



January 7, 2022

Dear Returning or Potential Slipholder,

We hope you had an enjoyable 2021 boating season. Although we had notified you that we would be moving to an online reservation system this year, we've been informed that the system won't be ready for timely slip reservations for this season. For the upcoming 2022 season, we will be processing applications much the same way as we have in the past, except we will be sending ALL communications via email. Therefore, attached, please find a Seasonal Docking Application form for the 2022 season and a copy of our Rules, Regulations and General Information. Please read them carefully.

As last year, we will be assigning slips next year based upon the boat's requirements and your desired amenities- please note any special needs on the application. Assignments will be made by the park on a first come-first served basis and invoices with your assignment will be emailed to you. Each applicant initially assigned to a slip will be given 30 days to return payment. After that, the slip will be made available to other applicants.

Please note, applications without a copy of the boat's current registration will not be considered for a slip assignment. Also, please remember that there is a new boater safety course requirement. **Beginning in 2020, Long Point State Park will be requiring a copy of your safe boater certificate, when applicable, along with your boat's current registration and proof of insurance before docking for both seasonal and transient slips.**

Safe Boater Law changes:

For those who may be unaware, on August 6, Governor Cuomo signed Brianna's Law, which will go into effect on January 1, 2020. Brianna's Law is an amendment to the current Navigation Law that mandates boater safety education for PWC and motor boat operators.

Previous law required all operators of a PWC and all motorboat operators born on or after May 1, 1996 to take a boating safety course and obtain a certificate. Now, a boating safety certificate will be required for all operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age or year of birth. The law utilizes a phase-in model, so not all operators will be required to have a safety certificate immediately in 2020. See the chart for the phasing in deadlines.

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel in:
January 1, 1993	2020
January 1, 1988	2022
January 1, 1983	2023
January 1, 1978	2024

All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025

Reciprocity - Out of State/Out of Country Boaters - what this means to you:

For visiting boaters, you will be required to have a certificate as well. NY recognizes boating education cards that meet National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) requirements and Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator cards that meet Transport Canada's requirements. NY will recognize your state's approved boating safety certificate including PA and OH or you can obtain a NY certificate.



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Certificate Courses: Courses can be taken online or in-person.

Online: Approved online providers include:

- [BOATERexam](#)
- [Boat-ED](#)
- [Boat U.S.](#)
- [America's Boating Club \(formerly known as US Power Squadron\)](#) Spanish online course available
- [BoatSmart](#)
- [iLearnToBoat](#)

Some on-line providers are free, some charge for their service. However, all will charge the \$10 fee to the state for your card.

All of this, plus additional information and course listings, is available at
<https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>

If your email address changes, please make sure that we know about it ASAP! As always, please let me know if I can answer any questions. Your application may be submitted at any time beginning today for next year. If you have any questions regarding the process, or about the park in general, please contact us at 716-386-2722.

Sincerely,

-Tom

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