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DEP Police to Offer Boater Safety Training on May 6 at Pepacton Reservoir

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it will host a boater safety workshop at Pepacton Reservoir on May 6. The safety workshop will be run by the DEP Police Division from 10-11 a.m. It will be located at the Shavertown Bridge boat launch, just off State Route 30 on the north side of the Pepacton Reservoir.

“Our police look forward to sharing boat-safety tips with the many anglers and paddlers who utilize access to the City’s reservoirs in the Catskills,” DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. “DEP’s highly trained officers will provide expert advice to deal with severe weather, equipment problems or other factors that boaters may encounter while on the water.”

Those who attend the workshops will learn about the following topics from DEP Police:

- An overview of the rules and regulations that govern access to the City’s reservoirs.
- State fishing regulations that apply for anglers who use the reservoir.
- State navigation laws and the equipment required for boating.
- Information on water safety and boating safety, including a demonstration on water self-rescue
- Information about DEP’s recreational programs.

Participants are encouraged to register in advance for the workshop at Pepacton Reservoir by [clicking here](#). Registration information will also be posted to DEP’s watershed Facebook page at [facebook.com/nycwatershed](#).

DEP manages New York City’s water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City’s water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$166 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.7 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](#), like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on

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