

Hurricane Season

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**BOATING &
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ARE COMING UP,
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"With the warm weather arriving, now is the perfect time to brush up on essential boating laws in preparation for the upcoming 2024 boating season. Additionally, it's crucial to remember invaluable tips for hurricane season. Follow the tips inside to keep yourself and your family safe as well as protect your home during heavy rains, destructive winds, and flooding. Have fun this summer and be safe!"

BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER



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Be Informed:

Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management.....1-631-852-4900
<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FRES/Office-of-Emergency-Management>

Suffolk County Notifications and Alerts
<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/alerts>

National Flood Insurance Program 1-888-379-9531
www.floodsmart.gov

National Hurricane Center/ Tropical Prediction Center
www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Weather Service
www.weather.gov

PSEG Long Island 1-800-490-0025,
..... (TTY: 1-631-755-6660)
www.psegliny.com

National Grid Long Island1-718-643-4050,
.....(TTY: 1-718-237-2857)
www.nationalgridus.com

BUILD A KIT

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last for several days. Learn how to build your disaster supplies kit here:

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

MAKE A PLAN

When disaster strikes, your family may not be together, which is why it's critical to create a plan in advance of an emergency. Consider how you will contact one another, where you will meet, and what to do in different situations. Learn more and create a family emergency plan here:

<https://www.ready.gov/plan>

KNOW YOUR ZONE

To better prepare for an evacuation, know what Storm Surge Zone you live in. Use the Storm Surge Zone Interactive Map to plan and prepare in the event you need to evacuate:

<https://gisapps.suffolkcountyny.gov/stormsurgezone/>



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Boating Safety

Brianna's Law mandates all motorboat operators, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025.

DO YOU NEED A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE?

MOTORBOATS

Under the new law, all motorboat operators:



Born on or after Jan. 1, 1978, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024



All motorboat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT



Anyone operating a Personal Watercraft (JetSki™, WaveRunner™, etc.) must have a boating safety certificate and be at least 14 years of age or older

For course information, FAQs, as well as a digital copy of the 2024 Boaters Guide, visit:
<https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/>

Or SCAN HERE →



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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Federal law dictates disposable fire extinguishers are considered expired 12 years after the manufacture date stamped on the extinguisher. Additionally, you may see changes on fire extinguisher labels.

WHAT WAS KNOWN AS:

B-I extinguisher

B-II

IS NOW KNOWN AS, AND EQUIVALENT TO:

Type 5-B or 10-B extinguisher

Type 20-B extinguisher

Boats less than 26 feet in length and model year 2018 or newer must carry extinguishers bearing the new label effective April 20, 2022. Boats model year 2017 or later may continue to carry extinguishers with the old labels until they expire. The current legislation does not have the B-I & B-II grandfathering clause. NYS will allow all extinguishers until they are 12 years from manufacture, regardless of marking.

ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH (ECOS):

If a vessel less than 26 feet is equipped with an engine cut-off switch, the operator of the vessel is required to use it and the associated lanyard attached to the operator. As of 2018, all newly manufactured boats are required to have an ECOS installed.

SOUND-SIGNALING DEVICES ABOARD PADDLE CRAFT:

All paddle craft users must carry a sound-signaling device aboard. A mouth whistle fulfills this requirement.



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