



TOWN OF KINGSTON HARBOR & WATERWAYS REGULATIONS

AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT:

The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters have the authority to enforce these rules and 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 concrete/granite 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 and Waterways”: All areas of the harbor and municipal waterways contiguous to the Town of Kingston over which the Town of Kingston may exercise its powers, excluding, however, those areas under specific lease to private persons or owned privately.

“Authorized Mooring Service Provider”: means a certified and insured service approved annually by the Harbormaster for maintenance, repair (service), placement and hauling of mooring gear and equipment in designated anchorage areas.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Speed:

1. Boat operators must monitor the wake of the boat at all times to ensure safety.
2. Maximum speed limit: Headway Speed (No Wake) in the Jones River or within 150 feet of any moored vessels.

B. Harbor Pollution:

1. Petroleum products shall not be dumped or pumped overboard in Kingston Harbor or Waterways.
2. Untreated sewage, rubbish, debris, or garbage shall not be discharged into Kingston Harbor or waterways.
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 or abandoned boats, motors, trailers, etc. shall not be allowed in the harbor, on the shore or at the Town Landing.



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C. Berthing:

Only Residents and Real Estate taxpayers will be given Town owned Slips, Racks, and Moorings.

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.
2. Waiting lists for Town facilities (mooring, racks, and slips) and Private Moorings shall be maintained and posted at the Town Landing by the Harbormaster.
3. 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 at the discretion of the Harbormaster.
4. All visiting craft entering Kingston Harbor and Waterways 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.
5. Renting or subletting of Town-owned slips, racks, or moorings is prohibited. Private moorings must be owner occupied or have an approved Private Mooring Temporary Change Form.
6. Town-owned slips, racks, or moorings not in use for more than **15 days** must notify the Harbormaster.
7. Boats shall not be tied to docks dead storage without special permission from the Harbormaster.
8. Any watercraft with electric/gas propulsion in Kingston Harbor or Waterways must be registered in accordance with Massachusetts law and regulations (includes tenders).
9. All privileges may be terminated by the Harbormaster and/or the Staff, for inappropriate behavior, including but not limited to public drinking, or disobeying Harbor & Waterways Regulations.
10. No locking tenders to slips/racks or covering tenders.
11. All use of slips, racks, and moorings in the Town of Kingston are used at own risk.

D. Float and Ramp Areas:

1. Fishing gear, equipment, or any other personal property or possessions 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. Tenders of not more than 10 feet and 5 HP may be attached to Town floats at the discretion of the Harbormaster subject to payment of an annual fee.

E. Conduct and Safety:

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 a motorboat or vessel in a reckless or negligent manner to endanger the life, safety, or property of any person.
3. Motorized personal watercraft (example: PWC/ jet ski) shall be prohibited upriver from the Town Landing (identified as the town boat ramp).
4. Vessels are prohibited from operating within 150 feet of any designated/marked swim areas.



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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 slips, racks, or moorings (by the foot of vessel length) will be assessed to all vessels that are moored in Kingston Harbor and/or Waterways (to private or public owned gear).
3. All persons tying tenders at the Town Docks shall be charged an annual fee.

G. Parking:

1. Town of Kingston Parking or Transfer Station sticker is required to park at the Town Landing parking lot.
2. Trailers must be detached from vehicle in designated trailer area (see signs in parking area).
3. If the main lot is full. Parking is allowed along the north side of River Street (right side when leaving the Town Landing parking lot) per the Town of Kingston Municipal Traffic Guide.
4. Trailers must have valid registration and have a plate attached.

MOORING/SLIP/RACK REGULATIONS

A. Applications and Permits

Only Residents and Real Estate taxpayers will be given to all Town owned Slips, Racks and Moorings.

2. Applications including a copy of the valid registration for boat and tender (if powered) for slips, racks, and moorings in Kingston Harbor and Waterways shall be submitted and paid to the Harbormaster on forms approved by the Harbormaster prior to May 1st, but no earlier than January 1st of each year. 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 specification.
3. All moorings shall be placed at the location designated by the Harbormaster. (Private and Town owned.)
4. A Town owned mooring/slip/rack is not transferable under any circumstances except to the permit/mooring applicant holder's immediate family (e.g., spouse, partner, children) upon the completion of a Permit Transfer Form and approval of the Harbormaster.
5. All slips, racks or moorings (including private moorings) are deemed forfeited/abandoned without payment of all fees by May 15th.
6. The Harbor Master may require moorings within the Jones River and its delta to 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.
7. Mooring locations are subject to change at the discretion of the Harbormaster (town-owned and private moorings).
8. Valid Town of Kingston Decal must be affixed to transom. Any boats on Town-owned slips, racks or



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moorings without a valid Town of Kingston decal will be towed at the owner's expense by a commercial marine tow company.

