

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Select Board Authority: Town Code Chapter C3-7 (H)

272-2 Dinghy Floats and Docks

A. Purpose:

To establish a regulation to effectively utilize municipal dinghy docks and floats. This regulation also limits the timeframe in which vessels will be permitted to remain affixed to town property. Dinghy docks and floats are intended for use of vessels designated to transport to and from a larger boat located on a mooring within the designated harbor.

B. Definitions:

Vessel or Dinghy: For purposes of this regulation, a vessel or dinghy is defined as watercraft of every description used or capable of being used as a means of transportation upon the water. (MGL Chapter 90B & 323 CMR 323 2.02)

C. Regulations:

1. Maximum dinghy length shall be 12 feet LOA.
2. Maximum dinghy beam shall not exceed 5 feet.
3. Minimum pennant length shall be 10 feet.
4. Maximum dinghy outboard horsepower may not exceed 15.
5. Dinghies with any type of power must be registered pursuant to MGL Chapter 90B-2 & 323 CMR 2.03
6. Registered vessels must be marked in accordance with MGL Chapter 90B-2 & 3.
7. Dinghies without power shall have the owners' name, contact phone number, or town mooring number listed on the vessel. Identification stickers may be available from the Harbormaster's Department for this purpose.
8. Sailboats may not occupy dinghy docks or floats.
9. Outboard engines shall be left in the down position to prevent damage to other vessels.
10. Unless a vessel owner secures written permission of the Harbormaster for a proven need, no vessel shall be stored or placed on town dinghy docks or floats from November 16 to April 15 annually. Any vessel placed or remaining on town property from November 16 to April 15 shall be considered abandoned under this regulation and disposed of in the best interest of the town at the owner's expense.
11. Dinghies must be in seaworthy condition and maintained regularly. Rainwater shall be removed weekly as necessary.
12. The owner of any vessel in violation of this regulation may be fined \$50.00 per day. Each day constitutes a separate offense. Any vessel or dinghy in violation of this regulation may be removed by the Harbormaster's Department at the owner's expense. Vessels removed by the

Harbormaster's Department shall be considered derelicts and/or abandoned and will be disposed of in the best interest of the town.

LEGAL: Public Hearing was held by Select Board on 8-9-22 @ 7:30pm

Unanimously approved by the Select Board on 8-9-22 after the hearing closed.