

# New Jersey State Regulations

## **SUBCHAPTER 6. PARASAILING**

### 13:82-6.1 Scope

Parasailing, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:82-6.2, is permitted on the waters of the State, except where prohibited by this subchapter or by local ordinance.

### 13:82-6.2 Definition of parasailing

“Parasailing,” means anything with a rider towed by a power vessel by means of a towrope where the rider ascends into the air by the towline being extended from the vessel and remains suspended in the air as the vessel runs its course.

### 13:82-6.3 Operation

- (a) Vessels engaged in parasailing operations must be designed by the manufacturer for parasailing, and be equipped with a rear launch platform and hydraulic winch used to release the towline.
- (b) All commercial parasail operators are required by law to have a Captain’s License for carrying passengers for hire issued by the United States Coast Guard.
- (c) All parasailing operations shall include an observer 18 years of age or older at all time to monitor the progress of airborne parasail rider and parachute.
- (d) All parasail riders shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device of the proper size and must be connected to the towline and secured in a seat harness attached to an ascending type of parachute.
- (e) Parasailing conducted in the Atlantic Ocean shall be restricted to not less than three-eighths nautical mile from the shore. This restriction applies to the entire parasailing apparatus, including vessel, towline and rider.
- (f) No parasailing shall be permitted within 600 feet of bridge span, concrete bridge supports, barriers, other vessels, or persons in the water.
- (g) Parasailing shall **not** be permitted on bodies of water less than 1200 feet in width from shore to shore.
- (h) All parasailing towing vessels shall be equipped with a VHF radio.
- (i) Parasailing shall only be conducted from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset, and at no time during restricted visibility.
- (j) Parasailing is prohibited when there are sustained winds of 25 knots and/or seas five feet or higher in the area of operation.
- (k) Towlines shall not exceed 500 feet in length.
- (l) Individuals intending to engage in parasailing shall notify the State Police station nearest the area of operation 24 hours in advance. Commercial operators shall notify the State Police at least 10 days in advance of the commencement of annual operations.
- (m) Parasail operators shall only launch and land riders from the flight deck of the vessels.