9. All boats must be on Town owned Slips, Racks, or Moorings by July 1st or deemed forfeited.

B. Private Moorings:

1. Private moorings must be ordered and installed by an Authorized Mooring Service Provider (see approved list on own website) or at the discretion of the Harbormaster.
 - Mooring Applicant (owner) completes Mooring Permit Application and pays fees per Appendix A.
 - Authorized Mooring Service Provider will order/install appropriate mooring in accordance with Appendix B and in the location designated by the Harbormaster.
 - Mooring ball must be marked with owner's last name.
2. A private mooring may be transferred at the discretion of the Harbormaster. The current owner must complete and submit a Private Mooring Ownership Transfer Form to the Harbormaster prior to transfer of ownership. The new owner may **not** increase the size of the boat on the mooring without prior approval from the Harbormaster. Any transfer of moorings shall not exceed the replacement value of the equipment or mooring.
3. Private moorings must be owner occupied or have an approved Private Mooring Temporary Change Form.
4. Private moorings may be owner serviced with **prior approval** from the Harbormaster and inspection after work is completed by the Harbormaster.
5. Mooring locations are subject to change at the discretion of the Harbormaster.
6. Forfeited/abandoned private moorings will be given to the next person on the mooring waiting list at the discretion of the Harbormaster (based on boat specifications).

C. Mooring Specifications/Requirements: See Appendix B

D. All Areas:

1. The use of wood or metal spars or stainless-steel floats for chain flotation is 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. All moorings will conform to the table "Mooring Specifications/Requirements" see Appendix B.
3. The Harbormaster will inspect all moorings regularly, between June 1st and September 1st . The Harbormaster will notify owners in writing by Certified Mail if their gear does not conform with the Kingston Harbor and Waterways Regulations.
4. All pennants shall be nylon or equivalent with adequate moorings devices, approved by the Harbormaster to eliminate the hazard of chafing.
5. The Harbormaster may order owners of moorings to have said moorings lifted, at owner's expense, once every three (3) 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.
6. The Harbormaster shall keep a detailed description of all moorings, their location and owner's



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name, telephone number, home or business address, date of mooring and length, and rig of the boat.

7. All mooring chains must be replaced minimum every 3 years.

E. Authorized Mooring Service Provider (Private Owned Moorings):

1. All mooring service providers must be certified annually by the Harbormaster.
2. Mooring Service Providers must have General Liability or P&I (\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence). Town of Kingston must be named as additional insured.
3. No mooring service provider shall inspect, place, or service a mooring for a vessel owner without proof of a current mooring permit issued by the Harbormaster.
4. Non-compliance with any regulation herein will be sufficient cause for the suspension or revocation of the certification of a mooring service provider issued under these regulations, following notice and an opportunity to be heard.
5. All mooring service providers shall submit a Mooring Service Provider Annual Status Report annually (by the end of each calendar year).
6. Provide (24) hour on call service to respond to emergency or exigent circumstances regarding any mooring serviced by them.
7. Accept any and all responsibility for damage or injury caused by them or their employees. The Town of Kingston and its employees accept no responsibility or liability.
8. Agree to abide by all federal, state, local laws and rules and regulations, conditions, terms, and direction of the Harbormaster.



APPENDIX A

HARBORFRONT FEES (YEARLY due by May 1st)

General Facilities Use (Town-owned/Private)	\$7.00 per foot (vessels over 10 feet)
Town Owned Slip Lease: Docks A & B	\$200.00
Town Owned "Rack" Lease: Dock C	\$150.00
Town Owned Mooring Lease	\$125.00
Private Mooring Lease	\$50.00
Tender Tie Up (10 ft./5 hp max)	\$40.00
Transient Dockage	\$1.00 per foot, per night
Temporary Sublet Slips, Racks, or Moorings	\$50.00 per week

- All payments are due by May 1st each year. Late fee of \$50 will be added after May 1st.
- Nonpayment by May 15th will result in loss of Town-owned mooring/slip lease.
- Private Moorings will be considered property of the Town of Kingston if nonpayment by May 15th.
- Notify the Harbormaster if you will not be using the assigned slip, rack, or mooring for more than 15 consecutive days. The Harbormaster may sublet until your return at the Harbormasters discretion.



APPENDIX B

MOORING SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Boat Length (feet)	Pyramid Sizes (lbs)	Chain Diameter (minimum)	Float Diameter	Pennant Diameter (minimum)
12-19	200	1/2"	18"	1/2"
20-25	250	1/2"	18"	5/8"
26-32	300	5/8"	18"	3/4"
33-38	400	3/4"	18"	1"

1. Chain length in river 15 feet plus 3 feet.
2. Chain length in bay to be 1 1/2 the maximum water depth.
3. Pennant lengths: 2½ times the length (cleat to waterline)
4. All pennant attachments on top of float with safety wired shackle.
5. All moorings will use a swivel (the size of chain minimum) between the block and float, installed at least 3 feet above mean low water (to facilitate easy inspection).
6. All types of mushroom anchors and moorings are prohibited in all Kingston waters.
7. Pyramid moorings will be used in place of concrete block type moorings. See Harbormaster for specifications/requirements.



APPENDIX C

AERIAL MAP KINGSTON HARBOR AND WATERWAYS





TOWN LANDING:

