

Candlewood Boating Traffic to be disrupted during Annual Fireworks Display in Danbury

Danbury, CT 06/24/2017 — The Candlewood Lake Authority Marine Patrol would like to advise all boaters using Candlewood Lake on Saturday June 24th, 2017 (Rain Date June 25th, 2017), that normal boating traffic in the area of Danbury Bay will be disrupted due to the Annual Danbury Volunteer Fireman's Fireworks Display.

The Marine Patrol in conjunction with the DEEP ECON Police will be stopping all boats entering Danbury Bay for a safety inspection. These inspections will only take a couple of minutes and will be a minor inconvenience to boaters. All boats must have on board one wearable Personal Floatation Device (Life Jacket) for each person on board. Children under the age of 13 must wear their life jacket (PFD) at all times while the boat is under way. In addition, all boats must have their required lights in working order. Any boat found not having the required safety equipment will be turned away from the area and ordered back to shore to make the necessary repairs and will not be allowed to enter the area until these safety requirements are met.

In addition, boaters are reminded, as they pass within 200 feet of a stationary law enforcement vessel using its lights and audible signal or a fire rescue vessel using its lights, the vessel operator is required to slow the vessel to "slow-no-wake" speed until it is more than 200 feet away from the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.

The Marine Patrol will be setting up a safety zone just north of City Island in Danbury Bay. A safety lane will also be created along the eastern shore of Danbury Bay. No vessels will be allowed to moor or anchor south of the safety zone or in the safety lane approximately 5 hours prior to and during the event. In addition, beginning at 4pm, all boats in the vicinity of City Island must maintain a "slow-no-wake" speed to allow for the fireworks company to safely set up the fireworks behind the Island. Approximately 2 hours prior to and during the event no boats will be allowed to travel south of the safety zone into the display area.

Boaters are reminded after the display to proceed out of the viewing area at "slow-no-wake" speed.