

**BOSTON POPS FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
BOATING GUIDELINES
2009**

The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular staff coordinates with federal, state, and city safety agencies to establish the below-listed boating guidelines:

In 2009, the boating restrictions will commence on July 2nd and end on July 5th. The rain date for the cancellation of the fireworks is July 5th at 9:30PM or each day following the 5th until the weather permits. If this should occur, all restrictions will be extended by each day. Be advised, these restrictions will apply in the Charles River surrounding the firework barges, the lagoon and all areas where boats usually anchor.

- 1) Between the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge and Longfellow Bridge – no boats will be allowed to tie up to shore, nor will they be allowed to anchor within 100 feet of the shoreline from July 2nd to July 5th.
- 2) Boats will not be allowed to transit or anchor within the established safety zone surrounding the barges. The safety zone will be in place for the entire time the barges are in the River. Buoys will clearly mark the designated safety zone.
- 3) Boats will only be allowed to anchor east (Longfellow Bridge side) or west (Mass. Ave Bridge side) of the barges. No boats will be allowed to anchor on the north (Cambridge) or south (Boston) sides of the barges.
- 4) Boats will be allowed to transit the river in designated channels that will run along the Boston and Cambridge sides of the river. The transit channel will be clearly marked by buoys. At 9:00 PM on July 4th, these designated channels will be closed and no boats will be allowed to transit past either side of the firework barges until the fireworks are finished and barges are secured – at approximately 11:15 PM.
- 5) The lagoon area on the Boston side of the river will be closed to ALL boat traffic. No boats or dinghies will be allowed to enter into, transit through, or anchor in the lagoon area during this time period.
- 6) All docks, including: Union Boat House, Hatch Shell and the River Dock, will be closed to the public. However, the Gloucester Street dock west of the lagoon will allow dinghies only. The dinghies must be attended at all times. No boats will be allowed to tie up to these docks. Restrooms and trash receptacles will be placed near this location.
- 7) The Craigie Bridge by the Museum of Science will not be open until 1AM – after the fireworks display. Only vessels requiring less than 12 feet vertical clearance will be allowed to proceed under the closed bridge and transit east of the Longfellow Bridge until this time.

- 8) Small boats that are portable and/or on trailers may be launched into the Charles River at two locations; Along the Charles River at the Daly Recreational Center, Nonantum Road, Brighton/Newton and The Wellington Yacht Club, Mystic River, Medford (just behind Kiss108). All boats must follow the US Coast Guard safety guidelines with regard to lighting and life jackets, etc.