

Boat Mooring Area Rules, Policies, and Procedures

Boat Mooring Policies established by the Park Board are as follows:

1. Boat Mooring Permit Application. The mooring application must list and be signed by all owners of the boat intended to be moored. The application shall include evidence of ownership of the boat. When more than one owner is involved, the application must designate one managing owner to receive all official communications. In the event the insurance policy or evidence of ownership lists names other than those designated on the application, the application may be rejected.

Applications must also include a signed Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement.

Alternates will be ranked in the priority according to the address for the designated managing owner provided on the application. If a vacant mooring exists after the alternate list has been exhausted the Public Works Director may issue mooring buoys on a first come first serve basis at a prorated rate.

All moorings will be for personal use, not commercial use. Any Tax exempt organizations applying for a mooring spot must be approved by the Director of Public Works, provide proof of tax exempt status (501)(C) and pay the annual mooring fee .

2. Proof of Insurance. Each application shall include proof that liability insurance is in effect for the full boat mooring season. Copy of policy to be submitted with the application and shall include the names of all owners. If insurance information submitted at the time of application changes, the boat mooring permit holder shall provide updated insurance information within 10 days of the change.

Consequences for non-submission of required insurance: Failure to timely provide current and correct insurance information may result in loss of the boat mooring permit.

3. Boat Registration. Each application shall also provide a copy of the appropriate state registration or U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Federal Documentation. If registration information changes during the boat mooring season, the permit holder shall provide updated registration information within 10 days of the change in registration. Consequences for non-submission of required registration: Failure to timely provide current and correct boat registration information may result in loss of the boat mooring permit.

4. Priority for Drawing for Available Mooring Spots. Guidelines for drawing with priority as follows: (1) City of Hudson residents, (2) Hudson school district, (3) St. Croix County, (4) Washington County and (5) others; when filling openings. Any renewed alternate applications maintain their position on the alternate list under each category of the priority system.

5. Mooring Assignments. The mooring assignments will be available to the public if the craft does not endanger boats in adjacent mooring positions. Complaints are to be filed with the Director of Parks and Public Works

Grandfather clause allows the one long boat that has been moored for years to be moored at the east end of our mooring area with written application to be made no later than March 1 of each year.

6. Vacated Mooring during Mooring Season. A mooring that is vacated can be reassigned. If vacated before July 15, permit holder will receive a refund of one-half of the mooring fee for the season. New applicant will pay one-half of the mooring fee for the season plus \$15.00 administrative costs.

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7. Boat Owner Responsible for Setting and Maintaining Anchor System. Each boat owner will be responsible for setting and maintaining his anchor system in the assigned position as approved by the Parks Department. Each boat owner is responsible for removal of his mooring anchor system upon vacating his mooring position. Mooring positions may not be changed without permission from the Parks Department Director or designee.

8. Buoys. Marking buoys are the property of the individual moorers. The type of buoy shall be as specified by the City and must be numbered with decals to be provided by the City and placed in the assigned mooring position. The buoy to be used must be a U.S. Coast Guard approved buoy that is white with a 3" reflective blue band with white vinyl bumper.

9. Boat Requirements. All sailboats are to have a self-bailing cockpit or an automatic bilge pump. Sailboats shall be limited to 30 feet in length unless approved by the Parks and Public Works Director before approval of the mooring application.

10. Dinghy Storage and Specifications.

Dinghy Storage: Each mooring holder will be allowed one dinghy that can be stored along the Dike Road during the mooring season. The City shall designate five areas along the Dike Road bank. A tie down area will be provided by the City. Mooring holders can secure their dinghies with a chain and lock at the specified tie down area as noted on the dinghy tie-up map.

Dinghy Specifications: The dinghy shall be no more than 60 inches in width and no longer than 10 feet in length. The dinghy must meet the U.S. Coast Guard safety standards and shall be cream or white in color. Canoes, kayaks, or any other types of watercraft not specified will not be allowed.

Any mooring holder that does not comply with the dinghy storage requirements and/or specifications will be notified of the non-compliance and be ordered to correct the issue immediately. The mooring holder will be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the City to remedy the non-compliance.

11. Mooring Area. The City will provide and maintain U.S. Coast Guard approved marking buoys around the mooring area.

12. Removal during July fireworks. All boats and dinghies shall be removed from the mooring area and the dinghy storage area by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the July fireworks. If not moved, the boat will be towed from the area or the dinghy removed from the dinghy storage area at the owner's expense. (Note: This is effective starting with the 2002 season by order of the U.S. Coast Guard.)

13. Boat Decals. All moorings, boats and dinghies shall be marked appropriately with decals as provided by the City.

14. Improper Mooring. If it is determined that any sailboat, dingy, or buoy is not in its assigned position, the City may correct such placement at owner's expense, having given reasonable notification.