# *Town of Falmouth, Maine*
# *Harbor and Anchorage*
# *Rules and Regulations*

The Falmouth Harbor, public shore facilities, and access come under the jurisdiction of the Falmouth Harbor Master, as authorized by Town Ordinance and Maine State law. The Town of Falmouth is a designated Federal Special Anchorage and subject to certain applicable federal, state, local laws, and ordinances.

The Harbor Master's duties include, but are not limited to, the enforcement of town ordinance, state, and federal laws governing moorings, boating safety, licensing, permits, and operation within the jurisdictional waters.

The areas of immediate concern to the public are those regulations that apply to the territorial waters claimed by the Town of Falmouth. This pamphlet addresses some of the more frequent concerns for those utilizing the Falmouth Anchorage. (Reference 38 M.R.S.A.)

**► MOORINGS**

Both residents ($50.00) and non-residents ($250.00) must apply for a mooring permit annually. **A late fee will be assessed for delinquent applications after March 15th.** The Harbor Master will determine annually the location of each mooring. Winter spars must not be set between June 1st and September 1st. Winter spars are required on all but commercial moorings by December 31st and removed by June 1st.

The Harbor Master may reassign the location of any mooring for the safe operation of the anchorage.

Mooring permits are the property of the Town of Falmouth and, thus, **non-transferable**. Mooring tackle (ball, chain, anchoring system) is the personal property of the permit holder. Should an individual choose to not re-new a mooring permit, it is the holder's responsibility to remove the mooring system and **notify the Harbor Master.**

**Moorings must be inspected every two years** by a qualified mooring inspector approved by the Town of Falmouth. A list of approved mooring inspectors is kept by the Harbor Master and available upon request.

**All moorings must have a white flotation ball with a horizontal blue stripe, mooring permit number, and permit holders last name.**

**Moorings not in compliance will be removed from the anchorage at the permit holder's expense.**

**► MOORING PERMIT STICKERS**

Mooring permit stickers must be displayed on the vessel assigned to the permit and mooring. Placement on the starboard bow or other mutually agreed location may be determined by the Harbor Master.

**► COMMERCIAL USE & LAUNCH FEES**

A $250.00 annual permit fee is required of all commercial boat transporters. An additional fee shall be accessed for all non-permitted vessels at $10.00 per linear foot. All other vessels (dinghies, boats, kayaks, and jet skis) must pay a $10.00 one-time launch fee or $50.00 annual launch fee.

**► DINGIES**

**The Town allocates annually 60 resident dinghy permits ($50.00) and 30 non-resident dinghy permits ($100.00). Dinghy permit stickers, owner's name, and phone number shall be affixed to the transom. No dinghy outboard motors or fuel containers shall be left overnight. Non-permitted dinghies and dinghies left in disrepair or neglect will be removed and stored at the owner's expense. See the Harbor Master for more specific regulations.**

**► ALCOHOL**

The Town Landing is posted "No Drinking in Public" and serves as the one-time warning. All individuals found violating the order are subject to prosecution.

**► NO WAKE ZONE**

Throughout the **entire special anchorage confines** is a designated "No Wake Zone". Vessels are required to adhere to **HEADWAY SPEED** or clutch ahead. **Citations will be issued to violators of this Ordinance!**

**► SEWAGE DISCHARGE**

Per federal MARPOL Coast Guard regulations: **it is unlawful to discharge sewage and garbage within 3 miles of the coast.** Violators are subject to federal prosecution. A sewage pump-out is available at the Falmouth Town Landing.

## TOWN LANDING

**► PARKING**

Parking for residents only is permitted at Town Landing's lower lot. The upper lot off Route 88 is for Residents only, except for the designated / posted spaces for non-residents. Resident stickers are available for $5.00 from the Falmouth Town Clerk's Office.

► **MAIN PIER & FLOATS**

**NO DINGHY TIE-UP UNDER THE PIER. DINGHIES MUST BE TIED-UP IN THEIR PERMITTED, ASSIGNED LOCATION.** COMMERCIAL DINGHIES SHALL BE TIED-UP IN THE COMMERCIAL AREA ONLY. For all other vessels, a maximum tie-up time of twenty minutes is allowed (unless approved by the Harbor Master).

**For safety reasons NO diving or swimming from the main pier and floats.**

***Falmouth Harbor Coastal Waters Ordinance may be obtained:***

From the Harbor Master or
Falmouth Town Hall
271 Falmouth Road
Falmouth, Maine, 04105
(207) 781-5253
or
www.town.falmouth.me.us

Falmouth Marine Unit - Harbor Master
(207) 781-7317
police@town.falmouth.me.us

Our collective goal is to provide a safe anchorage for all residents and visitors. In that spirit, we encourage boaters to take advantage of the many safe boating and navigation courses available from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary: Always check the weather conditions and leave a float plan with the Harbor Master or a responsible party.

## *Enjoy Falmouth Harbor!*

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