

# KEEP BOATING SAFE IN CONNECTICUT

Your actions are essential to keeping boating and marine services open, safe, and accessible for everyone to enjoy. Following a few simple suggestions will improve your safety and the safety of others so we all may enjoy boating at this time.



## BEFORE YOU GO

- Boat Mates must be House Mates
- From vehicle to boat and back only
- Boaters already on or exiting from dock have right of way
- No congregating on the dock or launch ramp
- Be prepared to use your own head
- Safely distance from fellow boaters
- Be self-sufficient: Remember to pack sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, disposable gloves with the rest of your provisions
- Prepare to enjoy the natural social distance of boating!



## DEPARTURE

- Maintain a 6 foot distance at the launch ramp or dock
- Dockside boat users should avoid interference with departing or arriving boaters
- Take a direct route to your boat making as few trips as possible between car and boat
- Limit your area to your crew and avoid the common courtesies of helping others with lines
- At the Launch ramp, safely park vehicle, avoid congregating
- Insure you have what you'll need for your destination



## ON THE WATER

- Avoid beaching the boat next to other boaters
- Avoid rafting up, mooring sharing and keep your distance on the water
- Find a secluded spot away from others to relax
- Call ahead to a destination to insure they are open and accepting visiting boaters
- In the event of an emergency be careful with responder contact and follow their directions and guidelines
- Enjoy your boat, the water, fresh air and freedom



## RETURNING

- Be prepared to dock or trailer with your crew only - avoid assistance
- Utilize gloves for lines, hoses, cords
- Square away your boat and head to vehicle
- Avoid contact with facility employees as directed by the facility
- Restroom users are responsible for sanitizing after use
- Follow the rules, regulations and guidelines provided by your facility and be respectful.

*Stay Safe & Have Fun!*

For additional information on safe practices and social distancing please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and State of Connecticut guidelines at [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus)

