New York State Department of Transportation  
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NOTICE  
Special Hauling OS / OW Permits  

Subject: Travel Restrictions for Private Boat Owners

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GENERAL:  

- Background:  
  New York State Department of Transportation policy has allowed owners of over-width boats expanded weekend and holiday travel hours. The purpose of this was to accommodate the needs of recreational boat owners, who often use their boats during weekends and holidays. The expanded times of travel only occur for smaller over-width boats, and the number of these moves are relatively small. As a result it has been deemed that the safety risks of these moves are small, and is outweighed by the positive effect of increased permit compliance.

- Purpose:  
  To formalize Department policy on travel restrictions for over-width boats being towed by private boat owners.

- Administration:  
  The below guidelines are effective upon issuance of this notice.

POLICY:  

- Explanation:

  The following guidelines apply for private boat owners transporting their boats that are strictly over-width. These guidelines do not apply to boat transporters.

  - If width is less than or equal to 9’-0”: NYSDOT may issue annual or trip permits with continuous travel authorized.
- If width is greater than 9'-0” and equal to or less than 10'-0”: NYSDOT may issue annual or trip permits with weekend travel allowed. Night travel and travel during holidays designated by NYSDOT where oversize travel is not allowed is prohibited.
- If width is greater than 10'-0”: Standard permit requirements apply.

All other Special Hauling permit requirements apply to private boat owners. This includes having the required signs, flags, and lights.

- Effective Date – March 10, 2009