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Sec. 15-121-B1. Requirements of application for number

The application for a number shall include the following:

- (1) The name and address of the owner;
- (2) the citizenship of the owner;
- (3) the date of birth of owner;
- (4) the present or previous number of the boat (if any);
- (5) the hull material (wood, steel, aluminum, plastic, other);
- (6) the type of propulsion (outboard, inboard, other);
- (7) the type of fuel (gas, diesel, other);
- (8) the make, model and year built (if known);
- (9) the length;
- (10) a statement as to use (pleasure, livery, dealer, manufacturer, commercial, other);
- (11) a statement of ownership by the applicant;
- (12) the state of principal use;
- (13) whether the application is for a new number, renewal of a number or a change of ownership;
- (14) hull identification number (if any);
- (15) type of vessel (open, cabin, house, other);
- (16) primary color of hull;
- (17) whether or not the vessel has a marine sanitation device (MSD) installed and, if so, the type of such device;
- (18) the signature of the owner.

Sec. 15-121-B2. Information on number certificate

The certificate of number shall show the following:

- (1) The name and address of the boat owner;
- (2) the date of birth of the owner;
- (3) the number issued;
- (4) the expiration date;
- (5) the make or model or type of boat
- (6) the hull material (wood, steel, aluminum, plastic, other);
- (7) the length of the vessel;
- (8) the propulsion (inboard, outboard, other).
- (9) the state of principal use;
- (10) the use of vessel (pleasure, livery, dealer, manufacturer, commercial, other);
- (11) hull identification number;
- (12) year built;
- (13) the type of fuel (gas, diesel, other);
- (14) the type of marine sanitation device (MSD) installed, if such a device is installed.
- (15) A statement of the law pertaining to change of ownership or address; documentation, loss, destruction, abandonment, theft, or recovery of a vessel;

carriage of the certificate of number on board when the vessel is in use; rendering aid in a boat accident; and reporting of vessel casualties and accidents.

Sec. 15-121-B3. Numbering pattern to be used.

- (a) The identification numbers awarded under the Connecticut system shall consist of three parts. The first part shall consist of the letters "CT" indicating this state. The second part shall consist of not more than four arabic numerals. The third part shall consist of not more than two letters.
- (b) The parts shall be separated by a hyphen or an equivalent space. As examples: CT-1-A; CT-1234-AA; CT 56 ZZ.
- (c) Since the letters "I", "O" and "Q" may be mistaken for arabic numerals, they shall not be used in the suffix.

Sec. 15-121-B4. Display of number and validation decal

The owner or operator of any vessel shall display the vessel registration number and registration decals issued pursuant to Section 15-144 of the General Statutes as follows:

- (a) The vessel registration number, and no other, shall be painted on or attached by adhesive to each side of the hull at the bow and so positioned as to be clearly legible from outside the vessel. When, due to vessel configuration, positioning of the vessel registration number on the hull will not provide ready identification, the vessel registration number may be painted on or attached by adhesive to each side of the permanent superstructure located on the forward half of the vessel in a location as nearly vertical as possible. When, due to vessel configuration, positioning of the vessel registration number on either the hull or the superstructure will not provide ready identification, the vessel registration number may be painted on or attached to a sign or plaque firmly attached by a bracket or fixture to the bow with the number clearly legible from both sides of the vessel.
- (b) The letters and numerals of the vessel registration number shall be of plain block design not less than three inches high, and of a color which will contrast with the background for maximum legibility. That is, light numbers shall be used on a dark hull or background and vice versa.
- (c) The letters and numerals of the vessel registration number shall be vertical (not slanted), plain (not script or varying in thickness), and any border, outline or shadowing shall be disregarded in determining the height or color contrast of the letters and numerals. Between the prefix, the numerals, and the suffix there shall be a hyphen or a space. Examples of correct number displays are CT-1234-AB and CT 5678 DF.
- (d) The two current Connecticut registration decals shall be displayed on each side of the bow in line with and two inches to the right of the vessel registration number. No other decal shall be displayed with the vessel registration number except a current decal for the same vessel issued by another state or the United States Coast Guard. A current validation decal issued by another state or the United States Coast Guard

shall be displayed near the assigned boat number in a location other than that specified for the current Connecticut validation decals.

