

New Rules for Lobster Basin

Add 11/7/17

11. Due to recent complaints of non-use of slips. Any slip that is not used by the boats owner for an extended period shall be given a warning by the harbormaster. Upon the second notice of non-use the boat owner shall be notified by the harbormaster that his/her rights to dock at the Fairhaven Lobster Basin will be terminated. The boat owner will have his fee pro-rated and has the right to add his/her name to the harbormasters waiting list.

12. Code of conduct. Any person who is said to harass the harbormaster or deputy harbormasters while doing their duties, will be given a verbal warning to end the harassment or risk lose of dockage space. If there is a second act of harassment of the harbormaster or deputies a written statement will be given to the owner, Town Administrator and the selectmen. A hearing can be held to discuss these actions if warranted. If a 3rd act is conducted the Harbormaster will again notify the boat owner, TA and the selectmen and a meeting shall be held to discuss appropriate measures. The selectmen can suspend the boat owner for a period of time or can decide to suspend the rights of the boat owner indefinitely. Again, the boat owner has the right to put his/her name to the waiting list.

13. Anyone charged with a criminal act that has to do with violation of Marine laws, to include violations of catch size and quantity. Shall upon conviction lose the right to use the Union Wharf Lobster Basin.

** Fees

The marine resource held a meeting and the discussion was to raise the rates of dockage down at the union St wharf. The board was unanimous that the fees must be raised but felt that raising them during construction was not the best time. After a lot of deliberation and hearing that some Marinas charge \$500 per month we felt that to be a little steep. I feel that raising the rates to \$4500 per season would be appropriate. The larger ships pay a fee of \$25 per day but considering they only are allowed to fish 39 days out of the year that equals about \$8000 in fees per year.

Also, just to show how low we are in fees I can tell you after to speaking with several boat owners that they feel some get special treatment at the lobster basin. I notified these individuals that everyone pays. But considering some don't use the slip it definitely shows we are way to cheap! "the slip are for working fisherman"