



# Public Notice

## Harbor Regulation

The Provincetown Select Board held a Public Meeting on **Monday, November 23, 2020**, in the Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 to hear comment from the public to changes to the Harbor Regulations.

The regulation updates include, a) mooring permits now ending on Nov 15 instead of the former date of Dec 31, b) required course and an expanded no wake zone for vessels greater than 50 Gross Tons and, c) there is now a requirement for liability insurance for some boats renting moorings. Details of these new regulations listed here for your convenience, as well as in the Official Provincetown website.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the given calendar year unless a waiver has been granted by the Harbormaster pursuant to 3-2-3c. No vessel may be stored on a mooring over-winter.

**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.

a) Vessels that are rated by the USCG at 50 (fifty) Gross Ton or more shall follow 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~~ minimum headway (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.

**2-3-2** No mooring permit may be issued until the applicant files the designated

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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 descriptions of all moorings, their locations, permit 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.

**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.

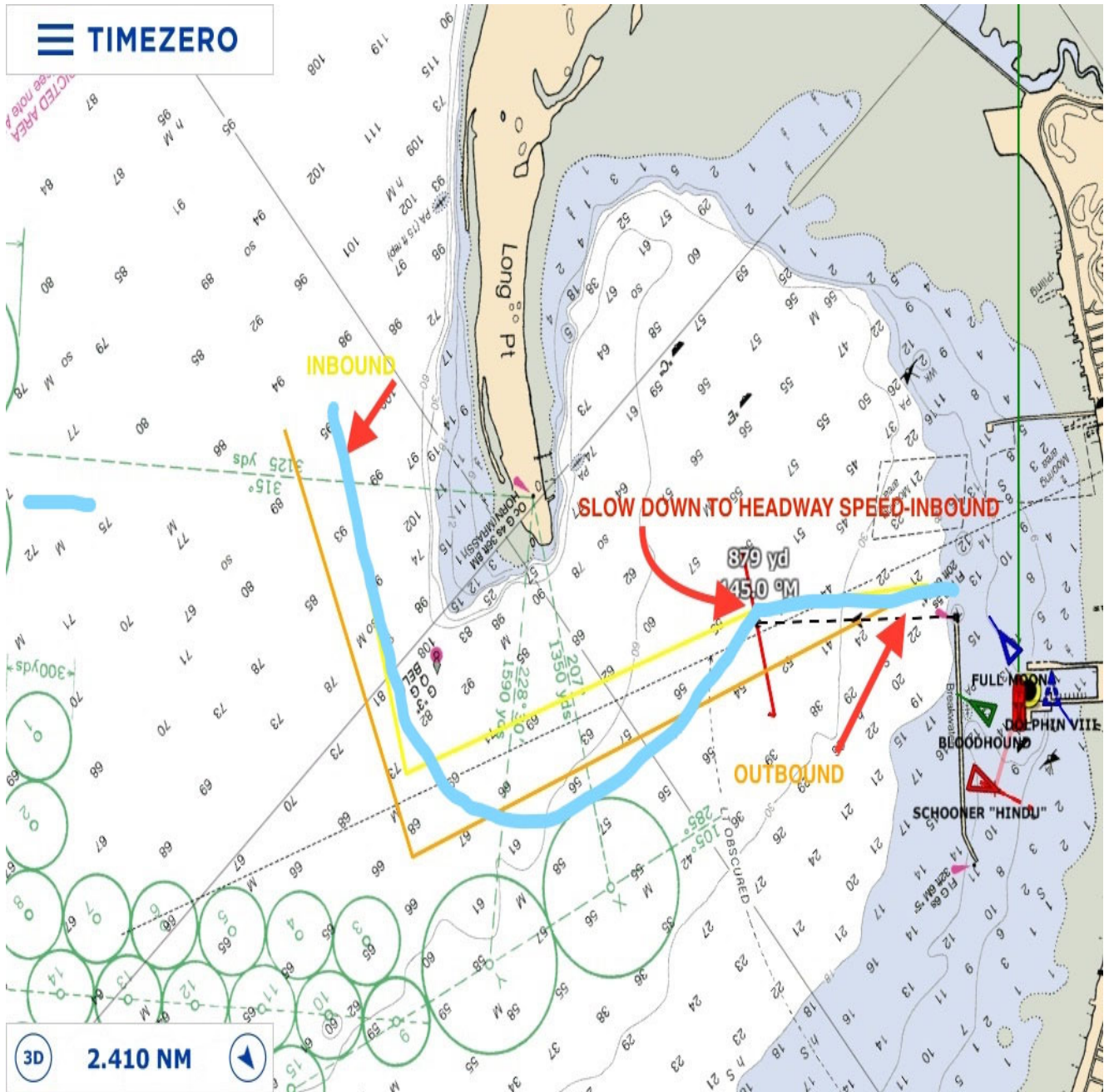
The requirements of Section 3-4-6 shall not apply to Transient Vessels as defined in Section 3-1-6 of the Provincetown Harbor Regulations, or to vessels on MacMillan Pier where 1-7-7 is applicable.

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

- 1) Vessels smaller than 20 feet in length and not motorized or any size Vessel having only an outboard motor of less than 30 hp . . . . . Not Required
- 2) Vessels 20 feet in length or larger, or any size Vessel with an inboard motor, I/O or outboard motor of 30 hp or more or houseboat pursuant to 3-1-8. . . . . \$100,000 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 is subject to removal by the Harbormaster.

David Abramson, Chair  
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