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RECREATIONAL PASS

INFORMATION



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WELCOME TO THE NEW YORK STATE CANAL SYSTEM

Comprised of four waterways – the Erie, the Champlain, the Oswego and the Cayuga-Seneca canals – the historic New York State Canal System spans across New York State and links together the Hudson River with Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, the Finger Lakes, the Niagara River and hundreds of communities rich in history and culture.

As the Canal System winds its way through much of upstate New York, it offers more than 524 miles of meandering waterways, five pristine lakes, more than 270 miles of Canalway Trail, and nearly 300 charming, quaint villages to be explored. Recognized as a National Heritage Area, the Canal System of yesterday helped to shape the birth of our young nation and today is thriving as visitors from around the world discover all it has to offer.

The New York State Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Thruway Authority, is responsible for the maintenance, operation, and promotion of the New York State Canal System.

This booklet contains information about the Canal Recreational Pass Program including fee schedules, information about each type of Pass, how to purchase a Pass, a list of sales locations and rules for usage.

For more information on the New York State Canal System and the Canal Corporation, please visit:

www.canals.ny.gov

OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE

The Canal System is typically open for navigation from May 1 through November 15 each year. For exact dates and hours of operation, please refer to the Canal website www.canals.ny.gov or call 1-800-4CANAL4.

Note: The hours and dates of operation are dependent upon weather conditions and subject to change.

RECREATIONAL PASS FEE SCHEDULE

All motorized recreational vessels passing through any lock or lift bridge on the Canal System must purchase either a Seasonal Pass, Ten-Day Pass or Two-Day Pass. The fee schedule is as follows:

<u>Vessel Length*</u>	<u>Seasonal Pass Fee</u>	<u>Ten-Day Pass Fee</u>	<u>Two-Day Pass Fee</u>
Under 16 ft.	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 5.00
16 ft. – Under 26 ft.	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00
26 ft. – 39 ft.	\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 15.00
Over 39 ft.	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00

**Note: The length of the vessel should be noted on your boat registration. If not, the vessel is measured from the bow to the stern at the top of the hull.*

SEASONAL PASSES

PURCHASE OF A SEASONAL PASS

Seasonal Passes are designed for boaters who frequently use the Canal System. Seasonal Passes are issued to a specific vessel for use by that vessel only and are valid for the entire current navigational season. Seasonal Passes also provide unlimited travel for the duration of the current navigational season.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Seasonal Pass, the vessel **must be motorized and registered as a recreational vessel** by the appropriate state, provincial or national agency.

PURCHASE

If purchasing a Seasonal Pass in person, you must present your **original** vessel registration, completed RECREATIONAL VESSEL PASS APPLICATION (TA-W99115) and appropriate Pass fee at the time of the sale. Passes are available for in-person purchase at a number of sales locations which are listed later in this booklet.

If you wish to purchase a Seasonal Pass by mail, you must send a copy of the vessel registration along with the completed APPLICATION and appropriate Pass fee. APPLICATIONS submitted by mail will be processed at the address listed on the back cover of this booklet.

For additional information, or to download an APPLICATION, please visit:

www.canals.ny.gov

PAYMENT

If purchasing a Seasonal Pass in person, payment can be made using cash, check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted at lock sales locations.

If purchasing a Seasonal Pass via mail, payment can be made using credit card, check or money order.

All checks submitted at Canal Corporation locations must be made payable to the “New York State Canal Corporation” and must have the name of the bank preprinted on the check. If the bank name is not on the check, it will not be accepted unless it is a certified cashier’s check. Customers presenting personal checks must provide adequate personal identification, such as a driver’s license. Personal checks must also include the customer’s telephone number, vessel registration number, and be appropriately signed. If the fee is paid by check or money order, it must be written in U.S. currency. Traveler’s checks will be accepted at Canal Corporation sale locations depending upon the availability of change at the location.

Checks submitted to authorized Canal Pass agents (other than Canal Corporation locations) are to be made payable to the agent’s business, not the Canal Corporation.

