

New Jersey Regulations for Use of Gas- or Electric-Powered Boats on Lakes

The State of New Jersey regulates the use of power boats in lakes and other bodies of water within its borders. Under New Jersey state law, you must be 13 years or older to operate a power boat. Additionally, you must have completed an approved boating safety course and have a boating safety certificate in your possession when operating a power boat. If you do not have a boating safety certificate you cannot legally operate a power boat in NJ waters.

BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE		
State of New Jersey - Division of State Police		
Marine Services Bureau		
Name	Certificate No.	
<i>Bobby T Boat</i>	<i>337767</i>	
Address (Number & Street)		
<i>1 Ocean Avenue, Under The Sea</i>		
City	State	Zip/Postal Code
<i>Atlantis</i>	<i>NJ</i>	<i>08628</i>
Country	Date of Birth	
<i>United States</i>	<i>01/01/1990</i>	
Sex	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair
<i>Male</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>White</i>

If you are under age 13 you may not operate a motorized boat in New Jersey. There are no exemptions to the New Jersey age requirements.

If you are 13 to 15 years old you may operate a boat powered by an *electric* motor, or a boat at least 12 feet long with a *gas-powered* motor of less than 10 horsepower. (You still need a boating safety certificate.)

If you are a New Jersey resident and 16 years or older, you are required to have a **Non-Tidal Boat License** in addition to a boating safety certificate to operate a motorized boat in NJ. This is an endorsement on your NJ driver's license.

Non-Tidal Boat Licenses are issued through the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). You must present your NJ boating safety certificate at the MVC to obtain a Non-Tidal Boat License

Just to clarify, the boating safety certificate is not a boat license.

There are exemptions for those New Jersey residents 16 years and older. You do not need a Non-Tidal Boat License if:

1. The boat is powered by a motor less than 1 HP or a 12-volt electric motor.
2. The boat is 12 feet or longer with less than 10 HP.

In both cases you still need a boating safety certificate.

Out-of-state residents who are at least 16 years old and in New Jersey for less than 90 days may operate a power boat on NJ waters if they carry written proof of successful completion of a course substantially similar to a NJ approved Boating Safety Course.