



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Week Ending 7/15/11

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in part by a motor must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

- **Personal Flotation Devices:** Ensure that your boat is equipped with the proper USCG life jacket (s).
- **Speed:** In NYS, boat speed is generally limited to 5 mph when within 100 feet of shore, dock, pier, raft, float or anchored boat. Check with local officials for local regulations.
- **Sound Signals:** Familiarize yourself with the various sound signals for passing other boats at close quarters.

I strongly encourage every boater to sign up for formal boating instruction before venturing out on your own. For more information please visit <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/recreation/boating>. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable boating season!

**texting-while-driving if another violation, such as speeding, was also being cited. The law exempts police officers, fire fighters and emergency vehicle drivers.**

**As an original sponsor of legislation to ban hand-held cell phones while driving and legislation to curb road rage, my focus has always been on making our roads safer and our law-abiding citizens safer. I am confident that this legislation will help a great deal in preventing future accidents and potential tragedies.**

**This law goes into effect immediately and violators face a fine of up to \$150 and can receive 3 points on their license.**