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**Mooring FAQs**

**Q. Where can I find the mooring application?**

A. The mooring application can be found on the Town of Greenwich website > Harbor Management Commission > Mooring Permit and Applications Guidelines tab.

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/1285/Mooring-Permit-Application-and-Guideline>

**Q. Where do I submit an application if I want a mooring in a Town of Greenwich Harbor?**

A. Mooring applications can be submitted via mail or in person to:

Attn: Harbor Management Commission  
Selectman's Office  
101 Field Point Rd  
Greenwich, CT 06830

Mooring applications submitted directly to the Harbor Master will not be accepted. Mooring applications are required to be submitted to the Town of Greenwich Harbor Management Commission (GHMC). The mooring application can be found on the Town of Greenwich website > Harbor Management Commission > Mooring Permit and Applications Guidelines tab.

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**Q. How does the process work for new mooring requests?**

A. After filling out the **new mooring** application and including all of the necessary information (current boat registration and insurance), the GHMC will review your application. Once it has been reviewed for completeness, you will be added to the mooring waitlist. At this point, the Harbor Master will have access to your information and should contact you to discuss location preferences. Once the Harbor Master has approved a location, he should inform the GHMC, and an approved vendor can install/inspect the tackle. It is the applicant's responsibility to get a copy of the new mooring tackle invoice or inspection invoice and send it to the GHMC to complete the last requirement for their application.

Once the GHMC has the current boat registration, current proof of insurance, proof of new tackle or inspection, application fee, and an approved location from the harbor master, then a mooring permit can be issued.

**Q. How does the process work for mooring renewals?**

A. If an applicant wants to renew a previously approved mooring, the applicant must submit an application with the application fee, current proof of registration, current proof of insurance, and proof of a tri-annual mooring inspection. Once the GHMC has reviewed the application for completeness, a mooring permit can be issued.

**Q. Can I submit an application if I don't own a boat yet?**

A. Yes, the GHMC suggests you do submit an application early in preparation for your boat arriving. The process of obtaining a new mooring could take anywhere from one week to a few months depending on the season and availability. Keep in mind information such as boat length, draft, and harbor preference is needed to assign a mooring location and that a mooring permit will not be issued until proof of registration, insurance, and mooring inspection is submitted to the GHMC.

**Q. What do mooring vendors do and do I really need one?**

A. Mooring vendors can service, repair, and inspect moorings. Moorings are required to get lift-inspected every three years, so the boater is required to use a GHMC approved vendor. A GHMC approved vendors list can be found on the Town of Greenwich website > Harbor Management Commission > Mooring Regulations and Inspection Services tab.

<https://www.greenwichct.gov/1422/Mooring-Regulations-and-Inspection-Servi>

**Q. What is a mooring inspection entail?**

A. A mooring inspection includes lifting the mooring tackle out of the water and replacing the tackle as needed.

**Q. Can I service my own mooring?**

Yes, for those that are do it yourselfers, you can commission and decommission your mooring (removing winter gear and installing seasonal gear). Servicing is different than inspecting. You cannot inspect your own tackle.

**Q. Can I dive and inspect my own mooring or have a friend do it for my tri-annual mooring inspection?**

No, diving is not permitted for a tri-annual inspection, all moorings must be lifted and inspected by an approved vendor. A copy of their inspection report must be sent to the GHMC and will be filed accordingly.

**Q. What is a winter stick?**

A. Winter sticks are used to mark/identify a boaters mooring during the winter season. It is recommended that only commercially available winter sticks be utilized. Mooring vendors can switch seasonal gear for the boater. Please remember, wooden sticks are strictly prohibited.

Last December as a part of the "Regulations for Mooring and Anchoring Vessels in the Greenwich Harbors Area" the "Minimum Recommended Mooring Tackle Specifications for the Greenwich Harbors Area" says the following:

**“It is recommended that only the commercially available ‘Winter Sticks’ be utilized. They should be white with a blue reflective stripe and have a minimum height of 4’ above the water level. After June 15, 2018, wood posts, lobster pots and the like, which can become water logged and fail to remain vertical, are not permitted.”**

Reports have shown that qualified mooring vendors have good success with using lobster pot buoys.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Greenwich Harbor Management Commission to allow the use of lobster pot buoys for the 2018-2019 winter season and to consider next year whether the Mooring Tackle Specifications for ‘Winter Sticks’ should be modified in any way. Wood winter sticks are strictly prohibited.

**Q. What if I don’t need my mooring any longer?**

A. Please inform the GHMC and your mooring vendor that you will no longer be using your mooring. Removal of mooring tackle is the responsibility of the mooring owner. The HMC maintains a list of mooring holders looking to sell their tackle. Please remember mooring locations cannot be sold, only tackle may be sold.

**Q. What if I want to keep my mooring while I don’t have a boat?**

A. The GHMC understands that an applicant might be in-between buying boats and wants to keep their mooring location. An applicant can keep their mooring as long as the mooring continues to be serviced. The applicant is required to submit an application stating the approximate length of time they will be without a boat, the proof of a tri-annual inspection, and application fee.

Any further questions can be submitted to [moorings@greenwichct.org](mailto:moorings@greenwichct.org)