

Bonnet Shores Fire District Mooring Field Regulations

1. The harbor has capacity to hold approximately 68 moorings due to the configuration and natural harbor areas. These are for use by Bonnet Shores Taxpayers only. This is also a management consideration. A waiting list shall be developed when maximum occupancy has been met, as determined by the harbormaster.
2. Mooring permit request forms and mooring float (Minimum 18 inches) and tackle verification forms must be turned in to the harbormaster by **June 1st** each year. Failure to do so may result forfeiture of that mooring.
3. When a mooring site becomes available, the harbormaster shall notify the Bonnet Shores Council. The council chairperson shall notify the harbormaster of who the next person on the waiting list is. The harbormaster shall then notify that person that the mooring site has become available to them.
4. Any person who is notified by the harbormaster that a mooring has become available to them must pay the appropriate mooring fees and turn in applicable paperwork (mooring application, float inspection verification, boat registration, and if the address on the boat registration doesn't match the bonnet shores address, a copy of the current tax bill will provide verification. The mooring holder must put appropriate mooring tackle at the designated site within 2 months of notification or forfeit the mooring site. (Only one mooring will be assigned to a taxpayer address.)
5. Any person who has a mooring site shall have one year from date of notification to put a boat, registered to that taxpayer, on his/her mooring. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of that mooring to the next person on the waiting list.
6. The boat ramp will have a combination pad lock. The combination will be emailed only to mooring holders/boat ramp users and will change throughout the boating the season. Please do not share the combination with others and please keep your email address current.
7. Boats moored in the Bonnet Shores harbor must have a Rhode Island Boat registration sticker and appropriate registration numbers affixed clearly to the hull per Coast Guard Regulation 33 CFR 173.15.

Recommended Mooring and Tackle Sizes:

Boat Length (Feet)	Mushroom Weight (Pounds)	Block Anchor (Pounds)	Bottom Chain Size (Inches)	Top Chain Size (Inches)	Pendant Rope (Diameter Inches)
12'-14'	150	500	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"
15'-17'	200	1,000	9/16"	1/2"	1/2"
18'-22'	250	1,500	9/16"	9/16"	9/16"
23'-25'	300	2,000	9/16"	9/16"	9/16"
26'-30'	400	2,000	5/8"	5/8"	5/8"
31-36'	500	2,500	3/4"	5/8"	3/4"

Exceptions to the Inner Harbor with Eco type Moorings which need to be inspected & deemed to be in good working order.