

## Lake George Park Commission

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Executive Director

## **Boat Inspection Program Changes for 2022**

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Dear Hulett's Landing Resident,

The Lake George Park Commission is making some changes to its mandatory boat inspection program operations beginning the 2022 season. The Commission will be relocating its boat inspection operations at the Hulett's Landing Marina to the NYS DEC South Bay boat launch on NY Route 22 in Whitehall. This move will allow the Commission to better serve boaters on the east side of Lake George and allow for the inspection and decontamination of boats leaving Lake Champlain via South Bay. Since many boaters alternate between Lake Champlain and Lake George, decontamination of Lake Champlain boats reduces the risk of exportation of aquatic invasive species from that waterbody, further protecting Lake George.

This change in inspection station location from the Hulett's Landing Marina will not significantly impact the residents of Hulett's Landing. The boat inspection program was designed to eliminate the need for inspections for Lake-George-only boats using Vessel Inventory Control Seal (VICS). The Hulett's Landing Marina is authorized to apply red VICS to vessels retrieved from Lake George. If your boat had a red VICS applied to it when it was last retrieved from Lake George, you can launch your boat into Lake George this spring without needing an inspection. Since sealed vessels do not require inspection to launch and the marina can seal boats upon retrieval, if you only boat on Lake George, you will not need to leave the Landing for an inspection.

If your boat does not have a VICS on it, it cannot be launched without first being inspected. No marina or private launch operator is permitted to launch a trailered vessel that does not have a VICS present.

The Commission recognizes that some boats may have been retrieved from Lake George in the fall that did not get a VICS applied to it. To make this program change more convenient for residents, the Commission will restart its Frozen Boats Program. This program is designed to allow boats that were last in Lake George and have been exposed to extended freezing temperatures to be sealed with a Vessel Inventory Control Seal. Commission staff will be in the Landing March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to apply VICS to any vessel that was removed from Lake George and did not receive a VICS. This will allow residents to avoid a trip to the South Bay inspection station to get a seal applied there in the Spring.

If you would like to have a VICS applied to your vessel by Commission staff, please email Justin Luyk and provide the address where the vessel is stored as well as the location of the vessel on the property. Doing this, you grant Commission staff permission to access your property for the purpose of sealing your vessel.

Please contact Justin Luyk at justin@lgpc.state.ny.us with your requests for a VICS, or any questions.

Best regards, Justin Luyk Trades Generalist