

July 31, 2020 Update to National Survey on COVID-19's Impact on Recreational Boating

Jurisdiction	Restrictions on Rec. Boating - Y/N	Comments	Sources
New England			
Maine	No	<p>The issuance of fishing derby and bass tournament permits is temporarily suspended until further notice. These events often include gatherings of large groups of participants and spectators and would be inconsistent with current social distancing requirements. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The issuance of fishing derby and bass tournament permits has resumed subject to operational guidelines to address public health concerns. The state has also prepared a written restarting guide which includes guidance for safe fishing and boating practices.</p>	<p>State Resources: https://www.maine.gov/covid19/</p> <p>Inland Fisheries: https://www.maine.gov/ifw/emergency-updates/index.html</p> <p>Updated Resources: http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=2570133&an=1</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=2437787&an=1</p>
New Hampshire	No	<p>New Hampshire Fish and Game have not made any changes to seasons, and all rules and regulations remain in effect and will be enforced by Conservation Officers.</p> <p>Some outdoor activities still permitted include fishing, clamming, the use of NH Fish and Game's Wildlife Management Areas and boat ramps, and wildlife watching. Trout stocking is just beginning, and fishing is an excellent way to relax and reduce stress. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Fishing tournaments may resume as of June 15 provided that participants follow the CDC guidelines.</p>	<p>NH Fish & Game: https://nhfishgame.com/2020/03/27/outdoor-recreation-and-covid-19-restrictions/</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/about/covid19.html</p>

Massachusetts	No	<p>Fishing and boating are allowed as outdoor activities, and individuals should practice social distancing. All MassWildlife Wildlife Management Areas remain open to the public. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The safe operation of recreational boats is permitted under the following guidelines: no more than 10 people aboard a boat at one time and social distancing guidelines to be followed; all users of boat ramps, docks, piers, etc. shall follow social distancing; all recreational crafts shall remain a safe distance apart, tying boats or crafts together is prohibited; recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbor masters, and law enforcement; and all local rules and USCG rules still apply.</p>	<p>Mass.gov COVID-19 Directives: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directives</p> <p>Mass. Wildlife: COVID-19 Response: https://www.mass.gov/news/masswildlife-covid-19-response</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.mass.gov/doc/boating-various-other-marine-and-inland-waterway-related-activities-phase-ii/download</p>
Rhode Island	No	<p>Boat ramps are open, except for ramps located within state parts that remain closed until further notice. Social distancing guidelines still apply, and boaters are encouraged to consider the size of the vessel, the number of people on board, and the ability of people to stay six or more feet apart. The RI Coastal Resources Management Council has also issued Marina, Yacht Club, and Harbor Master Guidance to ensure the CDC's health and safety guidelines are followed. Updated: April 27, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The prior social distancing and marina and yacht club guidance remain in effect.</p>	<p>RI State Parks FAQ: http://riparks.com/covid19.php</p> <p>RI Coastal Resources Management Council COVID-19 Marina, Yacht Club, and Harbor Master Guidance: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/2020_0409_marinas.html</p> <p>Updated Resources: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/covid19.php#fish</p> <p>https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Party-and-Charter-Boat-Guidance-update-phase-3-FINAL.pdf</p> <p>https://www.ri.gov/press/view/38274</p>

Connecticut	No	<p>The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has confirmed that all state boat launches are currently open. Gatherings of people at state boat launches must be limited to no more than five people, and CDC guidance on maintaining 6-foot social distancing must be followed at all times. Boat occupants should be limited to cohabitating family members only and groups of no more than five. April 20, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Boating remains open with additional guidance issued from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. All persons using state boat launch facilities and docks should maintain a six-foot social distancing separation from non-family members. Where this distance is not possible, face coverings should be worn. All persons boating with non-family members should maintain a six-foot social distancing separation from non-family members. On vessels where this distance is not possible, face coverings should be worn.</p>	<p>CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Press Release:</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/News-Releases/News-Releases---2020/DEEP-Urges-Safe-Boating-Social-Distancing-Practices-at-State-Boat-Launches-During-COVID-19-Pandemic</p> <p>Updated Resources:</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/stateparks/parks/Parks-Boat-Launches-Guidance-7-24-20.pdf</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/COVID-19-Updates-CT-Boating</p>
Mid-Atlantic			
New York	No	<p>Recreational boating is permissible, provided that no establishment offer chartered watercraft services or rentals. Updated: April 24, 2020, at 11:10 AM.</p> <p>The Erie Canal is deemed non-essential and maintenance and repair work has ceased. The New York State Canal system will not open for through navigation on May 15 as previously announced.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Marinas and boat launches are open where conditions allow. Call the park or regional office directly for current status. Their COVID social distancing campaign is, “PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL: Get Outside Safely, Responsibly, and Locally”</p>	<p>New York Governor Executive Order:</p> <p>https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026</p> <p>Canal Corporation Notice to Mariners:</p> <p>http://www.canals.ny.gov/wwwapps/tas/notice/s/ntm.aspx?id=1459</p> <p>Updated Resources:</p> <p>https://parks.ny.gov/covid19/</p>

