

# ROCKPORT HARBOR RULES

Welcome to Rockport Harbor. We hope you enjoy your visit. Please help us maintain this beautiful area by abiding by the following policies. These rules are in addition to Rockport Town ordinances and Rockport Harbor fee schedules, which are available at the Town Office.

## Winter Boat Storage at Goose River

- A. Boat storage fees will be paid at the time space is approved by the Town Office.
- B. Boats only allowed in designated storage areas and only with authorization
- C. Assignees not using assigned space go to the bottom of the Winter Boat Storage waiting list.
- D. No boat storage prior to Labor Day without the written authorization of the Harbormaster.
- E. Boats must be removed from winter storage area no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- F. There will be a fine of \$50/day until June 15<sup>th</sup>. After June 15<sup>th</sup> the fine is \$100/day and boats are subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- G. Only one (1) space is assigned per person.
- H. Preference will be given to Rockport residents unless there is space available after October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I. Non-residents will not be assigned spaces until after September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Marine Park Dinghy Tie-Offs

- A. No re-assignment, leasing or loaning by assignee will be allowed.
- B. Each boat will have a current municipal sticker attached to the dinghy, which must be visible to the Harbormaster from the float.
- C. Dinghies must be maintained in moveable condition at all times.

## Town Floats & Commercial Floats

- A. Seasonal town floats will be launched by early May.
- B. Except for float "A" seasonal town floats will be hauled on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on the weather.
- C. Float "A" and the Fishermen's float will be hauled on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather.
- D. Dinghies are limited to not more than 14 feet in length.
- E. No overnight docking until 5:00 PM or later on the Town Float and Commercial Float. All Commercial Float users shall leave by sunrise and all Town Float users shall leave by 10:00 AM.

## Ramp for Boat Launching

- A. Ramp floats will be hauled on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on the weather.
- B. The boat ramp is to be kept clear of traffic all year.

Fishing Gear Storage on Town Property

- A. No gear may be stored on Town land property for more than twenty-four (24) hours, except by permission of the Harbormaster, and then only in emergencies such as pending storms.

Dogs

- A. Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.
- B. Dog owners will remove feces after their dogs.

Fishermen's Float

- A. No fishing from the float.
- B. Maximum number of skiffs allowed will be 16.
- C. Maximum of one (1) skiff per fisherman.
- D. Maximum length of skiffs will be 12'.
- E. No skiffs may be stored on the float for more than 24 hours, except by permission of the Harbormaster.

Fishermen Parking

- A. Boat owners and stern men will have a combined 18 parking spaces allotted to them during the fishing season; Town stickers are required for boats and vehicles.

Moorings and Tie-Offs

- A. Moorings and related gear belong to owners. Mooring locations are controlled by the Town.
- B. Bills for mooring fees will be sent out during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January. Fees will be due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Any mooring fees not paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> will result in a late fee of \$50 per month for two (2) months.
- D. If mooring fees remain unpaid by July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Harbormaster has the authority to reissue the mooring location to the next person on the waiting list.

Harbor Business

- A. To be conducted through assigned Town Office employee(s) i.e. lease fees, waiting lists, mooring fees, winter storage fees, and all other Harbor related business .....236-9648
- B. Harbormaster's Office .....236-0676
- C. Nighttime emergencies (Rockport Police Dept.) .....236-2027

Harbor Committee

- A. This is a group of residents appointed by the Select Board as advisors to the Select Board and Town Manager.
- B. Meetings are public and are generally held monthly.

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