

Special Liveboard Guidelines

It is our hope to make your stay here at Constitution Marina an enjoyable experience. Living aboard a boat in the winter in New England can be a challenge. However if done properly, it will be a comfortable one. If not done properly, it will be difficult.

The Liveboard community is quite close; and while living on your own boat can be liberating, it also comes with some obligations when you are in a community tied to the dock. Please keep these guidelines in mind and your stay should be much improved:

1. **Ask questions.** Many of us have lived aboard for years and can help you from repeating some of our mistakes.
2. The **Golden Rule** prevails. We are very close; sometimes only inches, so please be considerate of your neighbors.
3. Be careful on the docks and in the parking lots. Snow and ice can be hazardous. Black ice may form on the docks in the morning. We will shovel the main docks, the parking lots, and other common areas. Boat owners are responsible for their own boats and finger piers. We may ask you to move your car to a specific parking area to facilitate snow plowing of the parking areas.
4. Cars left unattended for an extended period are subject to towing; please leave your keys with the dockmaster if you will be gone for more than a few days.
5. The Shower and Laundry facilities are provided for your use. We are not able to clean them after every use – **please be considerate of your fellow boaters and tidy up after you use the facilities.** It only takes a few inconsiderate users to make it very uncomfortable for everyone. Please take a moment – **pretend your mother is coming in when you leave...it will make everyone happier.**
6. In addition, if your dog is unable to clean up after itself please use the Mutt Mitts provided by the marina to clean up after your pet.
7. Storm lines are up for your protection. If you remove them, please reinstall.
8. No gear should be left on the docks – **no hoses, power cords, lines, dockboxes etc.** When we snow-blow the docks, we cannot see them under the snow, and cannot be responsible for snow blower accidents.
9. Only steps approved by the dockmaster may be used.
10. Power cords should be coiled on the boat - not wrapped around the power pedestals or coiled on the docks.
11. Be careful when using the **winter water. The water is run in a series. The water line you shut down may be your neighbors. Make sure water lines are properly insulated** – if a hose freezes, it can travel to the main and block the water supply for everyone.
12. **Shrinkwrapping requires a Massport fire department permit and extinguishers** within easy reach. If you do your own shrinkwrap, you still need a permit.
13. **Dinghies** cannot be stored on the docks nor in the water. If you cannot store your dinghy on your deck please make arrangements with the dockmaster for a permit to store it on a marina storage rack
14. **Pump-outs** are provided to liveboards free of charge by the marina, however during the winter **each boat access point must be fitted with a special adaptor. They are available in the dock office** for \$25.
15. Danger/Doubt. The horn signal is 5 short blasts. Call 911 in case of emergency and issue five (5) short blasts on your horn to notify your neighbors – keep your horns close at hand.

Thank you for joining us at Constitution Marina. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. We welcome your suggestions.

Sincerely,

Your crew