New Jersey	No	<p>Recreational boating is permissible as long as strict social distancing and sanitization protocols are followed. Chartered watercraft services or rentals will not be allowed, and restaurant activity at these sites must be limited to take-out or delivery only. April 18, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Joint Governor Agreement: New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut:</p> <p>https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-governor-murphy-governor-lamont-announce</p>
Pennsylvania	No	<p>Recreational boating is permissible but anglers and boaters should limit travel by fishing close to home, cover their faces with a mask or other cloth covering, keep a distance of at least six feet from others (the length of arm with an outstretched fishing rod is a useful guide), only go fishing with members of their families living in the same household, and never share fishing gear with others. April 7, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Fish and Boat Commission Press Release:</p> <p>https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/fish-and-Boat-Commission-Details.aspx?newsid=316</p>
Delaware	No	<p>Recreational boating is permissible but not boating from beaches. Boat ramps are open but must practice social distancing. April 2, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Press Release</p> <p>https://news.delaware.gov/2020/04/02/dnrec-closes-park-and-wildlife-area-amenities-limits-outdoor-recreation-activities-at-beaches/</p>
Maryland	No	<p>Under Governor Logan Hogan’s Order regarding sheltering in place of March 30, 2020, all recreational boating activities in Maryland waters are prohibited. Persons may still reside on a vessel and may go fishing or crabbing for food but not recreation. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Recreational boating is permitted. Marinas, and ramps are open, but must adhere to social distancing.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Resources FAQ:</p> <p>https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/03/31/frequently-asked-questions-about-governor-hogans-stay-at-home-order/</p> <p>Interpretive guidance on Order:</p> <p>https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-08.pdf</p>

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Virginia	No	<p>Recreational boating is a permitted outdoor activity. The Governor’s Executive Order 55 instituting social distancing of at least six feet from other individuals who are not family, household members, or caretakers at all times and prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more individuals apply to recreational boating. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-55-Temporary-Stay-at-Home-Order-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf</p> <p>Virginia Marine Resources Division: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-55-Temporary-Stay-at-Home-Order-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf</p>
Atlantic Coastal			
North Carolina	No	<p>The governor’s Executive Order No. 121 of March 27, 2020, defines outdoor activity as essential and does not restrict recreational boating. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has stated that boating is permitted as long as it complies with social distancing requirements limiting gatherings to 10 people and maintaining 6 feet of distance. If law enforcement determines this is not followed, closures of boating and fishing access areas may occur. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Outdoor activity including fishing, hunting, and boating are not prohibited under the statewide Stay at Home order. Individuals must, with the full force and effect of law, comply with all Social Distancing and Mass Gatherings requirements. Some local regulations impacting specific areas may be in effect, but there are currently no prohibitions of boating in public waters in North Carolina.</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO121-Stay-at-Home-Order-3.pdf</p> <p>North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Message from the Director: https://www.ncwildlife.org/News/NCWRC-Coronavirus-related-Closings-and-Alerts</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.ncwildlife.org/News/NCWRC-Coronavirus-related-Closings-and-Alerts#107722185-boating-related-faq</p>

