

Swampscott Harbormaster Mooring Policy

1. Mooring space shall be assigned based upon vessel specifics taking into account boat length, beam, freeboard, weight, draft, power/sail, commercial/pleasure, or other elements as the harbormaster may deem appropriate.
2. Mooring location shall be assigned with safety being the prime consideration; that is, a vessel shall be placed where waterside conditions and bottom configuration provide optimum safety for that vessel and for other vessels in the mooring field.
3. The Mooring Permit Sticker must be visibly displayed 2" from the MA Registration on the bow portside. Boats that are moored in Swampscott waters that fail to obtain a mooring permit and sticker will be subject to penalties up to and including legal action.
4. Boaters shall be responsible for procuring and maintaining their own mooring equipment. Mooring equipment is vessel specific and shall be as prescribed by the harbormaster. Mooring equipment must be inspected and approved by the harbormaster prior to deployment. The harbormaster may, from time to time, require boaters to have their mooring equipment re-inspected. This shall be accomplished by **beaching** the mooring equipment or by having it inspected in place by a diver approved by the harbormaster, at the harbormaster's option.
5. Where conditions permit, positions within the mooring field shall be assigned taking into account boater's *longevity* within the Swampscott mooring system.
6. Locations upon Swampscott waters **are not** the property of boaters occupying those locations. They may not be transferred by sale or by any other means from one boater to another. The harbormaster may relocate vessels as conditions dictate whenever the harbormaster deems such relocation to be necessary.
7. A boater who changes vessels, even though previously established within the mooring system with another vessel, shall be considered a **new boater** for purposes of accommodation in the first place and for mooring placement/location if the new vessel can indeed be accommodated.
8. Boaters not returning to Swampscott waters are responsible for notifying the harbormaster of their intention to not return. Furthermore, in that event, they are required to remove their mooring equipment from Swampscott waters. Mooring equipment not removed under these circumstances shall be considered **abandoned**. Abandoned mooring equipment may be disposed of at the harbormaster's discretion.
9. Boaters not wishing to occupy their assigned moorings for one season may, with the permission of the harbormaster, maintain their mooring privileges provided that their mooring fee and boat excise tax payments remain current. Beyond this one year **grace period**, those wishing to return to Swampscott waters shall be treated as new boaters.
- 10. A mooring permit holder must use his or her mooring for a minimum of forty (40) days each boating season (from June 1 to September 30) with the vessel listed on the permit. Failure to satisfy this requirement will result in revocation of said permit unless the permit holder has authorization from the Harbormaster under policy Item 8 above.**
11. If, for reasons of lack of safe space availability, a new boater/vessel cannot be immediately accommodated, that boater/vessel shall be placed on a waiting list to be maintained by the harbormaster. The harbormaster will contact that boater when suitable space becomes available.
12. The harbormaster shall be responsible for all decisions regarding availability and location of moorings. Such decisions shall be the result of what the harbormaster deems to be in the best interest of the Town and the best interest and safety of all boaters/vessels.
13. Boaters shall not be discriminated against for reasons of gender, race, religion, or national origin.
14. The avenue of appeal with respect to the harbormaster's administration of the foregoing policies shall be through The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Waterways.
15. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 102, Section 26, the harbormaster may, from time to time, adjust, modify, add to, or eliminate elements of the foregoing policy as conditions dictate.

I have read the mooring regulations pertaining to Swampscott Harbor, and will do my part to abide by them and keep the area safe and clean. I understand that if a mooring permit is granted, it will only cover the boat owned by me, as described on the Mooring Permit Application, and that it may not be assigned to any other person or boat. I also understand that I am responsible for the fitness of my mooring and related equipment.

Signature_____

Date_____