

## NORTH COVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

1. The Harbor Management Commission (**HMC**) shall maintain a waiting list for permanent moorings in the North Cove anchorage. *This list is open to all on equal terms.*
2. The Harbor Master shall approve mooring permits and assign mooring locations in the cove.
3. No individual, group or yacht club shall be given any priority of consideration in the assignment of moorings within the Federal Anchorage.
4. A copy of the owner's current CT registration or CT certificate of decal or USCG Vessel License **in the name of the mooring holder** is required and must be submitted with the mooring application.
5. All vessels moored in North Cove shall be registered, identified, marked, equipped, and maintained as required by law and safe practice.
6. Vessel must be at least 18 ft long (registered length). Maximum vessel length is 45 ft (registered length), beam 15 ft and draft 6 ft.
7. Mooring buoys must carry the last name of the vessel's owner and the mushroom weight including the "#" or "lb." Moorings not so marked will not be set.
8. All mooring privileges cease on November 1, and all vessels subject to these policies and procedures must be off their mooring by this date, or by such other date as the **HMC** may designate,
9. Moorings will be set and removed on schedules established by the **HMC**. Vessel owners will be notified.
10. Owners whose moorings must be set or removed at times other than those specified by the Harbor Management Commission shall be subject to extra fees for each instance of such special service.
11. The North Cove mooring must be the listed vessel's primary mooring. It must be occupied by the listed vessel at least 50% of the time between June 20 and September 20. Exemptions to Rule 11 must be arranged *in advance, in writing* to the **HMC** at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 or [oshmcclerk@oldsaybrookct.gov](mailto:oshmcclerk@oldsaybrookct.gov). Mooring holders who request an exemption agree that the **HMC** has the right to publicize in any way it deems appropriate that the mooring may be available for transient use, including but not limited to identification on the Online Mooring system.
12. The owner of a mooring who removes his or her vessel from the anchorage for an extended period of time (1 week or longer) is requested to flag the mooring with a yellow streamer designating the mooring for Transient Use.
13. Mooring rights are not transferable by anyone except the **HMC**.
14. The reassignment of a mooring by the owner to an individual, group or yacht club for distribution to transient renters or anyone else is prohibited.
15. It is the mooring holder's responsibility to provide general liability insurance with a minimum coverage limit of \$300,000 for his or her vessel. Failure to maintain insurance coverage will be grounds for loss of mooring privileges.

### **TRANSIENT YACHTSMEN – VACANT MOORINGS**

16. Policies describing the use of vacant moorings by transient yachtsmen are necessary to comply with the US Army Corp of Engineering guidelines governing the use of the federally dredged area.
17. All vacant moorings are available to yachtsmen on a temporary overnight basis, at no charge.
18. The control or perceived control of vacant moorings by an individual, group or yacht club is unacceptable.
19. Before any launch service is started in North Cove, the individual, group, or yacht club must apply to the **HMC** for approval.
20. The Harbor Master requests any launch operating in the federally dredged anchorage to distribute a brochure approved by the **HMC** when approaching a visiting vessel.
21. A stay in North Cove longer than 72 hours on a vacant mooring is prohibited and requires Harbor Master approval.
22. Rafting of vessels to a single mooring is permitted from sunrise to sunset provided no more than two vessels are rafted on a single mooring, both vessels are occupied when the boats are rafted, and storm conditions do not exist. Overnight rafting of vessels is not allowed.

### **SHEFFIELD STREET DOCK**

23. No vessel shall remain at the dock for more than twenty minutes while another vessel is waiting to use the dock and no vessels are to be left unattended.
24. Dinghies stored on Town property shall be identified with the owner's name clearly and indelibly printed in some conspicuous place on the hull. A DEEP "If Found" sticker mounted on the inside of the dinghy is strongly encouraged. They can be obtained at the Town Hall in the Selectman's Office or by emailing [deep.boating@ct.gov](mailto:deep.boating@ct.gov).
25. All garbage and refuse must be placed in receptacles provided by the Town of Old Saybrook.
26. The General Statutes of Connecticut prohibit discharge of any rubbish, waste material, or refuse material of any kind or description into waters of any river, stream, pond or tidal waters.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

27. Any infraction of these policies and procedures of the Town of Old Saybrook by mooring holders or transient vessels may result in cancellation of the mooring contract, transient privileges or removal from the mooring list or waiting list.

### **HOLD HARMLESS**

28. The Town of Old Saybrook, the Harbor Master, the Deputy Harbor Master or any of its agencies assume no responsibility for the safety of any vessel in North Cove and will not be liable for fire, theft, or damage to such vessel, its equipment, or any property in or on said vessel, however arising.

### **QUESTIONS:**

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