



Quabbin Fishing Boater Identification and Season Pass Frequently Asked Questions

What is the boater Identification (ID) card for?

Plastic boater ID cards are provided to you to make the tag in and tag out process at the Boat Launch Areas (BLAs) easier for the attendants. The boater ID card is created when you obtain a Quabbin Boat Seal by either the Boat Decontamination or Cold Weather Quarantine program. Each boater ID card comes with your name and boat registration number printed on it. It also has a scannable QR code that contains this information; this QR code is used to tag you in or out of the reservoir.

This ensures that DCR always correctly enters your name and boat registration number into the boater database. This helps to increase the accuracy of the database and improves DCR's ability to protect the beautiful Quabbin Reservoir, the source drinking water supply for over three million people.

What is the difference between the Boater ID card and my Season Pass?

Boater ID - this card is needed to tag you and your boat in or out of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Season Pass Card - is for all fisherman but most common for people who bring their own boat, it covers parking fees for the season at each of the three boat launch areas. If you do not have a boat, but purchased a season pass, you will be provided with a plastic season pass card with a square blue and white sticker on the back.

Please note: Your boater ID card is not your season pass. Your season pass is a separate card. Since you need to have your season pass for parking/launching at the boat launch areas, please always keep both your boater ID card and season pass card on you.

What does my season pass look like this year?

The season pass is a white plastic card with a blue and white sticker on the back.

What if I forget my boater ID card?

If you forget your boater ID card, you can still access the reservoir! The BLA attendant can manually enter your name and boat registration number. If you own a boat but do not have a boater ID card, please request one at the boat launch area or the Quabbin Visitor Center; one will be created and mailed to you.

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What if I forget my season pass?

If you forgot your season pass, the BLA attendant will be able to manually check you in and out. If you do not have a season pass, you can pay to park with a credit card at the boat launch areas, request a season pass at the visitor center, or purchase one on-line; a season pass will be created and mailed to you. Please remember to bring your boater ID card and/or season's pass with you whenever you plan to fish at Quabbin.

What if my friend borrows my boat? Do they need my boater ID card?

If you regularly use a friend's boat that you don't own, you should call the visitor center to request that a boater ID card be sent to you in the mail. There is no charge for this. You still need to pay parking and launching fees if you have not purchased a season's pass. Season passes are non-transferable.

What if my friends come fishing with me and do not have boater ID cards?

Only the boat owner needs to have their boater ID and/or season pass with them. Any friends accompanying the boat owner do not need to have a boater ID card with them.

What if I use or own two different boats?

If you use two boats at Quabbin we can print you a new boater ID card that has both boat registration numbers on a single card. Bring that boater ID card with you whenever you bring either boat to Quabbin and let the BLA attendant know which boat you are using that day.

What if I pay for a season pass on-line and do not receive a season pass card before I go fishing?

It will take approximately seven to ten business days from the time of purchase before you will receive the actual Season Pass card. In the meantime, you may use the receipt from your on-line purchase as proof of a season pass at the Boat Launch Areas.