



Vessel Parking and Access Facilities Rules and Regulations

1. **THIS IS AN UNSECURED FACILITY.** THE TOWN WILL NOT, FOR ANY REASON, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO OR THEFT OF YOUR VESSEL, NOR FOR HARM TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY CAUSED BY YOUR VESSEL OR ITS USE.
2. Overnight storage is allowed for non-motorized, self-propelled vessels (kayaks, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, etc.) by Town-issued permit holders only. Town-issued permits must be visibly displayed on vessel hulls at all times. Permit applications may be obtained from the Town's Parks and Recreation Department on a first come, first served basis. Only one permit will be issued per household.
3. Non-permitted vessels left on the Town's property for more than twenty-four (24) hours are subject to removal by the Town at the owner's expense.
4. Notification of violations of application requirements, Rules and Regulations, and/or Town ordinances, if any such notices are given, will be sent only to the permit holder's address indicated on his or her application and such notice shall be deemed effective upon first class mailing to that address with proper postage attached.
5. The Town's facilities shall be open for use by permit holders and the public from 1 hour before sunrise until 1 hour after sunset. Use at all other times is prohibited except under special written permission provided by the Morehead City Parks & Recreation Department.
6. The Town's facilities may be used for swimming, walking, wading, sun-bathing, fishing, sailing, picnicking, and the hand launching of permitted and daily use (launched after 1 hour before sunrise and removed before 1 hour after sunset each day) vessels. All such uses are at your own risk.
7. Permitted overnight and daily use vessels are limited to kayaks, canoes, sailboards, paddleboards, sailing & rowing dinghies, monohull sailboats up to 14 feet in length and monohull or multihull sailboats up to 18 feet in length to be placed upon the ground, or similar sized vessels. No other vessels are allowed on these Town facilities.
8. All permitted vessels must be and remain in functional and reasonably good condition or they will be subject to removal by the Town at the owner's expense.
9. Storage of permitted vessels is allowed only on the racks provided by the Town for kayaks, canoes, sailboards, paddleboards, and small monohull sailboats (14 feet or shorter) up to the capacity of the racks and other allowed vessels must be parked on the ground or on owner provided cradles entirely within assigned spaces.
10. No storage of equipment or vessels will be allowed except as specified in item 9 above. This includes masts, sails, ropes, rudders, oars, paddles, anchors, floatation devices, etc.
11. No major vessel repairs or replacements may be performed on-site.
12. Halyards must be secured on all sailboats to minimize slapping against the mast.
13. No trailers or motor vehicles are allowed beyond the paved portions of the facilities.
14. No overnight parking of trailers or vehicles is permitted in the parking lot or at any time in the vessel storage areas.
15. All vessels, boating equipment, storage devices, & launching dollies stored on the property must be removed between January 15 & March 1 of each year. Anything left on the site between these dates will be deemed to be and treated as abandoned and will be removed and disposed of by the Town of Morehead City at owner's expense with no further notice or recourse.



16. All vessels must be placed and kept in a manner that does not a) present trip hazards, b) unreasonably interfere with other vessels or facility users, and c) block pedestrians. The Town of Morehead City reserves the right to remove and or eliminate, without notice to the owner, any safety hazard or blockage that it observes and deems prudent.
17. All vessels must be removed upon the issuance of a hurricane warning for Morehead City and/or in its vicinity by the National Hurricane Center, or at least 24 hours prior to a National Weather Service prediction of 50 MPH wind gusts or greater. Vessels may return only after such weather events have ended. Vessels not removed within this allotted time frame may be removed by the Town at the owner's expense.
18. Use and storage of vessels on the Town's facilities is at the user's and/or owner's risk. The Town of Morehead City is not responsible for any theft, damage or injury that occurs on the site.
19. Users shall place any litter or trash in the provided receptacles. Household trash is not permitted in these receptacles.
20. Users must be respectful of neighboring property owners and visitors, and of other users of the Town's facilities.
21. The Town of Morehead City reserves the right to amend, alter, revoke or further revise these Rules and Regulations at any time. Please check all signage sign regularly for changes. Violations of these Rules and Regulations may result in termination of vessel permits, removal of vessels and other personal property at owner's expense, and prohibition of further use of the Town's facilities.
22. For information or questions, contact Craig Lands, Director of Morehead City Parks & Recreation Department at 252-726-5083 ext. 5.

IF THE TOWN, IN ITS DISCRETION, REMOVES AND/OR STORES ANY VESSEL, VESSEL PARTS, EQUIPMENT, TACKLE, DOLLIES, HAND TRUCKS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, OR ANY OTHER ITEM OR THING ON OR AT THE FACILITY IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON WHICH, IN THE TOWN'S JUDGMENT, CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY, THE REMOVAL AND/OR STORAGE SHALL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNERS AND/OR PERSON WITH OR ENTITLED TO POSSESSION. THE TOWN WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY ITEM OR THING REMOVED, AND IT IS AGREED THAT IN THE TOWN'S JUDGMENT AS TO THE DANGER CAUSED BY OR ATTENDANT TO THE ITEM OR THING REMOVED SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF OR PRESENCE ON THE FACILITY, ALL PERSONS SO USING OR OCCUPYING THE FACILITY AGREE TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THIS PARAGRAPH.



Permitting Rules

1. Vessel Parking Permits will be issued and maintained by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department on a first come, first served basis, and only upon presentment of a fully completed application, the non-transferable, non-refundable application/permit fee, and evidence of residency and vessel ownership.
2. Only full-time and part-time (at least 3 months out of the year) Town residents (live within the Town's municipal limits) are eligible for a permit. A tax bill, utility bill, water bill, or deed must be presented at the time of permitting, along with photo identification, for proof of such residency. Only one permit will be issued per household.
3. In order to receive a permit, the applicant must show proof ownership of the vessel to be permitted or a close family relationship to the owner (Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother or Sister).
4. In the event an applicant is unable to appear in person, he or she may send an authorized representative who will need to present written and signed authorization from the applicant. An authorized representative may apply for only one permit, including themselves.
5. Except for 2015 permits, Vessel Parking Permits will be issued annually to those applying in person at the Morehead City Recreation Center, located at 1600 Fisher Street. Permits will be issued annually on March 1 and during the normal business hours for that day. If March 1 occurs on a Sunday, permits will be issued the next business day during that day's normal business hours. Applications will be received only until such time as all permits are issued. Permits will expire on January 15 of the year following permit issuance.
6. Current permit holders will be notified by email at least 30 days before the start of a new permitting year with an overview of any new policies.