- (e) In the case of a vessel for which the owner holds a valid marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard and for which the owner is required to display a Connecticut registration decal pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 15-142 of the general statutes, each such decal shall be displayed on each side of the bow forward of the midship section. Such decals shall be firmly affixed and positioned so as to be distinctly visible from either side of the vessel.
- (f) In the case of a vessel for which the owner holds a valid certificate of number awarded either by the United States or by another state and for which the owner is required to display a Connecticut registration decal pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 15-142 of the general statutes, each such decal shall be displayed on each side of the bow in line with and not more than six inches to the left of the number awarded by the United States or another state. Such decals shall be firmly affixed and positioned so as to be distinctly visible from either side of the vessel.

Sec. 15-121-B5. Criteria for the issuance of marine dealer registration numbers.

- (a) The Commissioner may issue a marine dealer registration number to a marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer or marine surveyor who satisfies the following criteria, except a person who sells or manufacturers vessels not required to be numbered pursuant to Sections 15-142 and 15-143 of the Connecticut General Statutes such as non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, sailboards and sailboats under 19 1/2 feet in length, shall not apply for or receive a marine dealer registration number:

- (1) Each marine dealer who applies for a marine dealer registration number shall keep written records of sales of vessels required to be numbered pursuant to Sections 15-142 and 15-143 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Each marine engine manufacturer, who applies for a marine dealer registration number, shall keep a written record of each marine engine manufactured, sold or repaired by such manufacturer. Each marine surveyor shall keep a written record of each vessel surveyed by such marine surveyor. The aforementioned records shall be kept for a minimum of four years from the date of any such manufacture, sale, survey, or repair and made available to agency representatives for inspection upon request. Such records may consist of: listings, deposit receipts, canceled checks, trust records, or other documents showing manufacture, sales, survey, or repair transactions. Records of sales shall include: the name and address of the purchaser, the selling price, the date of sale and a description of the vessel or engine sold including but not limited to any previous registration number or documentation number and the hull identification number of all recreational vessels manufactured after November 1, 1973. Records of marine surveys shall include: the name and address of the owner and the person purchasing

the survey, the purpose of the survey, the date of the survey, and a detailed description of the vessel surveyed including, but not limited to, the hull identification number.

- (2) A marine dealer shall have an established place of business with office space and vessel display area which is used for the sale or manufacture or both of vessels, unless specifically exempted from the requirement to have an established place of business pursuant to Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes. A marine engine manufacturer shall have an established place of business for the manufacture, sale, trade, display or repair of marine engines. The minimum size of the office and display area shall be 144 square feet. Such office and display area shall be accessible and open to the public. A vessel display area separate from the marine dealer's or marine engine manufacturer's office, such as a slip or mooring at a marina, which is rented, leased or owned in the business name of the marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer and used to facilitate the demonstration of vessels for sale or the testing or repair of marine engines, may be substituted for the required vessel display area at the established place of business.
- (3) A marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer shall erect a sign at his or her place of business, unless a marine dealer is specifically exempted from the requirement to have an established place of business pursuant to Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The sign shall be a minimum of 250 square inches in size and legibly display the business name of the marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer, as applicable. The sign shall be erected in a conspicuous place so that it comes to the attention of the general public. A marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer substituting a separate display area as described in subdivision 15-121-B5(a)(2), shall also display, in a conspicuous location, on the vessel for sale or on a vessel used to test or repair marine engines, or at its slip or mooring, a sign not less than 144 square inches in size, bearing the marine dealer's or marine engine manufacturer's business name and business telephone number. Such name and telephone number shall be legible and discernible from a distance of not less than fifty feet. Yacht brokers shall display, in a conspicuous location, on the vessel for sale, and while bearing the marine dealer registration number of the yacht broker, a sign not less than 144 square inches in size, bearing the yacht broker's business name and business telephone number and the words "For Sale By Broker". Such information shall be legible and discernible from a distance of not less than fifty feet.