South Carolina	No, see comments	<p>Executive Order 2020-16 of Governor Henry McMaster dated March 30, 2020, closed public boat ramps and landings and public access to waters of the State for recreational purposes. However, the subsequent Executive Order 2020-25 reopened public access to waterways to facilitate recreational activities. Local authorities maintain a right to close boat ramps if needed to protect public health. The beaching or rafting of boats is prohibited. Vessels are to remain underway absent exigent circumstances. Anchoring to fish is permitted. No more than two individuals who are not family members from the same household may be on a boat. Family members residing in the same household may boat together. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> On May 8, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster signed Executive Order 2020-34 rolling back the prior restrictions on recreational boating noted above. However, law enforcement can prohibit or disperse gatherings of three or more people if deemed to pose a public health threat, including on boats.</p>	<p>South Carolina Department of Natural Resources: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/news/2020/apr/a16_boa_tramp.php http://www.dnr.sc.gov/covid19faqs.html</p> <p>Executive Orders: https://bit.ly/3bJZEYc https://bit.ly/3eQ7lh7</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://bit.ly/3k6310b</p>
Georgia	No	<p>Per Governor Brian Kemp’s Executive Order of April 2, 2020, outdoor activities are considered an essential activity, which is permitted so long as it involves fewer than ten people and as long as they maintain a 6-foot distance. This includes fishing and boating, and the Wildlife Resources Division remains operational across the state as of April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Executive Orders: https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders</p> <p>Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division: https://gadnrl.org/covid-19</p>
Florida	No	<p>Per Executive Order No. 20-09 of Governor Ron DeSantis, recreational boats can have no more than ten people aboard and must remain 50 feet apart (unless underway); this includes a prohibition against mass gatherings and rafting boats. This order is set to expire when Executive Order 20-52 expires, May 8, 2020.</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://myfwc.com/media/23318/eo20-09.pdf</p> <p>Florida Fish and Wildlife:</p>

		<p>Some fish management areas are closed, including all in south Florida's Broward, Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties.</p> <p>Miami-Dade County previously closed boat ramps, but plans are underway to reopen them with restrictions noted above and limited hours. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The restrictions noted above have expire pursuant to the terms of the order. Some counties and municipalities have enacted local restrictions on boat ramps and boating.</p>	<p>https://myfwc.com/recreation/notices/covid-19/</p> <p>https://myfwc.com/recreation/notices/</p> <p>Miami-Dade County Orders: https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/emergency-orders.page</p>
Gulf States			
Alabama	No	<p>By Order of the State Health Officer of April 3, 2020, outdoor activities, including recreational boating, are considered an essential activity, which is permitted so long as it involves fewer than ten people and as long as they maintain a 6-foot distance. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A</p>	<p>Order of the State Health Officer: https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/04/Final-Statewide-Order-4.3.2020.pdf</p> <p>Outdoor Alabama Guidance: https://www.outdooralabama.com/COVID-19</p>
Mississippi	No	<p>Per Governor Tate Reeves's Executive Order 1473 of April 20, 2020, recreational boating with appropriate social distancing is permitted with occupancy limited to the greater of 2 occupants or 50% of the occupancy of the vessel. April 25, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Per Governor Tate Reeves's Executive Order 1492, recreational boating and fishing is permitted subject to the limitations of Executive Order 1473 noted above. Fishing tournaments are permitted subject to CDC guidance and other social distancing guidance.</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/executiveorders/ExecutiveOrders/1473.pdf</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/executiveorders/ExecutiveOrders/1492.pdf https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/executiveorders/ExecutiveOrders/1486.pdf</p>
Louisiana	No	<p>Under the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, recreational boating with appropriate social distancing is</p>	<p>Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Guidance:</p>

		permitted, fewer than ten people, and maintaining a 6-foot distance. April 25, 2020. <u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A	https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/news/ldwf-wmas-are-open-but-public-must-practice-social-distancing
Texas	No – but see comments.	Under Governor Greg Abbot’s Executive Order, GA-16 essential outdoor activities are permitted; this includes fishing and boating. Texas state parks are open for day use with social distancing required as of 20 April 2020. However, some lakes and boat ramps are closed to boating by local authorities. April 25, 2020. <u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> N/A	Texas Parks & Wildlife: https://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases/?req=20200420a https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/laws/ Executive Order: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-16_Opening_Texas_COVID-19_FINAL_04-17-2020.pdf
West Coast			
California	No, but see Comments	To prevent visitation surges and prevent the spread of COVID-19, State Parks has taken the following temporary safety measures to date: closed some parks fully, meaning all vehicular access, trails and restrooms within these parks are closed; closed vehicular access at all parks, including for off-highway vehicles and recreational boats. April 27, 2020. Restrictions vary by jurisdiction. For example: San Diego: Pursuant to the County of San Diego’s modified public health order (effective April 27, 2020), all public waterways in San Diego County, including the entirety of San Diego Bay, remain closed to recreational motorized vessels and sailboats by order of the Port of San Diego. Beginning at sunrise on Monday, April 27, 2020, kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming on and in public waterways will be	CA Div. of Boating & Waterways: http://www.dbw.ca.gov/ List of Closures: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30350 San Diego County: https://www.portofsandiego.org/covid-19-port-san-diegos-response https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/HealthOfficerOrderCOVID19.pdf SF Bay Area: https://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/is-san-francisco-bay-closed-sailing/

