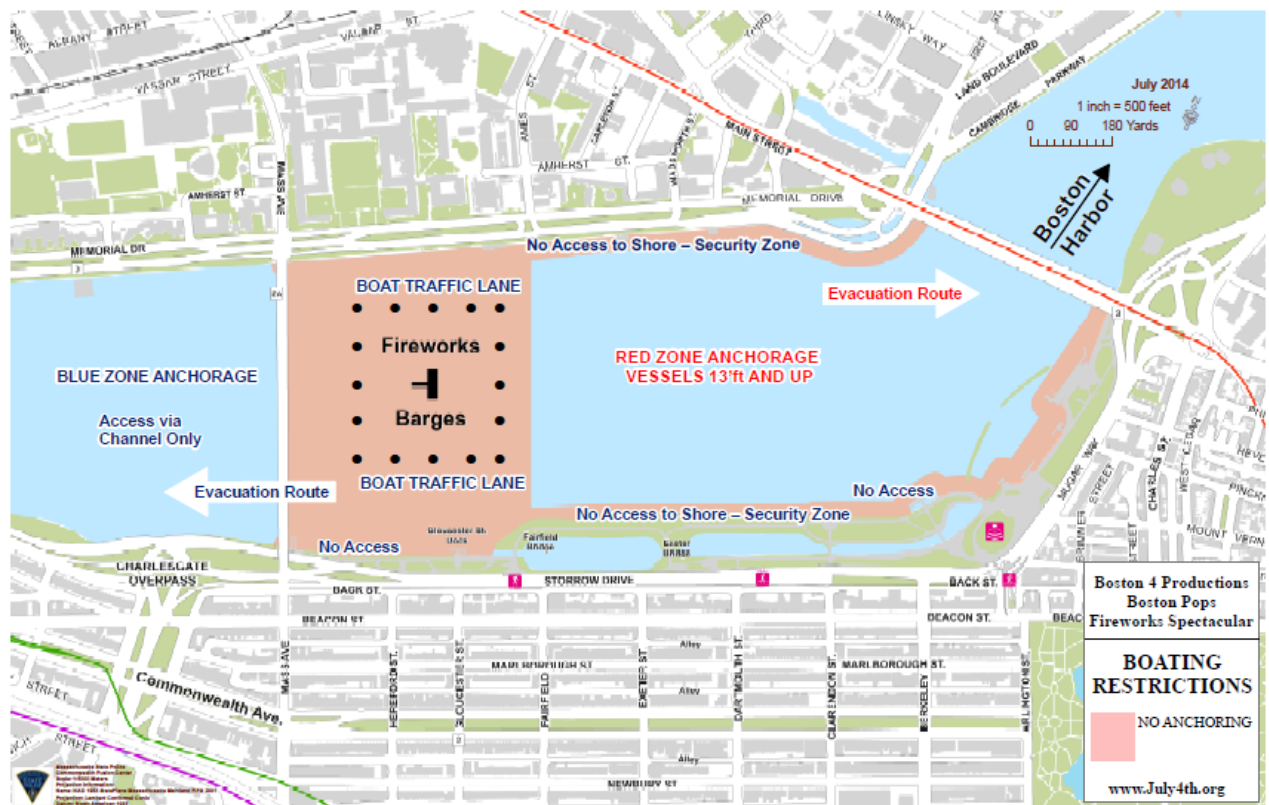


July 3rd and 4th on the Esplanade: Guidelines for Boaters



The following marine guidelines will be in effect for this year's July 3rd and 4th celebration on the Esplanade. **Please note that the only significant change from last year is the new location of the fireworks barges, closer to the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge.** This will affect where boaters will be allowed anchor west of the barges, as described below.



Boating Guidelines

- Stay 100 feet from shore.
- Stay 1,000 feet from barges.
- Boats must anchor outside the Safety Zone;
 - East of barges, Safety Zone is marked by buoys and Public Safety

vessels;

- West of barges, all vessels must anchor west of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge. **No boats will be allowed to anchor between the barges and the Mass. Ave. Bridge due to the new location of the fireworks barges, further west, closer to the bridge.**
- Craigie Drawbridge at Museum of Science will not open after fireworks until 1 a.m. July 5.
- Vessels over 12' in height must stay upriver of the Longfellow Bridge after the fireworks. Vessels over 12' in height cannot clear the drawbridge.
- Boats will not be able to anchor within the restricted areas around barges or along the shoreline between Massachusetts Avenue and Longfellow Bridges.
- Boats will be allowed to transit the river in designated channels that will run along the Boston and Cambridge sides of the river until 8:15 p.m. on July 4. The channel will not reopen until after the fireworks.
- All Lagoons are closed to the public.
- Due to tidal conditions, longer than normal wait times may occur to pass downriver through the New Charles River Dam.
- All public docks between Longfellow Bridge and Massachusetts Avenue Bridge will be closed. No access of any kind will be allowed at these docks.
- The Massachusetts State Police will monitor Channel 16, and enforce all restrictions.
- The Charles River is a "No Discharge Area." Discharge of boat sewage or other waste is prohibited. Designated pump-out facilities are located at The Charles River Yacht Club (Cambridge, right by MIT) and the Watertown Yacht Club. Please help keep the Charles River clean.