

FISHING STATIONS/BAIT & TACKLE

FREEPORT

Freeport Bait & Tackle, 315 South Main Street, 378-4988

Hudson Marine & Fuel, 187 Hudson Avenue, 379-9370

Mako Marina, 117 Hudson Avenue, 378-7331, makomarina.com

Rick's Marine, 71 East Bedell Street, 379-9370

Sea Isle Custom Rod Builders, 495 Guy Lombardo Avenue, 868-8855, seaisletackle.com

ISLAND PARK

Ralph's Tackle & Sporting Goods Inc., 4195 Austin Boulevard, 432-9179

OCEANSIDE

Bay Park Fishing Station, 480A Reina Road, 766-3110, bayparkfishing.com, shopbayparkfishing.com

POINT LOOKOUT

Ted's Fishing Station, 143 Bayside Drive, 431-4193, tedsfishingstation.com

Scotty's Fishing Station, 72 Bayside Drive, 432-4665, scottysfishingstation.com

ROCKVILLE CENTRE

L.I. Outdoorsman, 434 Sunrise Highway, 678-5554, lioutdoorsman.com

SEAFORD

Sonny's Fishing Station, 3640 Ocean Avenue, 785-8058

WANTAGH

Causeway Bait & Tackle, 3031 Merrick Road, 785-3223

Jones Beach Fishing Station, Jones Beach State Park Field #10, 631-559-5938

SHELLFISHING

For NYS DEC Shellfish Closure Maps or Temporary Emergency Shellfish Closures, please visit hempsteadny.gov/bay-constables/shellfish-permit where Town of Hempstead residents (with proof of six-month residency) can also fill out an application for a non-commercial shellfish permit. Or call the Department of Conservation and Waterways at 431-9200 (weekdays), or the Bay Constables at 897-4100, 801-5608 or 801-5609 (weekends). Clam and mussel permits are \$10 annually (January 1 - December 31) for children and adults to 59 years old. For clam permits, there is no fee for Senior Citizens age 60 and over, and the permit is valid for five years.

For mussel permits, there is a \$2 annual fee for Senior Citizens age 60 and over.

Town of Hempstead, Department of Conservation and Waterways, 1401 Lido Boulevard, Point Lookout, NY 11569

FISHING CHARTERS

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Mama Lou's Accursia, accommodates 6, 623-5823, captloufleet.com

Atlantic, accommodates 49, 631-786-3979

Atlantic Pearl, accommodates 100, 623-5823, captloufleet.com

Captain Lou Fleet, accommodates 70, 623-5823, captloufleet.com

Captain Pete, accommodates 120, 223-1158, captainpetecharters.com

Capitol Princess, accommodates 100, 800-419-0967, capitolprincess.com

Codfather, accommodates 6, 868-9073, codfatherfishing.com

Fantasy III, accommodates 75, 398-7523

Freeport Boatmen's Association, 378-4838

Freeport Gem, accommodates 140, 223-1158, 369-1646, captainpetecharters.com

Freeport Water Taxi & Tours, accommodates 6, 521-7744, 874-4082, freeportwatertaxi.com

My Bonni IV, accommodates 6, 521-7744, 874-4082, freeportwatertaxi.com

Sorry Charlie, accommodates 6, 223-1158, 369-1646, captainpetecharters.com

Star Stream VIII, accommodates 70, 623-5823, captloufleet.com

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Captain Al, accommodates 50, 361-9275

Super Hawk, accommodates 130, 607-3004, superhawkfishing.com

NEW YORK STATE FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All anglers, 16 years of age and older, fishing in the marine and coastal district waters must enroll in NYS's no-fee Recreational Marine Fishing Registry in one of the following ways:

- in person at the Hempstead Town Clerk's Office 516-812-3513
- online through NYS DEC's automated licensing system (DECALS)
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/63.html>
- by telephone: 1-86-NY-DECALS (1-866-933-2257)

Anglers will receive a NYS license card which must be carried while angling.

