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Quabbin Boat Seal Cold Weather Quarantine (CWQ) 2026 Schedule

Saturday, October 24 - New Salem
Thursday, November 5 - New Salem
Saturday, November 7 - Belchertown
Thursday, November 12 - Belchertown
Saturday, December 5 - Belchertown

The Quabbin Visitor Center Will Start Taking CWQ Appointments on October 6, 2026.

- All boats and motors must meet Quabbin regulations.
- All private boats launched at Quabbin must have an intact Quabbin Boat Seal.
- The Cold Weather Quarantine program is free of charge.
- All boat owners must arrange appointments with the Quabbin Visitor Center.
- DCR is not cleaning your boat and trailer. This is an inspection and seal program.
- All surfaces of the trailer, boat, motor, live wells, and bilge that may come in contact with the reservoir water shall be cleaned by the owner prior to inspection.
- There shall be no dirt, grease, oil, leaves, rust, fungi, or other material that may mask the inspection of the trailer and boat.
- There shall be no moisture or standing water in the bilge or live wells. The owner shall dry the interior of the bilge and live wells prior to inspection.
- The motor shall be lifted to full up position either by hand or battery during the inspection so that the underside can be inspected.
- Carpeting is not allowed on the trailer, bunks, and side rails during this winter quarantine program.
- Carpeting is not allowed during warm weather decontaminations.

Call the Quabbin Visitor Center to make an appointment at 413-323-7221.
Press 0 when the recording starts to speak to a staff person, leave a voicemail if necessary.