

Floats & Docks Ordinance, Town of North Haven
Approved June 23, 2016

Definitions:

Town Dock: A structure extending into the waters of a harbor to facilitate receiving or discharging persons or things to or from a vessel. The Town Docks are designated and located as follows:

- Thorofare Town Dock located adjacent to and west of the Maine State Ferry Terminal
- Pulpit Harbor Town Pier and Dock located on Pulpit Harbor Road near the eastern end of Pulpit Harbor

Town Float: A floating platform associated with a pier to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and goods via a ramp between the pier and vessels tied to the float. The Town Floats are designated as follows:

1. Float Thorofare 1: Located at the north end of the Thorofare Town Dock and supports the ramp from the Ferry Terminal Parking Lot;
2. Float Thorofare 2: Located south of and connected to Float TF-1;
3. Float Thorofare 3: Located south of and connected to Float TF-2.
4. Float Thorofare 4: Located south of and connected to Float TF-3.
5. Float Pulpit Harbor 1: Located at the north end of the Pulpit Harbor Town Pier and supports the ramp from the Pier;
6. Float Pulpit Harbor 2: Located south of and connected to Float PH-1;
7. Float Pulpit Harbor 3: Located south of and connected to Float PH-2;

Intent, Rules, and Regulations

Intent: It is the intent of the Town of North Haven that the municipal floats and docks be available for use by all boat owners and operators to board and depart from their vessels, to load and unload their vessels, and to tie up small tenders. Further it is the intent of the Town of North Haven to insure that the municipal floats and docks are available for the use and enjoyment of the public.

Rules and Regulations: The following rules and regulations shall apply to every individual using the municipal floats and docks:

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Thorofare

- No dinghy or vessel which exceeds 17 feet in length shall be tied to the east faces of TF-1, TF-2 & TF-3. No dinghy or vessel which exceeds 12 feet in length shall be tied to TF-4. (The east faces of the floats are designated by a white stripe on the decking of these floats.)

- Vessels tied to the west face of Thorofare Floats are subject to the following limits:
 - TF-1, TF-2, TF-3: no vessel may be tied to these float for more than 2 hours;
 - TF-4: no vessel may be tied to this float except to load and unload; the vessel's main must remain present;
 - No vessel shall be tied overnight to any float except with the permission of the Harbor Master.

Pulpit Harbor

- No dinghy or vessel which exceeds 17 feet in length shall be tied to the east faces of Pulpit Harbor Floats 1,2,3 (these locations being designated by a white stripe on the decking of these floats);

- Vessels tied to the west face of Pulpit Harbor Floats are subject to the following limits:
 - PH-1: no vessel may be tied to this float except to load and unload; the vessel's master must remain present;
 - PH-2 & PH-3: no vessel may be tied to these floats for more than 2 hours;
 - In no case, may any vessel be tied overnight to any float except with the permission of the Harbor Master.

All Town Floats and Docks

- Vessels having a length greater than 45 feet on deck, may tie up to a Town float only with prior permission from the Harbor Master.

- No dinghy, fishing gear of any type, bait, bait containers, debris, fuel tanks, or other items shall be left on a Town pier or float unattended or stored for more than twenty four (24) hours without prior approval from the Harbor Master; violators are subject to fines and/or to having their property removed or disposed of.

- No boat cradle, trailer, fishing gear, or mooring tackle shall be stored or left unattended in the parking lots. Violators are subject to fines and/or to having their property removed or disposed of.

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- All dinghies moored at a Town float must have either soft rub-rails or use suitable fenders on both sides. Oar locks must be unshipped and either removed or left inboard. All outboards must be left in the down position.
- The owners of dinghies moored at a Town float shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of their respective dinghies. Any dinghy left un-bailed or posing a hazard to adjacent dinghies may be impounded by the Harbor Master. To re-claim the impounded dinghy, the owner must first reimburse the Town for the cost of hauling the dinghy and pay a fine of \$25. If unclaimed after one (1) year, the Town may sell the impounded dinghy at auction.
- Town floats are not long term parking lots. The Harbor Master may impound any dinghy stored without use for three weeks or more.
- Any individual damaging Town property covered by this Ordinance, including but not limited to the Town piers, ramps, and floats shall be liable for the cost of repairing the damages thereto in addition to penalties allowed under the **Penalties** section of this Ordinance.
- Any individual witnessing or discovering damage to Town property covered by this Ordinance, including but not limited to the Town piers, ramps and floats shall contact the Harbor Master or the Town Office.

Penalties

Violations of any provision of this Ordinance are subject to a fine of \$25.00. Any violation not remedied within 24 hours shall be considered a second violation, subject to a \$50.00 fine, which shall continue to accrue for each additional 24 hour period.

Failure to pay fines within 10 days of issuance will result in additional fines of \$50 for each 10 day period or part thereof in which the fine remains unpaid.

No boat registration will be renewed for the owner of any vessel, nor any excise tax sticker issued for the owner of any documented vessel, who has unpaid fines.