	<p>permitted; however, parks, piers, and boat launches (and adjacent parking lots) will remain closed.</p> <p>San Francisco Bay: currently no law restricting recreational boating on SF Bay; however each county has issued guidelines supporting the governor’s shelter-in-place directive. Organized marine events and gatherings (e.g. sailing regattas) are prohibited, and Marine Event permits for such events are being re-evaluated and/or voided by USCG Sector San Francisco to ensure compliance with local Department of Health Orders. In media interviews, the USCG Sausalito Coast Guard Station base commander has requested all “non essential” boating activities be suspended, and USCG anecdotally appears to be actively discouraging boating.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Restrictions continue to be locally specific as noted above. As of June 10, 2020, California State Parks is working with local officials on a phased and regionally driven approach to increase access at park units where compliance with state and local public health ordinances can be achieved during COVID-19. Visit www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve for info about increased access across the state park system and what remains closed</p>	<p>http://yra.org/2020/04/09/sailing-during-the-covid-19-crisis/</p> <p>Select county-by-county guidelines: Executive Order N-33-20: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.19.20-attested-EO-N-33-20-COVID-19-HEALTH-ORDER.pdf Marin County: https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/ Alameda County: http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx Contra Costa County: https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/ San Francisco County: https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.aspx San Mateo County: https://www.smcgov.org/ Santa Clara County: https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx Solano County: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.aspx Sonoma County: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Home/ Napa County: https://www.countyofnapa.org/2739/Coronavirus San Joaquin County: http://www.sjcphs.org/coronavirus.aspx Sacramento County: https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx Monterey County:</p>
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Oregon	No	<p>The Marine Board asks that you use your good judgment and if you venture out to go boating to be fluid and adaptable to rapidly changing situations. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The same rules apply as noted above. the Marine Board is actively working with our marine law enforcement partners and boating facility owners/operators to help protect public health while ensuring public safety in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Marine Board has set out a list of recommendations for those participating in recreational boating.</p>	Oregon State Marine Board: https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/info/Pages/COVID-19.aspx
Washington	No	<p>Currently, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee’s proclamation requires everyone except <u>essential workers</u> to stay home until May 4th. Following the Governor’s proclamation, all Washington State Parks campgrounds, boat launches, water-access sites, wildlife areas, and day-use recreation areas are closed until May 4th.</p> <p>The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) today announced its decision to temporarily close recreational fishing and shellfishing statewide in the wake of Washington Gov. Jay Inslee’s order directing Washingtonians to stay home and stay healthy to limit the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19.</p> <p>The closures will begin at midnight Wednesday, March 25, and last until at least 5 p.m. on April 8, 2020. WDFW will re-</p>	Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife: https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/covid-19-updates Updated Resources: https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/responsible_recreation_letter.pdf

		<p>evaluate on April 6, whether the closure may need to be extended. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> WDFW reopened most recreational fishing, hunting, wildlife areas, and water access areas in a phased approach following the state's efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.</p>	
Alaska	No	<p>You are not prohibited from recreating with others outside your family, but you must stay six feet away from non-household members and must stay in your community. You also must not be in a group larger than nine. When engaging in outdoor recreation, you must comply with social distancing requirements, including maintaining at least six feet distance from people who do not live in your immediate household. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> The above mandate remains in effect.</p>	<p>Alaska Health Mandate 12: SOA March 27 COVID-19 Health Mandate 12</p> <p>FAQ: http://dot.alaska.gov/covid19info/SOA-Covid-19-Mandate-12-FAQ.shtml</p>
Hawaii	No	<p>To inhibit the spread of Covid-19, the following preventive measures have been put in place, effective immediately, and will remain in effect until further notice:</p> <p>All inter-island travel is prohibited.</p> <p>All DOBOR District and Harbor offices across the state are closed.</p> <p>All Commercial Operator Permits (CUPs) are suspended.</p> <p>All Marine Event Permits are canceled.</p> <p>Per Governor Ige's Fifth Supplemental Proclamation to his emergency rules (issued April 17, 2020), no more than two persons are permitted on any boat in state waters for recreational purposes unless they are part of a single residential or family unit sharing the same address. Both persons in the boat are required to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet from one another, as is reasonably possible. All boats shall maintain a</p>	<p>The public may call the appropriate district and harbor offices with questions and monitor the DOBOR web site at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/ for updates.</p> <p>Governor's Fifth Supplementary Proclamation:</p> <p>https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2004088-ATG_Fifth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/covid-19-dobor-response/</p>

