

TOWN OF KINGSTON HARBORFRONT REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS:

Moorings: Shall mean (1) Ground Tackle System where buoyant vessels are secured other than a pier; (2) the equipment and/or process used to secure a vessel, other than by anchoring, consisting of a block placed on the bed of a body of water, to which is affixed a buoy or float, to which is affixed a pennant. All types of mushroom anchors and moorings are prohibited in all waters.

Anchor: To secure a vessel to the bed of a body of water by dropping an anchor there from, which is designed or intended to be hauled back aboard when said vessel is not at anchor.

Kingston Harbor: All areas of the harbor and municipal water ways contiguous thereto over which the Town of Kingston may exercise its powers, however, those areas under specific lease to private persons or owned privately.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Speed:

- I. Check you wake at all times.
2. Maximum speed limit- Headway Speed (No Wake) in Jones River and Jones River Mooring Area.

B. Harbor Pollution :

1. Petroleum products shall not be dumped or pumped overboard in any harbor area.
2. Untreated sewage, rubbish, debris, garbage, or dead fish shall not be discharged into Kingston Harbor.
3. Boats or vessels shall not run their engines with propellers engaged while tied to the docks. Boats requiring dock trials may do so with permission of the Harbormaster in each instance.
4. Derelict boats, motors, etc. shall not be allowed in the harbor or on the shore.

C. Berthing (Residents and Real Estate taxpayers will be given preference to all Waterfront Facilities, Non-residents berthing policy will be reviewed annually):

1. Users must pay the annual facilities usage fee (by the foot) determined by the Board of Selectmen. Annual facilities usage fees will not be prorated. Independent waiting lists for Town facilities (mooring, racks, and slips) shall be maintained and posted at the Town Landing by the Harbormaster.
2. Tie-up periods at Town Docks will be limited to 15 minutes. A tie-up time limit at the Town Docks for visitors at night, or boats with breakdowns, will be limited by discretion of the Harbormaster.
3. All visiting craft entering Kingston Harbor are subject to the direction of the Harbormaster, who shall be consulted before tying or mooring to any public facilities or moorings including private moorings.
4. Renting or subletting of Town-owned slips, racks, or mooring is prohibited. Private moorings must be owner occupied. Facilities not in use for more than 7 days are subject to lease by the Harbormaster following a notification attempt.

5. Boats shall not be tied to docks in dead storage without special permission for the Harbormaster.

D. Float and Ramp Areas:

1. Fishing gear, equipment or any other matter shall not be allowed to remain on the docks or floats for over twenty-four (24) hours without permission of the Harbormaster.
2. Swimming will not be allowed from Docks or Floats attached to public Docks or launching ramp area.
3. For an annual fee, tenders of not more than 12 feet and 10 HP shall be permitted attached to Town floats.

E. Conducts:

1. Unmuffled noise from engines, outboards, amplifying systems, radios, and the like shall be kept at a minimum when in the proximity of boats, anchorages, or ramp area.
2. No person shall operate any motorboat or any vessel in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, safety, or property of any person.
3. Motorized personal watercraft (example: jet ski) shall be prohibited up river from the Ah-De-Nah.

F. Fees:

1. All fees shall be determined by the Harbormaster and approved by the Board of Selectmen (see Appendix A).
2. An annual fee for usage of Waterfront facilities (by the foot of vessel length) will be assessed to all vessels 12 feet and longer in length that are moored in Kingston Bay or the Jones River (to private or public owned gear) for more than 72 hours.
3. All persons tying tenders at the Town Docks shall be charged an annual fee.
4. Annual lease fees will be paid for use of all Town-owned mooring facilities.

MOORING REGULATIONS

A. Applications and Permits (Residents and Real Estate taxpayers will be given preference to all Kingston Waterfront facilities):

1. Applications for moorings in Kingston Harbor and the Jones River shall be submitted to the Harbormaster on forms approved by the Harbormaster prior to May first, but no earlier than January first of the year of use.
2. Moorings shall be assigned by the Harbormaster according to the specific requirements of the particular boat, including its length, draft, type, rig or other pertinent requirements.
3. All moorings shall be placed at the location designated by the Harbormaster. (Private and Town.)
4. A mooring is not transferable under any circumstances.
5. A mooring, rack slip, or private mooring location is deemed forfeited without payment fee by May 1st.
6. Moorings within the Jones River and its delta may, at the discretion of the Harbormaster, be Town of Kingston owned. An additional gear-lease fee may be assessed for Town-owned moorings, racks, and slips as determined by the Harbormaster and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

B. Mooring Specifications/Requirements

Boat Length	Block @ (River)	Block @ (Bay)	Chain * Dia. (min.)	Float Dia.	Pennant # Dia.
12 – 19	12x36x36	12x36x36	1 1/2	18 "	1 1/2"
20 – 25	12x36x36	15x36x36	1 1/2	18 "	5/8"
26 – 32	15x36x36	18x36x36	1 1/2	18 "	3/4"
33 – 38	N/A	18x48x48	1 1/2	18 "	1"

- Chain length in river to max high water plus two feet.
- Chain length in bay to be twice the maximum water depth.
- @Block heights are maximum ; widths are minimum.
- #Pennant – minimum diameter; lengths - 1/2 boat length in the bay; in the river, at the discretion of the Harbormaster.
- All pennant attachments on top of float with safety wired shackle.
- All moorings will use a swivel (the size of chain minimum) between the block and float, installed at least 3 ft. above mean low water (to facilitate easy inspection).
- All Types of mushroom anchors and moorings are prohibited in all Kingston waters.

C. All Areas:

1. The use of wood or metal spars or stainless steel floats for chain flotation shall be prohibited. All floats marking moorings within Kingston shall be constructed primarily of plastic, fiberglass, or foam regardless of season to prevent the inadvertent damage to boats, hulls and propellers.
2. Winter spars shall not be installed prior to September 1st and must be removed by June 1st, on all moorings. They shall be painted, identifiable and numbered as summer floats at all times except during ice conditions.
3. All moorings will conform to the table "Mooring Specifications/Requirements" enclosed in this document.
4. The Harbormaster will inspect all moorings regularly, commencing June 1st through September 1st, and notify owners in writing by Certified Mail if their gear does not conform with the Kingston Harbor Regulations.
5. All pennants shall be nylon or equivalent with adequate moorings devices, approved by the Harbormaster, to eliminate the hazard of chafing.
6. The Harbormaster shall order owners of moorings to have said moorings lifted, at owner's expense, once every five (5) years for visual inspection by the Harbormaster to determine its condition. In lieu of lifting moorings, replacements may be made. Upon certification of mooring fitness, owner may replace mooring at a Harbormaster determined location.
7. The Harbormaster shall keep a detailed description of all moorings, their location and owner's name, telephone number, home and business address, date of mooring and length and rig of the boat. All mooring floats will be numbered (by area) as assigned by the Harbormaster. If not numbered legibly, shall be considered abandoned.

APPENDIX A
HARBORFRONT FEES

General Facilities Use	\$7.00 per foot (vessels over 12 feet)
Town Owned Slip Lease: Docks A & B	\$155.00
Town Owned "Rack" Lease: Dock C	\$120.00
Town Owned Mooring Lease	\$ 75.00
Tender Tie Up (10 ft./5 hp max)	\$ 20.00
Non-resident Parking	\$150.00