



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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## **ROUND VALLEY RECREATION AREA BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- All persons on board vessels under 14 feet in length or in a canoe, kayak, inflatable, or windsurfer, regardless of power, shall wear a serviceable Coast Guard approved type I, II, III or V Hybrid Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
- All vessels, regardless of length require a wearable Coast Guard approved PFD type I, II, III for each person on board.
- Vessels, 16 feet and longer must carry a throwable PFD device (type IV PFD).
- All vessels greater than 12 feet in length (except canoes, kayaks and inflatable vessels) must be registered through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.
- All vessels, regardless of length, with a motor (electric or gasoline), including canoes, kayaks and inflatable vessels, must be registered through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.
- All inflatable vessels must have at least three chambers and display certification/approval by the Boating Industry of America (BIA) for use on large bodies of water.
- All registered vessels must display numbers and validation decals on both sides of the bow. Registration numbers must be at least 3 inches in height. Vessel registration must be in possession of the operator.
- Operators of power vessels must be 13 years of age or older.
- Operators of power vessels, who are 13 years of age but less than 16, must have a State Boating Safety Certificate in their possession.
- A person shall not operate a power vessel that has a motor size greater than 10 horsepower on Round Valley Reservoir.
- All vessels require use of running lights if operating between sunset and sunrise.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Swimming, diving or disposal of waste from vessels is prohibited.
- The Wind Warning Lights, located at the North Dam, South Dam and Middle Beach areas of the reservoir, flash when sustained wind speeds exceed 25 mph.

### **WHEN THESE LIGHTS ARE ACTIVATED - ALL BOATING MUST BE DISCONTINUED**

- ✓ Launching of vessels is prohibited
- ✓ Clear Reservoir
- ✓ Beach vessel on nearest shoreline if unable to reach launch area

Attention: Between November 1st and May 15th it is recommended that all occupants of kayaks, canoes, inflatables, racing shells and sailboats under 16 ft wear an appropriate dry suit for cold water protection, along with the required Coast Guard approved PFD.

Remember: **“COLD WATER KILLS”**