

BOATING ON LAKE CONGAMOND

A reminder...The Massachusetts boating regulations and Town of Southwick Bylaws ***apply year-around***. Please abide by them. Copies are posted and are also available at Boat Ramp Contact Stations. Some examples:

- The maximum speed is 45 miles per hour except that:
 - The maximum speed between one-half (½) hour after sunset until one-half (½) hour after sunrise is ***10 miles per hour***; and
 - The ***weekend*** speed limit on Congamond is ***10 miles per hour before 10:00 A.M.***
 - Always operate your boat at no more than ***headway speed (less than 5 mph & NO WAKE)*** when in boat channels, or within 150 feet of a swimmer, raft, float, boat ramp, marina, or sandbar. Many of these areas are so-marked.
- Maximum size motorized vessel on Congamond is Class 1 (***less than 26 feet long***).
- Boats should be operated in a ***counter-clockwise*** direction.
- Operating any craft recklessly or under the influence is prohibited.
- Operating boats with un-muffled or exposed automotive type engines prohibited.
- All weeds, etc must be removed from boat/trailer before launching or leaving ramp area and properly disposed of same.
- Diving, swimming or anchoring within any marked navigation channel is prohibited.
- Attaching a boat to the fishing pier at the state boat ramp is prohibited.
- Leaving a boat at or attached to the outboard side of the boarding docks at the state boat ramp for more than 10 minutes, or the inboard side for any duration is prohibited.
- Waterskiing from or within 300 feet of any Public Access Board Facility is prohibited.
- Except for an emergency, towing a tube, raft or boat through the interlake culverts or in a marked boating channel is prohibited.
- The operation of personal watercraft shall not be conducted from any Public Access Facility, except for initial embarkation and final disembarkation.
- The operation of personal watercraft in North Pond is prohibited (<75 acres).
- Do **not** throw any trash overboard or on the ground. Numerous trash containers are provided at the both ramps.
- It is illegal to feed waterfowl in the Town of Southwick.
- Southwick bylaw requires that all dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and that pet waste be cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- All **registered** vessels **moored** on Congamond require an annual permit (sticker).
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