

Town of Old Lyme

Harbor Management Commission

Private Mooring Permit Rules and Regulations

General

1. Private mooring permits shall be issued annually, on a calendar year basis, for personal use. All permits expire December 31st.
2. The minimum requirements for ground tackle are outlined in the “Mooring Tackle Standards” sheet. The proper installation and maintenance of mooring tackle is the sole responsibility of the permit holder. It is understood that these are minimum requirements and can not guarantee any vessels security, especially in certain weather conditions. The use of oversize gear is highly recommended.
3. All vessels must be Registered in the State of CT or for USCG Documented vessels must have a CT Certificate of Decal.
4. All vessels are required to have a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance.
5. Any permit holder that is issued a permit and does not install gear that season, may be ineligible for renewal the following season. In the event that person seeks to apply for a new permit they shall be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.
6. Mooring balls shall be white with a blue horizontal stripe on the centerline in accordance with State and USCG regulations. Balls must have sufficient flotation to ensure the stripe is visible. Balls must be lettered with permit holders Last Name and Mooring Weight.
 - a. Ex. “Smith 250#”
7. Mooring Permit Renewals will be accepted January 15 to February 15 of each year. Failure to renew on time may result in loss of mooring location.
8. Permit holders are required to maintain their gear at the permitted location. Gear that has dragged (ice, trees, storms, etc) must be returned to its permitted location promptly.
9. Permit owners with lost gear must make a documented effort to recover the gear before a new permit will be issued.
10. If for any reason a permit is not renewed, the former permit holder is responsible for immediately removing the gear.
11. Mooring Permits are Non-transferable.
12. The holder of a mooring permit may, upon written application to and approval by the Harbor Master, retain the current mooring location assigned under the mooring permit for a

replacement vessel provided that vessel is owned by the holder of the permit, it's size will not infringe on neighboring permits, and the minimum tackle requirements are met.

13. Regular use of private moorings is required each year and subject to revocation for non-use.

Inspections – New Permits

1. All new permits must have their gear inspected by the Harbormaster before being launched. Gear should be fully assembled to the minimum specifications.

Inspections – Renewal Permits

1. Inspections are valid for a maximum of 2 years or until December 31st of ODD years, whichever comes first.
2. Moorings must be inspected by a qualified inspector before use in the Spring of Even years.
 - a. Process:
 - i. Apply for renewal during Jan 15-Feb 15
 1. Application
 2. Payment
 3. Registration
 4. Insurance
 - ii. Request inspection from service contractor, make repairs if necessary.
 1. If using the Harbormaster for inspection, gear must be removed from the water.
 - iii. Inspector submits completed, passing inspection report to Harbormaster.
 - iv. If gear passes, Permit will be issued.

Dinghy Rack

1. Pilgrim Landing Dinghy Rack has 6 spaces reserved for mooring permit holders. Dinghy space, if requested on the permit application, will be assigned in order of completed applications received on a first come first served basis.
2. Rack space is for April 15-November 1st

Waitlist

1. If space is not available, waitlists will be maintained for each District in the order of application. Space assignment will be at the discretion of the Harbormaster taking into account the draft and length of vessel but priority will be given to those first on the list.

Abandoned/Derelict Gear

1. Unpermitted gear will be removed by the Town.
2. Gear owners will be responsible for removal costs plus applicable fines.
3. If after 30 days the gear has not been claimed, it will become the property of the Town.
4. New permits will not be issued to persons with a balance owed to the HMC for gear removal.