If the fee is paid in cash using Canadian currency, the transaction will be conducted at the posted discount rate.

REFUND

The Seasonal Pass fee shall not be refunded after the opening of the navigational season.

USE OF A SEASONAL PASS

CONDITIONS

Seasonal Passes, which are issued to boaters in the form of two decals, are valid for use only at New York State Canal Corporation locks/lift bridges by the recreational vessel to which it is issued and whose registration number has been placed on the face of both decals.

The decals must be properly placed on the bottom right and left corners of the front windshield of the vessel or, if the vessel has no windshield, then in line with and three (3) inches after the Department of Motor Vehicles Registration decals on the port (left) and starboard (right) sides of the hull of the vessel. The Seasonal Pass will not be honored until both decals are affixed to the vessel.

VALID TIME PERIOD

The Seasonal Pass is valid only for the current navigational season which generally opens May 1 and ends November 15 (weather permitting). Both Pass decals must be removed or otherwise made unusable once the navigational season has ended.

REPLACEMENT OF PASS DECALS

ELIGIBILITY FOR REPLACEMENT

The decals may be replaced due to loss, mutilation or destruction only once during the navigational season. If one decal is reported lost, stolen or mutilated, both decals will be required to be replaced. The cost of replacement is \$10 (U.S. funds).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLACEMENT

Replacement requests must be submitted in writing to the New York State Canal Corporation. In your correspondence include the following:

- A new completed **RECREATIONAL VESSEL PASS APPLICATION** (TA-W99115);
- A statement explaining the reason for replacement (include both Pass decals, pieces if torn or mutilated);
- A copy of your vessel registration; and
- A check or money order made payable to the “New York State Canal Corporation” in the amount of the replacement fee of \$10 (U.S. funds).

Send all correspondence to:

New York State Canal Corporation
P.O. Box 22058
Albany, New York 12201-2058



TRANSFER OF A SEASONAL PASS

ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSFER

Transfer may be made to another recreational vessel bearing a different registration number if the successor vessel is registered in the same vessel owner name of the original vessel and was registered within the **current** navigational season after issuance of the original Seasonal Pass. Only one such transfer will be allowed during the current navigational season.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER

Transfer requests must be submitted in writing to the New York State Canal Corporation. Remove both decals from the original vessel and send them with the following information to the address below:

- A completed RECREATIONAL VESSEL PASS APPLICATION (TA-W99115) for the successor vessel;
- A statement explaining the reason for replacement;
- A copy of the successor vessel registration; and
- A check or money order made payable to the “New York State Canal Corporation” in the amount of the transfer fee of \$10 (U.S. funds; plus the difference between the old and new seasonal Pass fees, if transferring to a larger category vessel).

Note: No refund or credit is allowed for transfer of the Seasonal Pass to a smaller category vessel.

Send all replacement/transfer correspondence to:

New York State Canal Corporation
P.O. Box 22058
Albany, New York 12201-2058

TEN-DAY AND TWO-DAY PASSES

PURCHASE OF TEN-DAY AND TWO-DAY PASSES

Ten-Day Passes are designed for boaters who plan to take a longer excursion across the Canal System. Ten-Day Passes are issued to a specific vessel for use by that vessel only and are valid for **the day it is presented and the next nine calendar days** at locks/lift bridges during the current navigational season. Lockages are unlimited during the ten days of use.

Two-Day Passes are designed for boaters who plan to use the Canal System occasionally. Two-Day Passes are issued to a specific vessel for use by that vessel only and are valid for **any two consecutive days** at locks/lift bridges during the current navigational season. Lockages are unlimited during the two days of use.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Ten-Day or Two-Day Pass, the vessel **must be motorized and registered as a recreational vessel** by the appropriate state, provincial or national agency.

PURCHASE

If buying a Pass in person, you must complete a RECREATIONAL VESSEL PASS APPLICATION (TA-W99115) and present the **original** vessel registration with the appropriate Pass fee at the time of sale. Passes are available for in-person purchase at a number of sales locations which are listed later in this booklet.

