located in the towns of Ellington and Stafford, the following restrictions apply:

(a) No person shall operate a motorboat in excess of forty-five miles per hour;

(b) No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of six miles per hour from sunset to 9:00 A.M.;

(c) No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of six miles per hour on Sunday from noon until 3:00 P.M.;

(d) No person shall tow anyone or anything, except a disabled boat, with a motorboat on Sunday from noon until 3:00 P.M.;

(e) No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of six miles per hour at any time when weather conditions restrict normal visibility to less than one hundred yards;

(f) No person shall operate a vessel less than sixteen feet in length which has an inboard mounted internal combustion engine powering a water-jet pump as its primary source of motor propulsion and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the conventional manner of sitting or standing within the vessel;

(g) An operator of a vessel towing a water skier shall proceed in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake;

(h) No person shall waterski, and no person shall operate a motorboat towing a water skier, from 4:00 P.M. until 10:00 A.M. from the third Saturday in April until the third Saturday in May, inclusive;

(i) No person operating a motorboat shall tow more than two water skiers at any one time;

(j) No person shall engage in kite skiing or parasailing;

(k) No person shall anchor or moor any vessel unattended at a distance in excess of seventy-five feet from shore;

(l) No person shall launch, moor, or otherwise use a vessel with a permanently installed toilet capable of overboard discharge;

(m) No person shall use a vessel for overnight camping unless such vessel is equipped with a U.S. Coast Guard approved marine sanitation device which is not capable of overboard discharge;

(n) No person shall discharge, dispose of, or otherwise release any human or animal sewage overboard.

[April 23, 1993 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4395)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15k. Lake Zoar special regulation.**

On the waters of Lake Zoar located in the towns of Southbury, Newtown, Oxford and Monroe, no person shall operate a vessel in excess of forty-five miles per hour, except that speed limit shall be twenty-five miles per hour from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

[May 19, 1994 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4573); September 8, 1998 (SOSFN: 5026)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15L. Pine Island Bay and Baker Cove Regulation .**

Effective May 19, 1994

On the waters of Pine Island Bay and Baker Cove, both located in the City of Groton and the Noank section of the Town of Groton bounded on the west by a line extending from the southernmost point of Avery Point to the westernmost point of Pine Island and bounded on the east by a line extending from the southernmost point of the east bank of Baker Cove to the westernmost point of Bushy Point, the following restrictions shall apply from the fifteenth day of May through the fifteenth day of September:

(a) All motorboats shall be operated at Slow-No-Wake;

(b) No person shall water-ski and no person shall operate a vessel towing a water-skier.

[May 19, 1994 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 4573); March 9, 2004 (SOSFN: 5496)]

**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:

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

(3) the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford and bounded southerly by navigation aid #14; and

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

[September 8, 1998 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 5026); March 9, 2004 (SOSFN: 5496); January 3, 2007 (SOSFN: 5746)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15n. Mansfield Hollow Lake (Naubesatuck) Special Regulation.**

On Mansfield Hollow Lake (Naubesatuck) motorboats shall not operate at a speed in excess of eight miles per hour and no person shall water-ski or operate a vessel towing a water-skier.

[March 9, 2004 (Secretary of State File Number (SOSFN): 5496)]

**Sec. 15-121-B15o. Mystic River**

No person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake in the Mystic River within the following two areas: (1) Between the entrance to the Mystic Harbor and Red Navigation Marker No. 22, excluding Beebe Cove, where the entrance to Mystic Harbor shall be a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Mouse Island, then east to Red Navigation Buoy "4", known as Whale Rock, then generally northeasterly to Green Navigation Buoy "9" to the northern tip of Ram Island and to the

southernmost tip of Mason Point, and (2) from Red Navigation Buoy "26" north-ward to Green Navigation Buoy "53".

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**Sec. 15-121-B15p. Lake Waramaug Special Regulation.**

No person shall operate a motorboat on Lake Waramaug in the towns of Washington, Warren and Kent in excess of slow-no-wake from May 15 through September 15, inclusive, in the cove adjacent to Lake Waramaug State Park in the area beginning at the northernmost tip of the cove, bounded by the shorelines, and southerly from said northernmost tip for a distance of 1,300 feet.

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**Sec. 15-121-B16. Vessel restrictions on state-owned lakes and ponds.**

(a) 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) No person shall use and no owner shall allow the use of an internal combustion engine to propel a vessel on the following state-owned lakes and ponds:

- (1) Bigelow Pond, Union;
- (2) Bishops Swamp, Andover;
- (3) Black Pond, Meriden and Middlefield;
- (4) Breakneck Pond, Union;
- (5) Brewster Pond, Lebanon;
- (6) Crystal Lake, Middletown;
- (7) Green Falls Reservoir, Voluntown;

(8) Griggs Pond, Woodstock;

(9) Hampton Reservoir, Hampton;

(10) Horse Pond, Salem;

(11) Howells Pond, Hartland;

(12) Huntington State Park Ponds (all waters within the boundaries of Collis P. Huntington State Park), Redding and Bethel;

(13) Messerschmidt's Pond, Deep River, Westbrook;

(14) Millers Pond, Durham;

(15) Pine Acres Lake, Hampton;

(16) Ross Pond, Killingly;

(17) Savin Lake, Lebanon;

(18) Stillwater Pond, Torrington;

(19) Wauregan Reservoir, Killingly; and

(20) Wintergreen Lake, Hamden.

(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.

(e) 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. Provided that from May sixteenth to October thirty-first, manually propelled vessels may be used;

(2) Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbin Pond), Windham. 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.

(f) The following additional 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 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.

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**Sec. 15-121-B18. Modification of regulations during marine events. Exemption for law enforcement and emergency vessels.**

(a) Section 15-121-1312 through Section 15-121-B15, inclusive, Sections 15-121-B15a through 15-121-B15o, inclusive, and Section 15-121-B16 shall not apply to:

(1) A law enforcement or emergency vessel owned by a federal, state or municipal agency while such vessel is being used in the performance of official duties in connection with law enforcement or an emergency, or;

(2) A non emergency vessel owned by a federal, state or municipal agency when such vessel is being used in connection with official functions, if compliance with such sections would impede the performance of those functions, or;

(3) An emergency vessel eligible for assistance referrals from the U.S. Coast Guard or from a state or municipal law enforcement agency while such vessel is responding to an emergency.

(b) The commissioner may, by written authorization, expand, with or without modification, the exemption in subsection (a) of this section to include vessels owned by the general public during any marine event authorized by the commissioner or upon receipt of a copy of the U.S. Coast Guard authorization for a marine event, based on consideration of the following factors:

(1) the nature and purpose of the event;

(2) the estimated number and types of spectator watercraft;

(3) physical boundaries of the event and various water courses or areas to be utilized by participants, officials and spectator craft;

(4) the time schedule and a description of events, including times that non-participating craft will be allowed to enter the area;

(5) the system used to mark the area;

(6) expected traffic conditions and density of boating activity at the time and area of the event;

(7) potential conflicts with various water use groups;

(8) public safety considerations and precautions to be taken by event organizers;

(9) consistency with federal, state, and local law; and

(10) the necessity for the proposed modification or suspension in order to carry out the event.

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