PIER & SURF FISHING

- (1) **Inwood Nassau County Park, *Leisure pass required/fishing permit***
Pier - Foot of Bayview Avenue, Inwood; 571-7894
- (2) **North Woodmere Park, *Nassau County residents only***
Pier - Hungry Harbor Road, North Woodmere; 571-7800
- (3) **Shell Creek Park***, Pier - Barnum Island, Vanderbilt Boulevard, Island Park; 431-6440
- (4) **Bay Park, *Leisure pass required/fishing permit***
Pier - First Avenue, East Rockaway; 571-7245
- (5) **The Promenade & Fishing Pier**
Pier - Dock St. & Althouse Ave., East Rockaway; 887-6300
- (6) **Town Park at Point Lookout***
Surf Fishing - Lido Boulevard, Point Lookout; 431-3900
- (7) **Eugene H. Nickerson Memorial Beach, *Leisure pass required/fishing permit***
Surf Fishing - Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach; 571-7705
- (8) **Green Island, need night sport fishing permit**
Pier Fishing - off Wantagh State Parkway, Jones Beach; 785-1600
- (9) **West End 2/Short Beach, need night sport fishing permit**
Surf Fishing - Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh; 785-1600
- (10) **Field 6/Field 10, need night sport fishing permit**
Surf/Pier - Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh; 785-1600
- (11) **Milburn Creek Park**, Pier - Merrick Road & Atlantic Avenue, Freeport/Baldwin; 571-7821
- (12) **Guy Lombardo Marina***, Pier - 898 Guy Lombardo Avenue, Freeport; 378-3417
- (13) **Wantagh Park, *Leisure pass required/fishing permit***
Pier - South of Merrick Road, West of Wantagh Parkway, Wantagh; 571-7460
- (14) **Seamans Neck Park***, Pier - South Seamans Neck Road, Seaford; 783-3200
- (15) **Norman J. Levy Park & Preserve***, Pier - Merrick Bay, Merrick; 804-2000
- (16) **Seaford Dock***, Pier - Adler Court, Seaford

CHARTER FISHING BOATS

- (17) **Woodcleft Canal**, Nautical Mile, Freeport
- (18) **Angie M. Cullin East Marina***, Point Lookout

BOAT RENTALS

- (19) **Ted's Fishing Station**, 143 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout; 431-4193

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Town of Hempstead Bay Constables

801-5608, 801-5609

Jones Beach Coast Guard Station




785-2995, 785-2235, 785-2921, 785-2988

Nassau County Police Marine Bureau

573-4450

* Town of Hempstead Facility

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD WATERS ARE TEEMING WITH FISH

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE ¹	DAILY LIMIT	SEASON
Bluefish (including snappers)	No size limit	3	All year
Bluefish (including snappers) (Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats)	No size limit 	5	All year
Scup (Porgy)	9"	30	All year
Scup (Porgy) ⁵ (Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats)	9"	50	September 1 - October 31
Winter Flounder	12"	2	April 1 - May 30
Striped bass ² : marine waters	28" - 35"	1	April 15 - Dec 15
Summer flounder (fluke) ³	19"	4	May 4 - Sept 30
Black Sea Bass ⁴	15" 15"	3 7	June 23 - August 31 September 1 - December 31
Oyster Toadfish	10"	3	July 16 - May 14
Tautog (blackfish)	16" 16"	2 3	April 1 - April 30 October 11 - December 9
American eel	9"	25	All year
American eel (Anglers aboard licensed party/charter boats)	9"	50	All year
Atlantic cod	21" 	10	All year
Atlantic menhaden	No size limit	100	All year
Cobia	37"	2	All year
Haddock	18"	No limit	All year
Hickory shad	No size limit	5	All year
King mackerel	23"	3	All year
Monkfish (goosefish)	17" (11" tail length)	No limit	All year
Pollock	19"	No limit	All year
Red drum	No size limit	No limit for fish larger than 27"; less than 27" not allowed	All year
Spanish mackerel	14"	15	All year
Weakfish	16"; 10" filleted ⁶ ; 12" dressed ⁷	1	All year
Yellowtail flounder	13"	No limit	All year
Anadromous river herring ⁸	No possession	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
American shad	No possession	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
Atlantic sturgeon	Moratorium	No possession allowed	No possession allowed
Blue Crab ⁹ Hard Shell Soft Shell Peeler/Shedder ¹⁰	4½" 3½" 3"	50	All year
Jonah crab ⁹	4¾" 	50	All year
All Other Crabs ⁹	No size limit	50	All year
Horseshoe Crabs	No size limit	5	All year
Whelk	No size limit	24	All year