If buying a Pass via the mail, you must send a copy of the vessel registration with the completed APPLICATION and appropriate Pass fee. APPLICATIONS submitted by mail will be processed at the address listed on the back cover of this booklet.

For additional information, or to download an APPLICATION online, please visit:

www.canals.ny.gov

PAYMENT

If purchasing a Pass in person, payment can be made using cash, check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted at lock sales locations.

If purchasing a Pass via mail, payment can be made using credit card, check or money order.

All checks submitted at Canal Corporation locations must be made payable to the “New York State Canal Corporation” and must have the name of the bank preprinted on the check. If the bank name is not on the check, it will not be accepted unless it is a certified cashier’s check. Customers presenting personal checks must provide adequate personal identification, such as a driver license. Personal checks must also include the customer’s telephone number, vessel registration number, and be appropriately signed. If the fee is paid by check or money order, it must be written in U.S. currency. Traveler’s checks will be accepted at Canal Corporation sale locations depending upon the availability of change at the locations.

Checks submitted to authorized Canal Pass agents (other than Canal Corporation locations) are to be made payable to the agent’s business, not the Canal Corporation.

If the fee is paid in cash using Canadian currency, the transaction will be conducted at the posted discount rate.

REFUND/TRANSFER/REPLACEMENT

The Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes are non-refundable, non-transferable and non-replaceable if lost or mutilated.

USE OF TEN-DAY AND TWO-DAY PASSES

CONDITIONS

The Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes are valid for use only at New York State Canal Corporation locks/lift bridges by the recreational vessel to which it is issued.

The Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes must be retained and kept in a secure area on the vessel while traveling through the Canal System. The Pass must be handed to the Lock Operator at each lock/lift bridge for processing when requesting passage.

VALID TIME PERIOD

The Ten-Day Pass is valid for ten consecutive days: the day it is first presented and the next nine calendar days. The Expiration Date is noted on the Pass. The Pass must be used during the current navigational season. Any Pass unused at the end of the navigational season will not be refunded nor honored in the next season.

The Two-Day Pass is valid for two consecutive days: the day it is first presented and the next calendar day. The Expiration Date is noted on the Pass. The Pass must be used during the current navigational season. Any Pass unused at the end of the navigational season will not be refunded nor honored the next season.

For additional information, or to download an APPLICATION online, please visit:

www.canals.ny.gov

RECREATIONAL PASS SALES LOCATIONS

New York State Canal System Seasonal, Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes are available for in-person purchase at a number of sales locations:

- Designated Canal System locks;
- Canal Corporation Section Headquarters (between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.);
- NYS Canal Corporation Headquarters (between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.); and
- Designated vendors (Please contact vendor for hours of operation).

HUDSON RIVER (Canal System Access)

Albany Yacht Club

75 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 445-9587

Coeymans Landing Marina

20 Marina Drive
Coeymans, NY 12045
(518) 756-6111

Castleton Boat Club

92 South Main Street
Castleton On Hudson, NY 12033
(518) 732-7077



CHAMPLAIN CANAL

NYS Canal Lock C1 - Waterford, NY

Lock One Marina

461 Hudson River Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 238-1321



Schuyler Yacht Basin

1 Ferry Street
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 695-3193

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 1 Office*

Route 4, 22 Lower Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-4613

NYS Canal Lock C12 - Whitehall, NY



** Sales location not directly accessible by vessel*

ERIE CANAL

NYS Canal Lock E2 - Waterford, NY

Albany Marine Service
1395 New Loudon Road
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 783-5333

Schenectady Yacht Club
1676 Route 146 – Box 111
Rexford, NY 12148
(518) 384-9971



NYS Canal Lock E7 - Niskayuna, NY

Holly Marine
4 Freemans Bridge Road
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 344-7474

Mohawk Valley Marine, Inc.
47 Mohawk Avenue
Alplaus, NY 12008
(518) 399-2719

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 3 Office
30 South Bridge Street
Fonda, NY 12068
(518) 853-3823

