



## NY State Boating Law Equipment Requirements

---

- ❑ **Valid registration documents on board**
- ❑ **Valid registration numbers on vessel**
  - Must be displayed on both sides of the bow
  - At least 3" tall letters, in contrasting color from hull
  - Must be clearly legible, block style letters
- ❑ **Valid Registration validation stickers**
  - Displayed on both sides, with valid expiration date
  - Must be placed to the stern (back side) of the registration numbers
  - Documented vessels do not have registration numbers however are required to obtain and display a valid registration sticker
- ❑ **At least one life jacket for everyone on board**
  - Children must have properly sized life jackets
  - Children under 12yrs must wear a life jacket whenever above deck while boat is in motion
  - Adults do not have to wear life jackets while on board at any time
- ❑ **At least one type IV throwable floatation device**
  - Can be the square seat cushion type or a round lifesaver style
- ❑ **One sound producing device**
  - Must have a functional horn or blow whistle
- ❑ **Anchor and line**
- ❑ **Engine must have a backfire flame arrestor**
  - Most engines come standard with it
- ❑ **One up to date functional B1 fire extinguisher**
  - Vessels 26'- 40' must have two B1's or one B2
  - Vessels 40'- 65' must have three B1's or one B1 and two B2's
- ❑ **One day-time distress signal**
  - Either an approved orange USCG flag or a day-time approved flare
- ❑ **Three night time distress signal flares**
  - Check for expiration dates
- ❑ **Operational Navigational lights (after sunset)**
  - One red light on the left front bow, and a green light on the right front bow
  - One white 360 degree light to the rear of the front lights
- ❑ **A Capacity plate for all vessels under 26 feet in length**

## NY State Boating Navigational Laws

---

- The speed limit in Irondequoit Bay is 25 mph
- While in Irondequoit Bay, there is a 5 mph speed limit within 200' of shore
- There is no speed limit on Lake Ontario away from shore
- 5 mph speed limit in any body of water whenever within 100' of shore, docks, or anchored vessels
- 5 mph speed limit within 500' of any designated swimming areas (Durand & Charlotte Beaches)
- 5 mph speed limit in the entire Genesee River and within the Irondequoit Bay/Lake Ontario channel
- No operating of motorized vessels within 100' of a divers flag
- Operator of a vessel must be at least 18yrs, or possess a valid safety certificate
- Operator of a vessel must not have ability impaired (*drugs, alcohol, eyesight, etc...*)
- Operator may consume alcohol, however may not become impaired or have a B.A.C. above .08
- Vessels may have open alcoholic containers on board
- It is unlawful to discharge of any waste, sewage or debris into public waters
- Water skiing/tubing vessels must have a spotter facing backwards who is at least 10yrs or older
- No towing water skiers/tubing past sunset or before sunrise
- Water skiers/tubers must have a life jacket on at all times
- Navigation lights must be on whenever operating a vessel after sunset and or before sunrise
- Anchor lights (just the white light) must be on while at anchor after sunset and or before sunrise
- Children under 12 yrs must wear a life jacket at all times when not in an enclosed cabin while vessel in motion
- Persons may not ride on the bow while vessel is in motion unless vessel is an approved open-bow vessel
  
- **Jet Skies** – Must wear a life jacket at all times, have a sound producing device (whistle), a distress flag, an attached engine cut-off lanyard, a fire extinguisher, operator must have valid safety certificate, and may not operate past sunset or before sunrise. Jet skies must abide by the same navigational laws as all other vessels.

## Important Phone Numbers

---

Southpoint Marina	288-0720
Bazil Restaurant (for take out)	697-2006
Emergencies	911
Sheriff's Marine Unit	467-1065
US Coast Guard	342-4178
US Border Control	266-2969
M&M Marine Repairs	314-2015
West Marine/Boat US	323-2040

## Valuable Information To Know...

---

- Irondequoit Bay is approximately 4 miles long and about ½ mile wide
- It takes about 5 minutes to get to the North end of Irondequoit Bay from Southpoint Marina
- It takes about 20-25 minutes to get to the Genesee River from Southpoint Marina
- It takes about 3 hours to get to Coberg Canada and 4 hours to Toronto from Southpoint Marina
- It takes about 9 minutes to get to Southpoint Marina by car from just about anywhere in Rochester
- Good spots to anchor and play in the water are:
  - ✓ In front of Marge's Bar just West of the Irondequoit Bay outlet, bring I.D. (10 min. boat ride)
  - ✓ Devil's Cove, just East before the 104 Bridge coming from Southpoint Marina (5 min. boat ride)
  - ✓ Durand Beach, about 2 miles West of Marge's Bar Beach (12 min. boat ride)
- The water is usually warmer in the Bay than in the lake, but the lake water is much cleaner
- The water is usually much clearer on calm days
- On some days, the water on the beaches of Lake Ontario is crystal clear, it's quite amazing
- The water is dirtiest after rain storms and on windy days, especially a North wind
- It's always easier to dock your boat in calm winds, so practice in the wind too
- If it's windy, call the marina and ask for assistance before docking, someone will come out to help you
- The air temperature is usually about 5 degrees cooler by the lake than in-land near your home
- Bring along mosquito repellent if you're going to be out past sunset
- Keep a small first aid kit on your boat because your going to need Band-Aids sooner or later
- Leave some sun screen on your boat for your guests to use, because they usually forget it
- Keep your main dock lines attached to your dock when you go boating, it's much easier to tie up again
- Keep extra dock lines on your boat for docking at other locations
- The Bayside Restaurant in the North East end of Irondequoit Bay only takes cash
- Southpoint Marina is the calmest water marina in Monroe County, we call it the "calm water haven"
- You will have the luxury of spending lots of time on your boat while tied to your calm water dock
- There is just something relaxing about being tied up to your dock among friends, drinking a Corona...
- If you bring snacks to your boat, bring extra – everyone gets hungry on the water
- Ice melts quickly in your car – that's why ice is available at the Southpoint Store for your convenience
- Bazil Restaurant has free take out delivery service to your docked boat, just call and place your order
- Bazil is busiest on Fridays & Saturdays between 6:30p – 8:30p, delivery may take longer in those times
- Bazil has Call-Ahead seating, call about an hour before you want to eat, it works well to limit your wait
- Bring a camera once in a while when you go out boating, the memories will last forever
- If your leaving port for more than a day, fill out a float plan so if you get lost we know where to find you
- Be sure all your power is turned off before leaving your boat, jump-starting boats is a son of a bitch...
- If you see blue lights behind you, it's some sort of police agency, go to neutral and let them do the rest
- If you think your about to get a ticket, be as polite as possible and you may catch a break

**True story:** A woman is sitting alone in her husbands fishing boat reading a book, a D.E.C officer pulls up next to her in his patrol vessel and tells her that she is in violation for being in a restricted fishing area without a fishing license. The woman replies *"But I'm not fishing, I'm just reading a book officer"*. The officer says *"Yes, but you have all the necessary equipment on board for fishing, for all I know you could start fishing at any moment"*. The woman replies, *"Well I'd like to file a sexual assault charge against you sir"*, the officer says *"But I haven't even touched you ma'am"*. The woman replies *"Ya, but you have all the necessary equipment, for all I know you could start at any moment..."*

**Be safe, use your head, and have lots of fun out on the water!**