

Great Sacandaga Lake Association

The GSLA is a membership organization for people who reside, work, recreate and care about the Great Sacandaga Lake Region. It is governed by a Board of Directors who are committed to the improvement of the quality of life on the lake and the surrounding communities.

Support the GSLA – Join!

Membership is available at various levels starting at \$15. Members have access to lake community information through the Association website gsla.org and [gsla e-bursts](mailto:gsla@gsla.org).

All members have access to a FREE NYS Boater Safety class.

Membership fees accepted through **PayPal**. (See gsla.org)

SAFE, FRIENDLY BOATING ON THE GREAT SACANDAGA

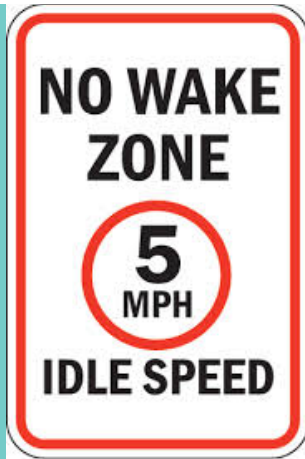


*A Brief Introduction to the
Great Sacandaga Lake and
Boater Safety*

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(GSLA)

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"New York State law requires that all boats not exceed a speed of 5 miles per hour when within 100 feet of shore, a raft, a dock, or an anchored or moored boat."

New York Safe Boating: A Course on the Safe Operation of Boats and Personal Watercraft

The Great Sacandaga Lake

The Great Sacandaga is a 29 mile long man-made reservoir administered by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District (maps are available locally)! The lake welcomes seasonal, year-long residents and individuals who have chosen it as their recreational destination.

Water Level Changes

The Great Sacandaga provides flood control for downriver neighbors. **Water level on the lake will fluctuate during the boating season.** Current water levels and projected target elevations can be found at hrbrdd.com

Consider the Lake Your Home

The lake community welcomes you to this beautiful part of the Adirondack Mountains. Please help keep the lake safe. Be considerate of your other lake friends.

Boating While Intoxicated (BWI)

An operator with a blood alcohol level 0.08 or greater is intoxicated under New York law. **BWI is DWI!** Different levels and severe consequences for boaters under age 21!

Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

A USCG approved, properly sized personal flotation device is required for each person on the boat. Children under 12 must wear a PFD while on the boat.

Speed and Noise

Speed limits are determined by conditions in parts of the lake where a 5 mph limit is required i.e. 100 feet from shore, anchored boats, etc. **The skipper is always responsible for his/her boat and must avoid collisions.** Noise limits are enforced by marine patrols. Remember, you are in a lake community **boat noise travels easily over water!**

NYS Boater Certificate

Effective May 1, 2014, NYS required a boater safety certificate for all individuals born after May 1, 1996 to operate a 'mechanically propelled vessel'. NYS already requires a certificate for all operators of personal watercraft. **Boaters should take a NYS course regardless of age!**

Invasive Species

The lake has not escaped aquatic invasive species. Remember to **'Clean, Drain and Dry'** when you boat. We thank you!

NYS Boater Safety Resource

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - nysparks.com.