		<p>distance of 20 feet from other boats. Effective through April 30, 2020.</p> <p>All visitors to Hawaii must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. This includes all visiting yachts arriving from the mainland or foreign jurisdictions and does not include time at sea. April 27, 2020.</p> <p>Update as of July 31, 2020: The State of Hawai‘i, through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), with the concurrence of the Counties of Hawai‘i, Maui, Kauai, and of the City and County of Honolulu, is lifting certain COVID-19 emergency restrictions imposed on larger commercial and recreational boating, and on ocean recreation. DOBOR Administrator Ed Underwood said, “This change in rules is effective immediately and allows commercial and recreational boats, with a rated U.S. Coast Guard capacity of more than ten, to not exceed their rated capacity by no more than 50 percent, provided they operating under the Boating and Ocean Recreation COVID-19 guidelines, linked below. These “Act With Care” phase guidelines are based on Dept. of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, as well as input from boaters in Hawai‘i and in coordination with the counties. The protocols cover physical distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing, and cleaning and disinfecting. All crews and passengers are covered by these rules and they apply to all commercial and recreational boats in all four counties.</p>	
Great Lakes			
Ohio	No	As per the Director of the Ohio Department of Health’s Amended Stay At Home Order (effective 11:59 p.m. on 4/6/2020 until 11:59 p.m. on 5/1/2020), all outdoor activity is considered an “essential activity,” provided social distancing	Ohio Department of Health Amended Director’s Stay At Home Order: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Stay-At-Home-Order-Amended-04-02-20.pdf

		<p>requirements are maintained, with no other restrictions for recreational boating. April 24, 2020.</p> <p>Update as of July 31, 2020: On May 8, 2020, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources resumed the sales of non-resident fishing licenses and permits. Lake Erie charter fishing guides were permitted to resume operations on May 12, 2020. As of June 1, 2020, most public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, including boat ramps, have been opened.</p>	<p>Updated Resources: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/COVID-19/checklists/english-checklists/State-Parks-Visiting-COVID-19-Information</p>
Michigan	No	<p>Governor Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-42, which came into effect on 4/9/2020 at 11:59 p.m., and the FAQs interpreting same, prohibited using a motorboat, jet ski or other similar watercraft. This order was amended by Executive Order 2020-59, which came into effect immediately after issuance on 4/24/2020 at 11:00.a.m, and confirmed that individuals may now leave their home or place of residence and travel as necessary to engage in outdoor recreational activity, including boating, consistent with remaining at least six feet from people outside the individual’s household. April 27, 2020.</p> <p>Update as of July 31, 2020: Boating is permitted. Any outdoor recreational activity, including boating, must be done in a manner consistent with social distancing. Department of Natural Resources boating access sites are open for the season.</p>	<p>Executive Orders: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-525182--,00.html https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/EO_2020-59_Signed_688350_7.pdf</p> <p>Michigan.gov Executive Order 2020-42 FAQs: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-525278--,00.html</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79137_79770_98926---,00.html</p>
Wisconsin	No	<p>Although Wisconsin is under a statewide modified “Safer at Home” Order through 5/26/2020 at 8:00 a.m., this order places no restrictions on motorized boating. Previously, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminded Wisconsin boaters using the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters that these waters are governed by a joint agreement between MI and WI and that Wisconsin boaters in Michigan waters, were required to stop their motor while MI remains under the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order. This guidance is now moot in light of</p>	<p>DNR Press Release: https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5098</p>

		<p>Michigan’s removal of its prohibition on recreational boating. April 27, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> All Department of Natural Resources boat launches are open, but anglers and recreational boaters should continue to practice social distancing and keep travel to a minimum.</p>	<p>Updated Resources: https://dnr.wi.gov/covid-19/</p>
Minnesota	No	<p>Governor Walz’s Emergency Executive Order 20-38, which came into effect on 4/18/2020 at 5:00 a.m., permits boating and other outdoor recreational activity provided that at least six feet of separation are maintained between participants from different households. Groups within a single household may engage in outdoor activities that do not allow for social distancing but should not engage in such activities with members of other households. Public and private marinas and docks may reopen. The Order is currently in effect through 5/3/20 at 11:59 p.m. April 24, 2020.</p> <p><u>Update as of July 31, 2020:</u> Executive Order 20-74 (the “Stay Safe MN Order”) was signed by Governor Walz on 6/5/2020 and provides guidelines for the safe reopening of various businesses and organizations, including charter and launch boats. Boating is permitted during the Stay Safe MN Order, but the Department of Natural Resources has advised that boaters should maintain recommended social distance when boating and may wish to consider boating only with those in the same household. If boating with those outside your household, most boaters will need to limit passengers to one or two to maintain a minimum six-foot distance between people from different households, with vessel size and design affecting capacity compatible with social distancing. Social distancing must be maintained between boats while launching and while on the water.</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-38.pdf</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://mn.gov/covid19/assets/EO%2020-74%20Final_tcm1148-434905.pdf https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/covid-19.html</p>

