

Mooring Regulations

Pursuant to MGL Ch 102 Sec. 21

The Eastham Harbormaster does hereby promulgate the following regulations concerning the placement of moorings for vessels within the waters of the Town:

GENERAL:

1. All motorized vessels moored in the waters of the town shall have properly displayed registration numbers and a valid registration certificate as assigned in the state wherein the vessel is registered; or, in the case of documented vessels, the documented name of the vessel and home port shall be displayed.
2. All moorings shall be the responsibility of the owner of the vessel and shall be maintained and installed by the owner. Each mooring shall be registered annually with the Natural Resources Department (Harbormaster's office) on or after April 30th.

Mooring fees for calendar year 2008 are as follows:

- Vessels less than 16 feet: \$ 50 - \$25 (*commercial*)
- Vessels between 16-25 feet: \$ 75 - \$50 (*commercial*)
- Vessels greater than 25 feet: \$100 - \$75 (*commercial*)

A commercial discount is available to residents and non-residents who have a commercial shell fishing license.

3. Applications for Mooring Permits shall be available at the office of the Natural Resources Department, 555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA.
4. A boat sticker shall be issued for each boat moored and shall be displayed on the port side of the hull 1" aft of and in line with the state registration sticker. On non-engine propelled boats (e.g., sailboats with no engine or row boats) it shall be displayed forward on the port side of the vessel 2" below the sheer strake or rail, 12" aft of the stem.
5. A mooring tag shall be issued for each mooring and shall be attached to the mooring buoy. Winter mooring tags shall be attached to the chain. Moorings without identification or incorrectly installed may be removed by the Harbormaster from the waters of the town at the expense of the owner.
6. No Mooring Permit shall be issued to any boat owner for which there is delinquent Excise Tax demand.
7. All recreational vessels with installed toilet facilities shall have an operable Coast Guard certified marine sanitation device (MSD) classified as either Type I, II, or III. Coast Guard certified devices are so labeled.

MOORING TACKLE SPECIFICATION:

The minimum specifications for moorings shall be as follows:

Length of boat	Weight of Mushroom anchor		Chain & shackle	Line Diameter
	Protected	AREA Unprotected		
Under 16'	50 lbs.	75 lbs.	3/8"	1/2"
16' to 18'	75 lbs.	100 lbs.	3/8"	1/2"
19' to 25'	100 lbs.	150 lbs.	3/8"	1/2"
26' to 30'	150 lbs.	200 lbs.	1/2"	5/8"

Concrete or cinder blocks are not permitted as mooring material

MOORING TACKLE SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

1. Length of chain shall be at least three feet (3') longer than the depth of water at Mean High Water where the mooring is to be located.
2. Total length of mooring - chain and pennant - shall be equal to at least three times the depth of water at Mean High Water where the mooring is located.
3. A white styrofoam, rubber, or plastic float with a blue horizontal stripe is the only acceptable mooring marker. The mooring buoy shall bear the name and mooring permit number. Use of wooden or steel winter buoys on permanent moorings permitted only from November 1st to April 1st. A Winter Mooring Tag shall be affixed to the end of the chain.
4. The location, type and adequacy of every mooring must be approved annually by the Harbormaster, or his representative, before placement.
5. Shore mooring: All boats that are moored to the shore and affected by tidal rise and fall must have two anchors. The offshore anchor to be in size as stated in the mooring regulations. The inshore anchor may be a pipe at least 1½" in diameter extending at least 18" below grade and extending at least 12" above Mean High Water if of another type. The inshore anchor shall not project above ground level presenting a hazard to persons using the area. Trot line type moorings; i.e., mooring configuration such that boat may be moved offshore by use of a continuous line to be not less than 2700 lbs. tensile strength for boats up to 18' in length (3/8" poly or 5/16" nylon) or not less than 3700 lbs. tensile strength for boats over 18' in length (1/2" poly or 3/8" nylon).

MOORING AREAS:

1. In the waters of Cape Cod Bay no vessel shall be moored within the extension of property boundaries of public or community bathing areas or so as to interfere with swimming in said areas. In the waters of Nauset Marsh and Town Cove, no vessel shall be moored so as to interfere with the operation of boat launching ramps.
2. In the waters of Cape Cod Bay no mooring shall be placed within a distance of 125 feet of another mooring. In the waters of Great Pond no mooring shall be placed within a distance of 75 feet of another mooring.
3. Moorings placed in the waters of Cape Cod Bay shall be located such that the vessel when aground at low tide is a minimum of 25 feet from all aquatic vegetation including but not limited to sedge (*Spartina*) or eelgrass (*Zostera*).
4. No vessel shall be moored in a channel upstream of the point where the width of the channel is less than 150 feet at high tide as determined by the Harbormaster.
5. No vessel shall be moored inshore of a line drawn across the mouth of Rock Harbor, Bee's River or Hatches Creek.
6. The area of Boat Meadow Creek north of a line defined by coordinates N41°48'26.4", W70°00'08.1" to N41°48'27.8", W70°00'09.5" shall be limited to moorings for vessels which are twenty-one feet (21') in length or less and whose draft is less than two feet (2').