

The Southern New England Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual **Vintage Treasures** Antique and Classic Boat Show  
July 13-15, 2018

Vintage Treasures (formerly Mahogany Memories) – Boat Launch Rules

There will be **Vintage Treasures** show staff at the boat ramp to assist you with launching your boat. It is a good idea to have another person with you who is able to move your vehicle out of the launch area. Boat show staff will not be able to move your vehicle. We ask that when you launch your boat you take it directly to the docks and **PROMPTLY** return to your vehicle and move it to the designated trailer parking areas. Parking for boat trailers is available in designated spaces behind Essex Town Hall or in the Commuter Lot next to the Fire Station at RT 9.

Because we have had problems in the past, we are asking for your cooperation with the following. If your trailer and tow vehicle are in the ramp or in the circle at the foot of Main Street, we ask that you **DO NOT** go for a shake-down cruise, spend time socializing or prepping your boat. There is plenty of time throughout the weekend for all of that. We need to keep the ramp and circle clear. Please quickly secure your boat at the docks and return to your vehicle. Any vehicle left unattended in the launch/roundabout area will be ticketed by the local police department. Thank you for your help in keeping the traffic moving.

Directions to the Connecticut River Museum

From I-95 North or South

Take Exit 66 to Route 9 North to Exit 3 Westbrook/Essex. Turn **left** at the end of the ramp and then **right** to the light on West Ave. Follow West Ave. to Prospect Street on the **left** to Methodist Hill. Take the first **right** to Essex Square onto Main Street. Follow Main Street to the ramp at the end of the road.

From Hartford

Take Route 9 South to Exit 3 Westbrook/Essex. At the end of the ramp turn **left** under the overpass to the traffic light. Turn **left** at the light onto West Avenue. Follow West Ave. to Prospect Street on the **left** to Methodist Hill. Take the first **right** to Essex Square onto Main Street. Follow Main Street to the ramp at the end of the road.

Launching at the Essex Town Ramp

The Essex town launch ramp is at the end of Main Street alongside the lawn of the Connecticut River Museum. There is room for several boats to stage without blocking traffic; but we must launch in a manner so that the local law enforcement establishment is not irritated. We ask that all participating boat owners drive up to the ramp and prepare your boat for launching while you are waiting for the boats ahead of you to launch; once your boat is launched have someone move your vehicle and trailer to the trailer parking area. **Do not leave your boat or vehicle and trailer unattended at or near the ramp.** There will be a launch team available to assist you.

Launching at Haddam Meadows State Park

If you want to enjoy a ride on the River and launch and retrieve your boat in fresh water, you can use the State launch ramp at Haddam Meadows State Park (approximately 10 miles up river from Essex). There is no fee, and you can leave your vehicles. This is a concrete ramp with docks on both sides. Be aware that the ramp may be busy during the weekend. If you will need your vehicle during the weekend, you will have to make your own arrangements.

## **Directions to Haddam Meadows State Park**

### **From the South**

Take Route 9 North to Exit 7 (Route 82). At the “T” with Route 154, turn **left** (North) and stay on Route 154 until you see the sign for Haddam Meadows State Park **on the right** (approximately 3-4 miles). Enter the Park, turn **right** and follow the road to the launch ramp.

### **From the North**

Take Route 9 South to Exit 10. Turn **right** (South) onto Route 154. Stay on Route 154 until you see the sign for Haddam Meadows State Park **on the left** (approximately 6 miles). Enter the Park, turn **right** and follow the road to the launch ramp.

## **Directions to the Connecticut River Museum**

### **Parking in Essex**

**Unfortunately, there is no parking available at the Connecticut River Museum. The limited parking is reserved for handicapped access and the area is needed to park and arrange for displays that will be on the lawn. To ensure a safe and enjoyable visitor experience, please do not leave unattended vehicles blocking the main gate or walkways into the museum.**

### **Boat Trailer Parking**

#### **From the Museum**

Make a right hand turn onto Ferry Street

Follow around to Pratt Street

Pratt Street takes you to the center of town

Take a left onto West Avenue

Address is **50 West Avenue** which is approximately 2+ miles from the museum

Will be on left hand side behind the industrial park and next to the pond