



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.