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SPECIES		MINIMUM SIZE ¹	DAILY LIMIT	SEASON
American Lobster ⁹ Recreational permit required		3 ³ / ₈ " minimum carapace length; 5 ¹ / ₄ " maximum carapace length	6	Check website dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html for "Lobster Management Areas" and seasons
SHARK SPECIES			MINIMUM SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
Allowed Sharks	Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Blue, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Common thresher		54" fork length ¹¹	One shark per vessel per trip, except that one additional Atlantic Sharpnose and one additional Bonnethead may be taken and possessed per angler per trip.
	Shortfin mako		71" male; 83" female fork length ¹¹	
	Great hammerhead, Scalloped hammerhead, Smooth hammerhead		78" fork length ¹¹	
	Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Finetooth, Blacknose		No size limit	
	Smooth dogfish, Spiny dogfish		No size limit	Any number
Prohibited Sharks	Atlantic angel, Basking, Blacknose, Bigeye sand tiger, Bigeye sixgill, Bigeye thresher, Bignose, Bluntnose sixgill, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Reef, Sand tiger, Sandbar, Sharpnose sevengill, Smalltail, Whale, White		Take or possession prohibited ¹²	Take or possession prohibited ¹²

All landed sharks must have head, tails and fins attached. No sale allowed. No finning. Sharks, excluding spiny dogfish, shall not be taken for commercial or recreational purposes by baited hooking except with the use of non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks. No person shall conduct, sponsor or participate in any shark tournament unless said tournament's rules and regulations require the exclusive use of non-stainless steel, non-offset circle hooks.

¹ Total length is the longest straight line measurement from the tip of the snout, with the mouth closed, to the longest lobe of the tail, with the lobes squeezed together, and the fish laid flat on the measuring device. Exception: Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout (or jaw), with the mouth closed, to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.

² Non-offset (inline) circle hooks must be used when recreationally fishing for striped bass using bait defined as any live or dead, whole or part of a marine or aquatic organism or terrestrial invertebrate. Exemption: Circle hooks are not required when fishing with an artificial lure, whether or not they are tipped with bait as previously defined.

³ Summer flounder may not have heads or tails removed or be otherwise cleaned, cut, filleted, or skinned until brought to shore, with the following exception: the white side fillet or white skin only of a legal size fluke may be removed to use as bait. The carcass of the fluke with dark side completely intact must be retained for inspection of size limit and counts against the possession limit.

⁴ Black sea bass are measured from the tip of the snout (or jaw), with the mouth closed, to the farthest extremity of the tail, not including the tail filament.

⁵ A party/charter boat customer who lands and possesses more than 50 scup during September 1 - October 31 must obtain a dated origin fare receipt from the licensed vessel.

⁶ The fillet length is the longest straight line measurement from end to end of any fleshy side portion of the fish cut lengthwise away from the backbone, which must have the skin intact, laid flat on the measuring device.

⁷ Dressed length is the longest straight line measurement from the most anterior portion of the fish, with the head removed, to the longest lobe of the caudal fin (tail), with the caudal fin intact and with the lobes squeezed together, laid flat on the measuring device.

⁸ Anadromous river herring is defined in 6 NYCRR Part 10 (except the Hudson River and its tributaries and embayments north of the George Washington Bridge at river mile 11).

⁹ Lobsters and crabs in spawn (eggs visible thereon) may not be taken or possessed.

¹⁰ Peeler or shredder crabs are hard blue crabs which have a fully formed soft shell beneath the hard outer shell and the impending shedding process is evidenced by the white sign along the outer rim of the paddle-like appendages on the crab's fifth pair of legs.

¹¹ Fork length means the straight-line measurement of a fish from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. The measurement is not made along the curve of the body.

¹² "Take" is defined in Environmental Conservation Law 11-0103(13) to include "pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring and netting fish, wildlife, games, shellfish, crustacea and protected insects and all lesser acts such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any net or other device commonly used to take any such animal." Pursuing or "targeting" a prohibited shark species refers to an angler making an effort to catch that species in violation of 6 NYCRR 40.7(c)(1).

Other provisions: Terrapin Excluder Devices (TEDs) must be used on all non-collapsible crab pots or traps that are fished in creeks, coves, rivers, tributaries and near-shore harbors of the Marine and Coastal District. TEDs shall be securely fastened inside each funnel entrance of the crab pot to effectively reduce the size of the funnel opening to no larger than 4³/₄" x 1³/₄". An interactive map is available for reference at <https://arcg.is/GG8jH>.