

BOATING



With the beautiful weather upon us, a day trip on the water sounds like a great opportunity to soak up the bountiful scenery.

If you're looking for a place to dock your boat for the season, or you just need a place to launch it, we have you covered. No boat? No problem! Many places offer rentals for the day, week or even the season. But be warned: Things book up quickly. If you want to relax this season, now is the time to plan and make arrangements, so dive right in and read on.

On Lake Mahopac, check out **Mahopac Marina**, located at 897 South Lake Boulevard in Mahopac, for in-water slips starting at \$2,400 per season. The marina also offers Coast Guard classes, boat rentals, boat lessons, charters, corporate party days and more.

Visit www.mahopacmarina.com, call 845-628-6550, or email mahopacmarina@gmail.com

Also located on Lake Mahopac at 1 Marine Drive is MacDonald Marine, where you can dock or launch your boat, rent a pontoon, and more. In-water slips fill up rather quickly and start at \$1,900 for the season. A pontoon boat rental will run you \$250 for a half day and \$350 for a full day, or you can launch your own boat from their public use ramp for \$20 per day.

Visit <http://www.macdonaldmarineny.net/>, call 845-628-2333, or email macdonaldmarine@verizon for more information.

There are many restaurants on Lake Mahopac for the hungry boater. Tie off at Blu at the Lake House, located at the southern end of the lake on South Lake Blvd., or check out Sunset Boulevard on East Lake Blvd.

Is a powerboat too much for you to handle? Why not try a leisurely day of row boating on one of the area's many lakes?

Visit Fahnstock State Park, located at 1498 Route 301 in Carmel, and rent a row boat. Rates from \$10/hour \$25/day.

For those looking for a little more adventure, **Hudson River Expeditions**, located at 63 Main Street in Cold Spring, runs kayak tours on the Hudson River that include a walking tour of Pollepel island with a Bannerman Castle Trust historian. Call 845-809-5935 or visit www.hudsonriverexpeditions.com for info.