



Boating Guidelines

- Stay 100 feet from shore.
- Stay 1000 feet from barges.
- Boats must anchor outside the Safety Zone.
- All vessels need to be anchored by 8:15 PM.
- East of barges are marked by buoys and Public Safety vessels.

West of barges, all vessels must anchor west of the Massachusetts Ave Bridge, **NO BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ANCHOR BETWEEN THE BARGES AND MASSACHUSETTS AVE BRIDGE**, due to the location of the barges.

- Craigie Drawbridge at Museum of Science will not open after fireworks until 1:00 AM July 5th.

Vessels over 12 feet in height must stay upriver of the Longfellow Bridge after fireworks. Vessels over 12 feet in height cannot clear Drawbridge.

- Boats will not be able to anchor within the “restricted areas,” around barges or along the shoreline between Massachusetts Ave and Longfellow Bridges.

Boats will be allowed to transit the river in designated channels that will run along the Boston and Cambridge sides of the river until 8:15 PM on July 4th. Channel will not reopen until after the fireworks.

- Due to tidal conditions, longer wait times than normal may occur to pass through the New Charles River Dam.
- All Lagoons are closed to the Public.
- All public docks between Longfellow Bridge and Massachusetts Ave Bridge, will be closed.
- No access of any kind will be allowed at these docks.
- Massachusetts State Police will monitor Channel 16, and enforce all restrictions.
- The Charles River is a “No Discharge Area.” Discharge of boat sewage or other waste is prohibited.

Designated pump-out facilities are located at The Charles River Yacht Club (Cambridge, right by MIT) and the Watertown Yacht Club.

PLEASE
HELP KEEP THE
CHARLES RIVER
CLEAN!