

Dinghy Dock Regulations

Tempest Knob and Onset Pier

1. A completed Dinghy Dock application by an active **H**arbor **S**ervice **P**ermit Holder with a mooring must be submitted to the Wareham Harbormaster. Applicants will be assigned a location as space becomes available. Locations are only awarded by the date in which the application was received (first come, first serve) for **HSP** mooring holders for getting to and from their moored vessel.
2. A Dinghy Dock Permit is a privilege and the assigned dinghy must be kept in seaworthy condition at all times. All dinghies must be dewatered after any storm where water collects inside the vessel. Any vessel that is left uncared for after 24 hours of being notified by the Harbormaster will be removed. The Harbormaster may contract a private salvage company to remove the dinghy and be stored off site at the owner's expense.
3. A Dinghy Dock Permit shall be displayed in a visible location.
4. The Harbormaster shall determine the amount of available dinghy spots. Upon the Harbormaster's determination that the dock is full all additional applicants will be placed on the waiting list.
5. Only one Dinghy Dock Permit will be issued to a Harbor Service Permit holder regardless of how many moorings the **HSP** holder has.
6. A Dinghy Dock Permit will only be issued to a Harbor Service Permit Holder with a primary vessel that is actively moored. **HSP** holders with a **vacant mooring** or a **"mooring only"** will not be issued a Dinghy Dock Permit. Space is only granted to **HSP** holders to get to and from their actively moored vessel only.
7. For safety purposes, a Dinghy Dock Permit will not be issued to Harbor Service Permit holder whose boat is not within a reasonable distance from the dock to the mooring at the determination of the Harbormaster. No exceptions.
8. Fuel containers shall not be left unattended and all external tanks shall be removed when the vessel is not in use.
Exception- Self-contained fuel tanks built into a motor. Vents shall be secured and fuel valves shall be turned in to the closed position to eliminate any escape of fuel into the water.
9. No vessels in excess of 10' and/or a beam in excess of 5' are permitted.
10. All unidentifiable dinghies will be removed at the owner's expense.
11. All dinghies shall be removed immediately from the dinghy dock once the primary moored vessel is no longer in the water for the season within 72 hours. No dinghies shall remain on the dock between December 1st - March 31st.

12. Chaining, wiring or locking is permitted at your own risk. The Harbormaster reserves the right to removes such security devices at any time. Dinghy permit holders will not be reimbursed for any security device that needs to be removed by means of cutting.
13. Fueling of dinghies may only be done under the guidelines of the Waterways Rules and Regulations as well as any State and Federal Regulations that may apply.
14. In the event of a tropical storm or greater all dinghies shall be removed within 24 hours of landfall. Any dinghy not removed will be removed at the owners expense and subject to revocation of permit.
15. The Harbormaster may remove any or all dinghies at any time in the best interest of preserving public property, for the safety of the general public, or for any necessary dock maintenance where the dinghy is obstructing the work area.
16. All approved dinghies must be in place on the dock by July 1st or the spot will be forfeited and assigned to the next person on the waiting list. The forfeited Dinghy Permit Holder will be required to re-apply for a location to become available.
17. Use at your own risk, The Town of Wareham is not responsible for any lost, stolen, damaged, or misplaced persons, property or belongings.
18. The Dinghy Permit Holder is responsible for any fuel released into the water and any clean-up efforts that may be required.
19. No dinghy shall be removed or placed in the water from the floating dock at any time. The dinghy permit holder will be responsible for all neglectful damages caused to the public floating docks. Dinghy Permit Holders will be subject to revocation of permit for this practice.
20. The Dinghy Permit Holder is responsible for any neglectful damages caused to other vessels tied to the dinghy area.
21. All dinghies with mechanical propulsion shall be registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any Dinghy that is not be registered while being powered by mechanical propulsion will be subject to fines, revocation of permit, and removal from the dinghy dock.
22. Transient dinghies may utilized the dinghy dock area for up to three hours and up to three days with permission of the Harbormaster and not required to obtain a permit. Vessels may be refused to tie up if space is not available.
23. All Regulations may be updated at any time by the Harbormaster.