



**ORDINANCE #47**  
**ORDINANCE TO REGULATE DOCKING**  
**OF BOATS AT NORCROSS POINT**

Adopted:	May 8, 1989
Effective:	June 7, 1989
Amended:	April 2, 2012

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the use of the Town docking facilities adjacent to the public boat launching ramp at Norcross Point.
2. Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Town's homerule authority under 30-A MRSA § 3001 and is necessitated by a demand for use of the Town's docking facilities which may reasonably be expected to exceed the number of available boat slips and general docking space.
3. Signage. Information signs and slip numbers shall be displayed on or near the docks and boat slips at the Norcross Point facility which shall be consistent with this Ordinance and shall advise users of the facility of the pertinent contents of this Ordinance.
4. Attended Boats. The dock which extends into the water on the northerly side of the boat ramp shall be used to aid in the launching or trailering of boats, and the loading and unloading of gear from boats. No boat shall be secured to this dock unless the boat is attended at all times. This paragraph shall also apply to the westerly end of the dock which extends into the water on the southerly side of the boat ramp.
5. Unattended Boats. The dock and boat slips which extend into the water on the southerly side of the boat ramp may be used for the securing of boats which are to be left unattended, with the exception of the westerly end of this dock.
  - A. Slips numbered one (1) through seven (7) shall be restricted to usage between the hours of 4:00 am and 10:00 pm and may be occupied on an availability basis without pre-registration.
  - B. Slips numbered ten (10) through sixteen (16) shall be available on a first-come, first-served rental basis. Usage shall be subject to pre-registration at the Town Office and pre-payment of a fee of \$10.00 per day. There shall be a limit of ten (10) consecutive days of rental at the time of registration, although individuals may re-register for additional terms at the end of any registration period.
6. Penalty. Violations of any provision of this Ordinance shall result in a civil summons being issued to the responsible party and a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$250.00 being assessed upon conviction in District Court. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

Any violation of this Ordinance may also result in the impoundment of the watercraft which is in violation. The watercraft may be secured by the Police Department at the site or removed to another location. The watercraft will be returned to the owner or the owner's authorized agent upon proof of ownership or authorization from the owner, and upon payment of a fine calculated on the basis of \$25.00 per day for each day the watercraft remained in the water in violation of the Ordinance, and

upon payment of a towing charge of \$25.00 in addition to the fine. In the event the owner of the watercraft or his/her authorized agent wishes to dispute the violation, he/she shall be given an opportunity to do so through the issuance of a summons for a hearing in District Court. The watercraft may still be returned to the owner or authorized agent upon the posting of a monetary deposit in an amount equal to the fine being demanded and the towing charge.

The fact that a watercraft is left unattended in violation of this Ordinance shall be prima facie evidence that the watercraft has been illegally docked by the owner of the watercraft, which ownership being determined through registration records or other evidence which may be available to the Police Department.

**TRUE COPY, ATTEST:**

  
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Sarah Quimby, Town Clerk

  
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