- (4) A marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer or marine surveyor shall have a telephone number listed with the telephone company in its business name and published in the telephone company directory for public information.
 - (5) Each marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer or marine surveyor who applies for marine dealer registration numbers and who has not previously been issued such numbers or who is reapplying after failing to meet the renewal criteria set forth in this section shall do so on a form specified by the Commissioner. Such marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer shall pay an examination fee of one hundred and forty dollars. A marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer or marine surveyor shall sign a statement under oath indicating that he or she has complied with the requirements and criteria for the issuance of marine dealer registration numbers and that he or she agrees to display the marine dealer registration number in the case of a marine dealer, on vessels used solely pursuant to Section 15-145(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, or in the case of a marine engine manufacturer, on vessels used solely for the purpose of testing or demonstrating a marine engine manufactured or repaired by such manufacturer, or in the case of a marine surveyor, on vessels used solely for the purpose of performing a marine survey, and agrees not to display the marine dealer registration number on vessels operated for any other reason.
- (b) The Commissioner may renew a marine dealer registration number if he or she is satisfied that the marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer continues to meet the criteria of subsection 15-121-B5(a) and that the marine dealer or marine engine manufacturer also satisfied at least one of the following criteria during the year prior to the application for renewal:
- (1) Manufacture or sale of more than five vessels required to be numbered or registered pursuant to Section 15-142 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
 - (2) Manufacture or sale of two to five vessels required to be numbered or registered pursuant to Section 15-142 of the Connecticut General Statutes, of not less than \$50,000 total gross value where the gross value credited by any vessel towards the \$50,000 minimum is no more than \$25,000;
 - (3) Not less than fifty percent of the adjusted gross income of a marine dealer as determined for purposes of federal income tax is derived from vessel sales subject to proof satisfactory to the Commissioner;
 - (4) Not less than fifty percent of a marine engine manufacturer's adjusted gross income, as determined for purpose of federal income tax, is derived from the manufacture, sale and repair of marine engines by such manufacturer. Subject to proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, a marine engine manufacturer shall provide records to the Commissioner demonstrating that

such manufacturer's income complies with the requirements of this subdivision; or

- (5) The manufacture, sale or repair of more than five marine engines by a marine engine manufacturer.
- (c) The fee for each marine dealer registration number shall be one hundred dollars per year.
- (d) No person applying for a marine dealer registration number who fails to meet the criteria for the issuance of such number shall reapply for a number for a period of one year from the date of such person's last application.
- (e) Yacht brokers, as defined in Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes, who meet the requirements of subsection 15-121-B5(a)(1), (4) and (5) and who have not previously been issued a marine dealer registration number may be issued one marine dealer registration number. The Commissioner may renew the marine dealer registration number of a yacht broker who meets the requirements of subsections 15-121-B5(a)(1), (4) and (5) and 15-121-B5(b)(1), (2) or (3). Yacht brokers may apply for additional marine dealer registration numbers concurrent with their application for renewal of their marine dealer registration number subject to the conditions set forth in this subsection. Yacht brokers who fail to meet the criteria for renewal of their marine dealer registration number are subject to the requirements of subsection (d) of this section. A yacht broker shall make any and all documents or records required to be maintained pursuant to this subsection and Section 15-145(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes available for inspection by the Commissioner at a place designated by the Commissioner within five business days of the Commissioner's request to review such documents or records. A yacht broker who meets the criteria for issuance of marine dealer registration numbers shall only display such numbers on vessels operated pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (f) Marine surveyors who possess current and valid certification or accreditation acceptable to the Commissioner as defined in Section 15-141 of the Connecticut General Statutes may be issued one marine dealer registration number. The Commissioner may renew the marine dealer registration number of a marine surveyor who possesses a marine dealer registration number provided the marine surveyor possesses current and valid certification or accreditation acceptable to the Commissioner and the Commissioner is satisfied that the marine surveyor continues to meet the criteria of subsection 15-121-B5(a) at the time the application for renewal of the marine dealer registration number is submitted to the Commissioner.

Sec. 15-121-B5a. Marine dealer registration numbers: application and display.