Indiana	No	<p>Governor Holcomb’s Executive Order 20-22 Extension, which is effective from 4/20/2020 at 11:59 p.m. until 5/1/2020 at 11:59 p.m., permits individuals to use shared or outdoor spaces provided they maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person, except family or household members. Outdoor activity is permitted, and individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas. The FAQs interpreting this Order confirm that boating is permitted as long as social distancing is practiced by remaining 6 feet away from other people. April 24, 2020.</p> <p>Update as of July 31, 2020: The Back On Track Indiana guidelines confirm that boating has been allowed since “Stage 2” (effective May 4 for all Indiana counties except Cass, Lake, and Marion; effective May 11 for Lake and Marion counties; and effective May 18 for Cass County), with social gathering guidelines followed.</p> <p>The IN Department of Natural Resources has adjusted some services to prevent further spread of COVID-19. While DNR properties are OPEN, boat rentals at Potato Creek State Park are CLOSED until further notice. Fishing tournaments are limited to 250 or fewer people with social distancing.</p>	<p>Executive Order: https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-22%20Extension%20of%20Stay%20at%20Home.pdf</p> <p>IN.gov Indiana Stay-At-Home Order FAQ: https://www.in.gov/gov/3232.htm</p> <p>Updated Resources: https://www.backontrack.in.gov/2348.htm https://www.in.gov/dnr/10342.htm?utm_source=agency-website&utm_medium=&utm_campaign=&utm_term=&utm_content=</p>
Illinois	Yes	<p>Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-10 (extended by order 2020-18) ordered a statewide “stay at home” except for “essential activities.” An Essential Business FAQ issued by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity clarified that as boating is a recreational activity in which groups of people are gathered in small places, this is not an essential activity under the Executive Order, and only “minimum basic operations” would be permitted at boatyards and marinas.</p> <p>On 4/23/2020, Governor Pritzker announced that he would be extending a “modified” stay-at-home Order statewide through 5/30/2020, to take effect on May 1. Although the modified</p>	<p>Executive Order 2020-10: https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-10.aspx</p> <p>Essential Business FAQ: https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Documents/Essential%20Business%20FAQ.pdf</p> <p>Transcript of Governor’s Announcement Extending Stay-At-Home Order:</p>

	<p>Executive Order has not yet been signed as of 4/24/20 and the text is not yet available, the governor has stated that a phased-in reopening of state parks will be implemented by the state’s Department of Natural Resources to allow for boating with no more than two people. Social distancing must be maintained in all activities. April 24, 2020.</p> <p>Update as of July 31, 2020: Executive Order 2020-32 was issued on April 30, 2020, allowing individuals to leave their residence for outdoor activity including fishing, boating, and golf when following the guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”). Boating & Fishing Guidelines were issued by the DCEO to be followed during Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the “Restore Illinois Plan” and came into effect on May 29, 2020, specifying the maximum number of occupants (varying from 6-10, including children under 17 years old, depending on the boat length) and other boating guidelines regarding social distancing; gathering size; protective gear; hygiene requirements; access to establishments; and hygiene standards. The DCEO’s guidelines also apply to non-motorized boats, kayaks, canoes, and sail boats.</p>	<p>https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/read-pritzkers-full-announcement-extending-illinois-stay-at-home-order-into-may/2260790/</p> <p>Updated Resources:</p> <p>https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-32.aspx</p> <p>https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/RestoreIL_DOCS/J011328%20DCEO%20Restore%20IL%20-%20Guidelines%20-%20Boating-fishing%20-%20r7.pdf#search=boating%20and%20fishing</p>
<p>*Please note that the treatment of recreational boating with regards to COVID-19 is specific to each state and/or local government. The restrictions noted in this table are subject to frequent changes and local resources should be consulted to verify the current status of regulations in any given jurisdiction. The date of the research conducted has been included in each state’s comment section.</p>		

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