

# NEW YORK STATE LAW

## RULES OF THE NAUTICAL ROAD

- ✓ Operation of a pleasure vessel on Indian Lake must be careful and prudent. Violations constitute a misdemeanor.
- ✓ Speed limited to 5 mph within 200 feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft, float or anchored boat.
- ✓ Speed limit of 45 mph during daylight and 25 mph during nighttime.
- ✓ Speed limited to 5 mph through the Jessup narrows.
- ✓ Navigation lights must be used on power boats between sunset and sunrise. Sailboats and boats rowed or paddled must carry a lantern.

## BOATING REGULATIONS

- ✓ All operators must be at least 10 yrs old.
- ✓ As of Jan. 1, 2020. Brianna's Law phases in a required Boating Safety Certificate.

| <b>If you were born on or after:</b> | <b>You will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel in:</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 1, 1993                         | 2020                                                                                    |
| Jan. 1, 1988                         | 2022                                                                                    |
| Jan. 1, 1983                         | 2023                                                                                    |
| Jan. 1, 1978                         | 2024                                                                                    |

- ✓ All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by Jan. 1, 2025.

- ✓ Never operate a boat while impaired or intoxicated by drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Must have an observer over 10 yrs old when pulling a skier or tuber.
- ✓ No skiing, surfboarding, parasailing, tubing or use of a related towed device between sunset and sunrise
- ✓ Don't harass wildlife. Avoid active nests.
- ✓ No debris or sewage dumped in lake.

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- ✓ Operator must be a minimum of 14 yrs AND have completed an approved boater safety course OR otherwise be accompanied, on board, by someone 18 yrs or older who has completed such a course.
- ✓ Driver and each other person must wear a securely fastened PFD at all times.
- ✓ All personal watercraft must be equipped with: a horn; a device for arresting carburetor backfire; and a distress flag florescent orange at least one square foot in size.
- ✓ No operation between sunset and sunrise.
- ✓ No operation within 500 feet of a designated swim area.
- ✓ Reckless operation strictly prohibited.
- ✓ No wake jumping too close to other vessels.

- ✓ No last minute swerving games.
- ✓ No maneuver which unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb or property, including carrying more passengers than is recommended by the manufacturer.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- ✓ An approved Type III (PFD) personal flotation device for each passenger. Between Nov. 1 and May 1, operators of pleasure boats and all passengers must wear appropriate PFD's at all times.
- ✓ Boats over 16 ft. must also carry one throwable PFD.
- ✓ All children under 12 must wear their PFD.
- ✓ A whistle or horn.
- ✓ A visual distress signal suitable for day and night use, as approved by the US Coast Guard (except for open sailboats not equipped with mechanical power).
- ✓ A fire extinguisher for all in boards, in-board/outboard or decked outboard.
- ✓ Anchor and line.
- ✓ Navigation lights.

## REGISTRATION

- ✓ All powerboats and PWC must display numbers and registration stickers.

**INDIAN LAKE  
IS PATROLLED REGULARLY BY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

If you are bothered by boaters operating in an illegal or obnoxious manner, you are encouraged to report them so they can receive a warning (or for repeat offenders, a citation). Even if you can't identify the numbers on a boat's hull, it is usually sufficient to provide an accurate description of the craft and its occupants or the location they are staying.

Indian Lake Campgrounds  
518-648-5300

Hamilton County Sheriff  
518-548-3113

DEC Environmental Conservation Officer or  
DEC Forest Ranger  
Public Protection Dispatch Center  
1-877-457-5680

**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES**

**CLEAN IT, DRAIN IT, DRY IT**

Aquatic invasives can be transported on boats, water toys and gear. Please help preserve Indian Lake's water quality.

**BURN IT WHERE YOU BUY IT**

Terrestrial invasives can be transported in firewood brought from outside the area. It is illegal in NY to transport untreated firewood more than 50 miles or to bring it into the state. Please purchase firewood locally.

**WARNING**

✓ **WATER LEVELS VARY WIDELY**

✓ **INDIAN LAKE HAS NO NAVIGATION OR HAZARD MARKINGS**

✓ **THE PURCHASE OF A CHART IS RECOMMENDED**

INDIAN LAKE BOATER'S GUIDE  
is a synopsis of New York State Law.  
Please refer to the NYS Boater's Guide for complete  
information at:  
[www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating](http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating)

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