

# TOWN OF HINGHAM



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### RE: 2020 Boating Season Information

Dear Mariner:

We write concerning the 2020 boating season and safe boating guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Harbormaster's Office is closed* due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. We are working remotely at this time and can be reached by leaving a voicemail at 781-741-1450 or by emailing us at [harbormaster@hpd.org](mailto:harbormaster@hpd.org). **Email is the easiest and most efficient means of communication.** Payments can be made online or postmarked to Hingham Harbormaster, 28 Shipyard Drive, Hingham, MA 02043. We are patrolling the waterways and the patrol boat can be reached on VHF 16 when it is underway. We will notify you when the office opens to the public. In the case of an emergency, please call 911.

The state will determine when and how marinas, yacht clubs, and other marine facilities will be able to open in Massachusetts. While this boating season will be different from previous seasons, we are determined to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all mariners in Hingham Waterways and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Please review the safe boating guidelines recently issued by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/boating-guidance/download>. Marinas and Yacht Clubs may have their own additional guidelines and regulations. By following these guidelines, you can better protect yourself, your family, and fellow mariners while boating.

### **State Boating Guidelines**

*On April 27, 2020, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued guidelines for boating and various other marine and inland waterway related activities during the duration of Governor Baker's stay-at-home advisory and essential services order. Among the many guidelines, "[t]ying boats or other crafts together is prohibited." This means no rafting. Mariners should be aware of all the guidelines regarding boating only with persons from the same household together on a boat at one time, not gathering on docks, practicing strict social distancing, and that recreational boating is still subject to the jurisdiction of the Harbormaster in Hingham. To read the safe boating guidelines issued by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in their entirety, visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/boating-guidance/download>.*

### **Inner Harbor Mooring Basin**

The Inner Harbor Mooring Basin moorings are in position. When Marinas are permitted to open, the moorings will be ready to accept boats. Bare Cove Marina inspected and rebuilt all moorings as necessary. If there is a problem with your pennants or mooring position, please contact Bare Cove Marina. If you are unsure of your current mooring location, the Inner Harbor Mooring Basin permit numbers have been update to reflect the numbering of the current mooring plan.

### **Boat Ramp**

The Hingham boat ramp remains open. When using the boat ramp, please launch or retrieve your boat and then leave the area. Do not congregate at the boat ramp. For boat ramp guidelines issued by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/boating-guidance/download>.

### **Town Landing docks**

Town Landing docks will be launched in early May. When using the pier and floats, the person walking up or down the dock/pier has the right of way. After the person clears the area, you may proceed. Please do not congregate on the docks and please remove your boat once it is loaded or unloaded.

### **Mooring/Docking Stickers**

Mooring/Docking stickers will be mailed by mid-May.

### **Permit Status and Account Balance**

To check on the status of a permit, you do not need to log in with a user name and password. An e-mail has been sent to all permit holders with a login link for MooringInfo.com. The link allows you to check on the status of your permit, change your contact information, and view your invoice. If you need to change anything, please let us know by email. Since the login link is unique to you, we highly recommend not forwarding the email. All documents referenced in this notice are available on our website <https://hpd.org/198/Harbormaster> and in our library at [hinghamma.mooringinfo.com](http://hinghamma.mooringinfo.com).

### **Late fees**

Each month, starting March 1, each Mooring/Docking Permit not renewed is assessed a late fee of \$50.00. If you no longer desire to renew a Mooring/Docking Permit, please let us know and we will cancel the renewal. *If you have an outstanding fee, please make payment as soon as possible to avoid additional late fees.* Be sure to check your spam folder, and add [Harbormaster@hpd.org](mailto:Harbormaster@hpd.org) or [hpd.org@mg.mooringinfo.com](mailto:hpd.org@mg.mooringinfo.com) to your accepted e-mail contacts.

### **New Mooring Assignments**

New mooring assignments are almost complete for the 2020 boating season. If you're assigned to a mooring, you will receive an email and will have two (2) weeks to accept the mooring assignment before it is assigned to another person. Please check your spam folder - the email comes from [Harbormaster@hpd.org](mailto:Harbormaster@hpd.org) or [hpd.org@mg.mooringinfo.com](mailto:hpd.org@mg.mooringinfo.com).

### **Transient Moorings**

Transient moorings will be available for rental at [hinghamma.mooringinfo.com](http://hinghamma.mooringinfo.com) in May. Reservations must be made online in advance of arrival. A reservation lasts from 11am until 10am the next morning. We will not be conducting transactions on the water. When completing a reservation, the boat information must match the boat on the rented mooring. Reservations will be restricted to one boat per mooring.

### **Pump-out Services**

The shore side pump-out station will be available by mid-May at the Town Landing in the Inner Harbor. We anticipate providing pump-out boat services later this spring. If and when this service commences, it will be by appointment only to unoccupied boats. A pump-out request can be made online by submitting the form on our website at <http://hpd.org/199/Pump-Out-Service>.

Thank you for your attention and assistance. We look forward to another successful boating season.

Best Regards,



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