

Boat Mooring Area Rules, Policies, and Procedures 2017

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

1. Board 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.

All moorings will be for personal use, not commercial use.

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.

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 insurance and registration: Failure to timely provide current and correct insurance and 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 as long as 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.

7. Boat Owner Responsible for Setting and Maintaining Anchor System. Each boat owner will be responsible for setting and maintaining his anchor system; 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.

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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 as assigned with decals to be provided by the City. 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, and mooring holders can secure their dinghies with a chain and lock.

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. Vacant Mooring. If mooring is not in use/or to be used by June 1, written explanation shall be given by the mooring permit holder to the Director of Parks & Public Works. Usage of the moorings will be checked periodically by the Parks Department. If the Parks Department observes a mooring is vacant for more than two (2) consecutive weeks after June 1, and the permit holder has not provided the Director of Parks & Public Works with a written explanation of the absence, the permit holder shall be notified by e-mail or certified mail that their permit is null and void unless the mooring is put into use by the designated permit holder within five (5) days of receipt of the letter.

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

15. Improper Mooring. If it is determined that any sailboats are moored improperly, the City may correct such placement at owner's expense, having given reasonable notification.