Village of St. Johnsville Marina*
16 Washington Street
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
(518) 568-2221



Little Falls Harbor Rotary Park
74 Southern Avenue
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-1453

Village of Ilion Marina

49 Morgan Street
Ilion, NY 13357
(315) 895-7449

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 4 Office*

105 N. Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 733-9530

Marcy Marina, LLC

9160 River Road
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-7617

NYS Canal Corporation Syracuse Division Headquarters*

290 Elwood Davis Road Suite 250, 2nd Floor
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 437-2741

Brewerton Boat Yard

5405 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-3762

Ess-Kay Yards, Inc.

Guy Young Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-2711



Trade-A-Yacht, Inc. – Hibiscus Harbor

Harbor Drive, PO Box 503
Union Springs, NY 13160
(315) 889-5086

NYS Canal Lock E22 - Verona, NY

NYS Canal Lock E23 - Brewerton, NY

** Sales location not directly accessible by vessel*

NYS Canal Lock E24 - Baldwinsville, NY

Cold Springs Harbour

3642 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 622-2211

Miller's Marina

185 West Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-9363

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 6 Office

7665 Drydock Road
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-6192



Midlakes Erie Macedon Landing

1125 Marina Parkway
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-3011

NYS Canal Lock E32 - Pittsford, NY

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 7 Office

141 North Liberty Street
Albion, NY 14411
(585) 589-5689

NYS Canal Lock E34/35 - Lockport, NY

OSWEGO CANAL

NYS Canal Lock O1 - Phoenix, NY

NYS Canal Corporation Canal Section 5 Office

9052 River Road
Phoenix, NY 13135
(315) 695-2210

NYS Canal Lock O8 - Oswego, NY

CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL

NYS Canal Lock CS1 - Cayuga, NY

NYS Canal Lock CS2/3 - Seneca Falls, NY

NYS Canal Lock CS4 - Waterloo, NY

Barrett Marine, Inc.

485 West River Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-6605

Inland Harbor Marina

608 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-7255

Stiver's Seneca Marine

401 Boodys Hill
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-5520



NYS CANAL CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS

NYS Canal Corporation / NYS Thruway Authority*

Administrative Headquarters
200 Southern Boulevard
Albany, New York 12209
(518) 471-5051

** Sales location not directly accessible by vessel*

RULES

1. **Recreational Vessel Seasonal, Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes are invalid for all commercially licensed & registered vessels.**

New York State Navigational Law defines a commercial vessel to be one that is either carrying passengers and/or freight, towing or used for any purpose for which compensation is received either directly or provided as an accommodation, advantage, facility or privilege at any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding eligibility of your vessel, you may contact the New York State Canal Corporation in writing at the address noted below or you may call the Canal Boater Resource Specialist at (518) 471-5016.

**New York State Canal Corporation
200 Southern Boulevard
Albany, New York 12209**

2. **A false statement on the RECREATIONAL VESSEL PASS APPLICATION (TA-W99115); alteration of the Seasonal Pass decals, Ten-Day and Two-Day Passes, or your vessel registration; or any improper use of the Pass will subject the holder to immediate revocation of the Pass privilege.**
3. **The Canal Corporation reserves the right to withhold or rescind the issuance of a Pass or transfer of a Seasonal Pass pending verification by the appropriate state, provincial or national agency of any or all statements supplied by the applicant.**
4. **The Seasonal Pass will not be honored until both Pass decals**

are affixed to the vessel. Proper placement of the Pass decals is on the bottom left and right corners of the front windshield of the vessel or, if there is no front windshield, then in line with and three (3) inches after the Department of Motor Vehicles registration decals on the port (left) and starboard (right) sides of the hull of the vessel.

5. Both Seasonal Pass decals must be removed or otherwise made unusable after the navigational season.

For additional information contact:

New York State Canal Corporation

*Administrative Headquarters
200 Southern Boulevard
Albany, New York 12209*

(800) 422-1825

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