- (a) The description of the vessel shall be omitted from a marine dealer identification number application and from the certificate of number since the numbers and certificate of number may be transferred from one vessel to another.
- (b) The marine dealer registration number(s) assigned by the Commissioner to a marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer, or marine surveyor shall be painted on or attached to a removable sign. The sign shall be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the vessel which is used pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or which is used by a marine engine manufacturer for the sole purpose of testing marine engines manufactured or repaired by such manufacturer provided the display meets the requirements of Section 15-121-B4 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies. If a marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer, or marine surveyor demonstrates to the Commissioner's satisfaction that such display may be unsafe or impracticable, the Commissioner may substitute the display requirements of this subsection with a satisfactory alternative. The Commissioner shall notify the marine dealer, marine engine manufacturer, or marine surveyor in writing of the substitution and such written notice shall be carried on board whenever the vessel is in use. Pursuant to Section 15-121-B5(a)(3) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, yacht brokers shall display, in a conspicuous location, on the vessel for sale, and while bearing the marine dealer registration number of the yacht broker, a sign not less than 144 square inches in size, bearing the yacht broker's business name and business telephone number and the words "For Sale By Broker". Such information shall be legible and discernible from a distance of not less than fifty feet.
- (c) The number assigned to a marine dealer shall contain the suffix "DL." An example of such number is "CT-1234-DL." The number assigned to a marine engine manufacturer shall contain the suffix "XP". An example of such number is "CT-1234-XP". The number assigned to a yacht broker shall contain the suffix "YB". An example of such number is "CT-1234-YB". The number assigned to a marine surveyor shall contain the suffix "MS". An example of such number is "CT-1234-MS".
- (d) All the requirements of law and regulation governing equipment, lights, and operation shall apply to vessels operated by a marine dealer, or a marine engine manufacturer who has obtained an identification number pursuant to Section 15-121-B5.
- (e) No marine dealer or his or her employee shall display a marine dealer number on any vessel that is not owned by the dealership except as provided in subsection (c) of Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes. No person, other than the marine dealer to whom the number is issued or his or her employee, shall display such marine dealer number except as provided in subsections 15-145(c), (d), and (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(f) No marine engine manufacturer shall display a marine dealer number on any vessel that is not being used pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of Section 15-145 of the Connecticut General Statutes for the sole purpose of testing or repairing an engine manufactured or repaired by such manufacturer. A marine engine manufacturer may only utilize an engine in a vessel not owned by such manufacturer, if:

- (1) The engine is being used for experimental purposes only; and
- (2) Such marine engine manufacturer carries on board such vessel a copy of the engine test agreement between the marine engine manufacturer and the manufacturer of the vessel.

Sec. 15-121-B6. Numbering of livery boats.

- (a) The description of the motor and type of fuel will be omitted from the application and certificate of number of a livery boat in any case where the boat is rented with different motors or with the person renting the boat supplying the motor.
- (b) The certificate of number of a livery shall be plainly marked "livery boat."
- (c) The number awarded the boat livery man will contain the letters "BL" in the suffix. An example of such a number is "CT-1234-BL."

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.

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.

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.

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

- (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.

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

(a) On the waters of Candlewood Lake, including Squantz Pond, no person shall operate a vessel in excess of the following speed limits:

- (1) 25 miles per hour from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise;
- (2) 45 miles per hour daytime limit.
- (3) Within the area of Lattins Cove, from the end northerly for two-thousand five-hundred feet no person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake. Said Slow-No-Wake area may at and by the sole discretion of the commissioner, be otherwise deliniated by regulatory marker(s).
- (4) Within the area of Squantz Cove, from the causeway southeasterly for one thousand five hundred feet shall be a Slow-No-Wake area. Said Slow-No-Wake area may at and by the sole discretion of the commissioner, be otherwise deliniated by regulatory marker(s).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Sec. 15-121-B15l. Pine Island Bay and Baker Cove Regulation .

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.

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.

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.

Sec. 15-121-B15o. Mystic River Special Regulation.

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" northward to Green Navigation Buoy "53".

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;Huntington State Park Ponds (all waters within the boundaries of Collis P. Huntington State Park), Redding and Bethel;Messerschmidt's Pond, Deep River, Westbrook;
- (12) Millers Pond, Durham;
- (13) Pine Acres Lake, Hampton;
- (14) Ross Pond, Killingly;
- (15) Savin Lake, Lebanon;
- (16) Stillwater Pond, Torrington;Wauregan Reservoir, Killingly; and
- (17) 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.

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

(a) Section 15-121-B12 through Section 15-121-B15, inclusive, Sections 15-121-B15a through 15-121-B15m, 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.