

Public Landings, Boat Ramps and Public Waterfront Property

The operation and maintenance of the Town of Stonington Public Landing facility shall be restricted in use to only pleasure and passenger vessels, and shall be subject to rules and regulations governing such use as set forth herein and in any regulations adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

The Harbormaster shall determine annually the number of dinghy spaces that will be permitted in a year due to space constraints. Permitted dinghies must be 14 feet in length or less and may only tie up in the designated float area. Dinghies must be maintained, bailed out after rain, and be in operating condition. Dinghies not maintained will have their permits suspended by the Harbormaster who will give the owner a written order, which may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen. Only one (1) dinghy space per household or family will be permitted. Only Stonington residents or taxpayers will be eligible for dinghy space which will be sold on an annual basis and expires on December 31 of each year. Fees will be set annually and can be applied for from the Harbormaster or at the Town Office.

Kayaks may not be launched at the Public Landing. Users of the Public Landing are expected to obey all regulations.

Public drinking on the Town property is prohibited. Users are expected to be courteous of others, with no verbal abusing, fighting, or loitering. The Harbormaster has the authority to issue a summons for disobeying a Harbormaster's order.

The Town of Stonington is not responsible for any loss of any user's personal property, or damage to vessels while tied up at the Public Landing or using the boat ramps.

Depositing of trash and debris on the Public Landing, floats, ramps, or is expressly prohibited, except in containers provided. Deliberate incineration of wastes and other matter from vessels may constitute pollution of marine environmental and is expressly prohibited. Disposing of personal or household trash from boats or the islands in Town trash containers is prohibited.

Fines and Other Penalties Failure to comply with or violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance will result in a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to be recovered in District Court, Ellsworth, plus all court costs and attorneys' fees. The District Court may enter restraining orders or prohibitions and/or minimum fines of \$50.00 and maximum fines of \$250.00 in each instance. In addition, failure to comply with the Harbormaster's lawful orders may result in the removal of vessels from the Public Landing at the owners/operator's expense.