



Public Hearing Notice

January 22, 2020

The Provincetown Harbor Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., in the Judge Welsh Room at Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 to consider the following changes to Chapter 2 & 3 of the Harbor Regulations:

2-2-10 Mooring Permit. Written authorization by the Harbormaster to place mooring equipment within Provincetown Harbor on a temporary annual basis. All mooring permits expire on ~~December 31st~~ November 15th of the given calendar year.

2-3-2 No mooring permit may be issued until the applicant files the designated application with the Harbormaster, completed in full, along with the appropriate fee and proof of payment of vessel excise tax and insurance certificate pursuant to 3-4-6 (if applicable). The Harbormaster shall issue or deny a request for a permit within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of application. The Harbormaster shall keep detailed description of all moorings, their locations, holder's name and address, business and home phone numbers, date mooring was set, and name, length, and type of vessel to be attached thereto. The Harbormaster may revoke or suspend any mooring permit that is not properly marked with permit number on a white float with a blue stripe in accordance with Federal regulations. ¹⁶

The following regulation proposal has 2 options for 3-4-2a:

3-4-2: Absolutely no wake is allowed in the anchorage or active mooring areas. Speed is not to exceed 5 miles per hour, or the minimum speed required for steerage, whichever is less. These areas include the restricted zone as defined in section 3-1-5. No vessel transiting between Long Point and the inner harbor breakwater shall endanger another with its wake.²⁶

Option 1: a) Vessels that are rated by the USCG at 50 (fifty) tons or more shall following an arcing route from the #3 green bell buoy at Long Point to a point ½ nautical mile from the #4 Red lighted daymark on the west end of the breakwater then reduce speed to NO WAKE bare steerageway (5 MPH) at a distance of not less than 500 (five hundred) yards ½ nautical mile south east southeast of the breakwater in the Federal

Channel (R4) as shown on the accompanying chartlet.

Option 2: a) Vessels that are rated by the USCG at 50 (fifty) tons or more shall reduce speed to no wake or bare steerageway at the #3 green bell buoy at Long Point on entering Provincetown Harbor. Vessels of this rating departing Provincetown Harbor shall maintain no wake speed out to the #3 Green buoy at Long Point. ~~reduce speed to NO WAKE~~ distance of not less than 500 (five hundred) yards south of the breakwater (R4).

3-4-6 Insurance Requirements

a) Effective January 1, 2021, the owner of any vessel entering or being used in the waters of Provincetown Harbor shall maintain liability insurance in the amounts specified herein. Said insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect from the date upon which the Vessel first enters the Harbor and as long as the vessel remains in the Harbor. Proof of such liability insurance shall be provided to the Harbormaster upon the date of first entry into the harbor or with a completed mooring application renewal. The Town of Provincetown shall be named as certificate holder on any applicable insurance policy.

The requirements of Section 3-4-6 shall not apply to Transient Vessels as defined in Section 3-1-6 of the Provincetown Harbor Regulations, or to vessels on MacMillan Pier where 1-7-7 is applicable.

b) The Vessel owner shall provide proof of liability insurance of at least the following limits:

1) Recreational vessels smaller than 20 feet in length and not motorized or any size Vessel having only an outboard motor of less than 25 hp
. Not Required

2) Recreational vessels 20 feet in length or larger, or any size
Vessel with an inboard motor, so-called I/O or outboard motor
of 25 hp or more \$300,000 per
occurrence

3) Commercial Vessels \$500,000 per
occurrence

c) Any Vessel failing to meet the insurance requirements of this section must provide a bond in the amounts listed above or shall be considered unsafe, unfit and/or a hazard to navigation and subject to removal by the Harbormaster.

Additionally, Harbor Committee is considering recommendations to expand the boat rack program by enlarging the rack at the Commercial Street Rotary, expanding the rack at the West End Parking lot and adding a rack behind the Post Office.

Comments thereon may be submitted in writing to the Provincetown Harbor Committee, Provincetown Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 or in person at the hearing.

David Flattery, Chairman
Provincetown Harbor Committee

Posted: Town Hall, Harbormasters Office on MacMillan Pier & on the web at www.provincetown-ma.gov, 12/30/2019, 8:40 am AR

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