

**Town of Mashpee
Board of Selectmen**

Policy No: 13

Mooring Permits & Regulations

Under the provision of Chapter 102, Section 21, Massachusetts General Laws, individuals wishing to moor or anchor a boat or vessel in the various harbors or waters within the Town of Mashpee must first obtain permission from the Harbormaster.

1. General Regulations

- a. The term "Harbormaster" wherever used in these Regulations shall also include the Assistant Harbormaster.
- b. Permits issued hereunder shall be for a period of one (1) year, terminating on December 31 of the year, unless sooner revoked by the Harbormaster for good cause, and shall be renewable each year. Requests for renewals must be made by May 1st of the following year or the mooring will be reassigned.
- c. A mooring permit shall continue to be valid only to December 31 of the current year, after the holder of said permit has discontinued using the mooring, but during such discontinuance, and during stormy weather when the holder of a permit is not using his mooring, the mooring facility shall not be refused to another boat or vessel in need of a mooring, after application to the Harbormaster and approval given by him.
- d. When a mooring is used by boat owned by one who is not the permit holder, under the forgoing provisions, the owner of said boat shall be responsible for the preservation of the mooring and he shall leave said mooring in the same condition as when the same is first used by him.
 1. If the mooring is lost or damaged during the period of use by him, he shall be liable to the holder of the permit for an amount of money which shall be fair and reasonable, the amount to be determined by the cost of replacement, less an equitable amount for use by the holder of the permit, and in case of dispute, binding upon the one using the mooring under this provision.
- e. Upon discontinuance of use of mooring, the permit holder shall notify the Harbormaster of such discontinuance within ten (10) days and shall surrender his permit to the Harbormaster.
- f. When a permit shall expire or is surrendered to the Harbormaster, the location of the mooring of the permit holder shall not be assigned by him to anyone else without the approval of the Harbormaster, and the Harbormaster shall have the right to refuse approval of such assignment if he shall have had written application

for said mooring place by anyone qualified to receive a mooring permit, previous to the time when said permit shall have expired or is surrendered, and shall have the right to assign said mooring place to the applicant.

- g. No mooring shall be moved or removed from its location in the water without at least two (2) days prior notice to and approval given by the Harbormaster.
 - h. The type and adequacy of every mooring must be approved by the Harbormaster, and the exact location of the same approved by him before being placed in the water by the owner or his agent.
 - i. Any mooring may be inspected, removed or relocated by the Harbormaster whenever, in his judgment, the safety or other vessels or maximum use of the area requires such action.
 - j. Mooring buoys or makers shall always be clearly visible, and the number of the mooring permit and permit-holder's last name shall appear thereon in contrasting color so as to be clearly visible, said name and number to be not less than one (1) inch in height. Mooring buoys to be painted white with a blue band and must be visible for 150 feet.
 - k. Spar mooring buoys shall be painted and upright at all times, and at any period of tide not less than forty-five (45) degrees and shall have a minimum exposed length of eighteen (18) inches above any tide level.
 - l. Water-logged mooring buoys and frayed mooring pennants shall be replaced by permit holder within the ten (10) days after notice to do so from the Harbormaster.
 - m. Mooring pennants will be nylon or equivalent but must not have any floatability.
 - n. State and Town laws require that no solid waste, oil, grease, raw sewage, garbage, rubbish or debris shall be discharged from any boat, craft or vessel into inland or coastal waters.
 - o. Failure to comply with any and all harbor regulations will result in loss of mooring permit.
2. Mooring Specification – Minimum Requirements – Protected Areas
- a. Bays and Inlets, such as Waquoit Bay, Big and Little Rivers, Popponesset Bay and its Inlets.
 - b. Hairpins or eyes in blocks must be twenty-five percent (25%) heavier than chain specifications.

1. Mushroom

<u>Length of Boat</u>	<u>Mushroom</u>
Under 16'	50
10' to 19'	75
19' to 26'	100
26' to 30'	150
31' to 40'	200

2. Scope and Size of Chain:

Length of chain shall at least be from the ocean floor to two (2) feet above mean high water. Boats up to twenty-six (26) feet shall use three-eighths (3/8) inch or larger chain, and boats from twenty-six (26) feet to forty (40) feet shall use one half (1/2) inch or larger chain.

3. Scope and Diameter of Pennant:

Length of mooring pennants shall be two (2) times the depth of water at mean high water where mooring will be located. Boats up to twenty-six (26) feet shall use one-half inch, and boats over twenty-six (26) feet in length shall use five-eighths (5/8) inch nylon or equivalent, and pennants will not have any floatability.

Adopted by the Mashpee
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