



NM State Parks Boating Rule Changes



BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, NM STATE PARKS WILL BE IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO OUR BOATING RULES. THESE CHANGES WILL IMPACT LIFE JACKET WEAR ON HUMAN POWERED VESSELS AND BOAT REGISTRATION FEES.

DEFINITIONS ADDED

- Human-powered watercraft means a vessel that is propelled by human power using hands or feet, oars, paddles, poles or pedals, but not sails or an engine.
- Paddle craft means any type of canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or other vessel powered only by its occupants using a single or double-bladed paddle as a lever without the aid of a fulcrum provided by oarlocks, tholepins, crutches, or similar mechanisms.



BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, ALL PERSONS ENGAGED IN BOATING ON A RIVER, OR IN BOAT RACES, OR PERSONS USING HUMAN-POWERED WATERCRAFT, ICE SAILBOATS, PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, KAYAKS, CANOES, PADDLEBOARDS AND RUBER RAFTS ON ANY WATERS OF THIS STATE SHALL WEAR A U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED WEARABLE PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE.

NEW VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES

VESSEL CLASS	MOTORBOAT LENGTH	THREE YEAR COST
A	Less than 16 feet	\$60.00
1	16 feet – less than 26 feet	\$75.00
2	26 feet – less than 40 feet	\$120.00
3	40 feet – less than 65 feet	\$150.00
65 feet or over	65 feet or over	\$180.00
Duplicate Registration	All Vessels	\$25.00

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