



# Jensen Beach Mooring Field Rules and Regulations

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- 1. Harbormaster Authority** – No vessel shall occupy any Mooring Buoy without the approval of the Harbormaster. The transfer of Vessels from one Mooring Buoy to another must be authorized by the Harbormaster. Approaching vessels shall raise the Harbormaster on VHF Channel 16 or by phone at 772-320-3184 for assignment to a temporary mooring until all paperwork has been completed and the Harbormaster assigns that vessel to a mooring for the duration of the stay. Anchoring within the marked boundaries of the Mooring Facility is prohibited unless approved by the Harbormaster. For safety, security, or other management considerations the Harbormaster may move or relocate any vessel from one mooring to any other mooring at the sole discretion of the Harbormaster.
- 2.** The Rules of the Road and the Navigation Laws of the United States apply to all vessels in or approaching berthing areas.
- 3. Mooring of vessels** - All persons landing by vessel or dinghy must register at the Harbormaster's Office within twelve (12) hours of landing. The person registering is responsible for seeing that all members of his or her party and guests obey the facility rules.  
Vessels shall be moored in designated mooring areas only, as assigned by the Harbormaster. The sole method for securing a Vessel to a mooring shall be by securing the bow of the vessel to the mooring buoy pendant. Securing the mooring to the stem of any vessel is prohibited. Additionally, the use of additional anchors to supplement the mooring provided is prohibited. Anchoring within the marked boundaries of the Mooring Facility is prohibited unless approved by the Harbormaster. Dinghies shall be kept on board the Vessel when not in use and shall not impede or restrict access to fairways or channels. Rafting or mooring of more than one vessel to any buoy, without prior approval of the Harbormaster, is prohibited.
- 4.** Reservations must be made by 5 pm for same day booking.
- 5.** Payment must be on time and in advance. The Mooring Facility expressly prohibits the use of moorings without payment.
- 6.** Checkout time is 11:00 am, unless other arrangements are made with the Harbormaster.
- 7. CANCELLATION/TRANSFER REQUEST-** Date transfers must be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the reserved date. The prevailing administrative fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all refund or transfer requests. Cancellations for reservations thirty (30) days or longer must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the reserved date and a \$300 cancellation fee will be applied. Cancellations for reservations less than thirty (30) days must be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the reserved date and a \$100 cancellation fee will be applied.
- 8. Operational Vessels Only** - Only vessels in compliance with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) environmental and safety standards and Chapter 327, Florida State Statutes are authorized to moor at the Mooring Facility. Only vessels in good operational condition, capable of maneuvering under their own power and with current registration or documentation are authorized to moor at the Mooring Facility. The determination of whether a vessel is in good operational condition is the sole discretion of the Harbormaster. vessels without integral or functional power for propulsion are prohibited from mooring at the Mooring Facility. Vessel must be free of hazards that may cause danger, or expense to Mooring Facility or to others. The vessel shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times.

- 9. Dinghy Use Requirements** - All vessels should have a dinghy or other small craft as an alternate means of conveyance to enable access to the Dinghy Dock and Harbormaster's Office. In the absence of a dinghy, the vessel owner shall inform the Harbormaster at the time of entry into the Mooring Facility. The lack of a dinghy shall not be caused to refuse the rental of a mooring. It is the sole responsibility of the vessel owner and occupants to provide their own conveyance to the upland facilities. Tying of dinghies by Mooring Facility tenants or other non-Facility vessel owners to the docks, piers and sea walls of Jensen Beach Causeway is prohibited. Unattended dinghies found tied to the docks, piers and/or seawalls of the Causeway will be considered abandoned and will be seized and impounded for purposes of disposal. Martin County is under no obligation to own, operate, or maintain a dinghy for the exclusive use of mooring patrons.
- 10. Use of Dinghy Dock** Martin County will provide a dinghy dock to accommodate dinghies of the Mooring Facility customers at no charge on a first come, first served basis. Proof of current Mooring Facility tenancy or Use Permit is required for use of the dinghy dock. No dinghy shall be left at the dinghy dock for more than twenty-four (24) continuous hours without prior authorization from the Harbormaster. Docks are to be kept clear at all times. Repairs to and maintenance of gear and equipment including motorized vehicles shall not be permitted on the docks.
- 11. Safe Operation of Vessels** -Reckless operation of any vessel, including a recreational vessel, small craft, or dinghy that, in the sole judgment of the Harbormaster, is an endangerment to life, property or other vessels, shall be grounds for immediate ejection from the Mooring Facility.
- 12. VESSEL OWNER SHALL NOT DISCHARGE OIL, OILY WATER OR RAW OR UNTREATED SEWAGE INTO THE WATER.** Such acts are punishable by fines of up to \$15,000 per day. Discharge of human and/or pet waste overboard within the Mooring Facility is prohibited. Upon entering the Mooring Facility, vessels shall secure their sewage holding tank to ensure no overboard discharge. All holding tanks shall be emptied at a sewage pump out facility prior to mooring. All vessels will have to provide documentation to the Harbormaster of sewage tank pumpout within 24 hours of entering or re-entering the Mooring Facility. Vessels unable to provide documentation of pumpout that occurred within 24 hours of check-in will be required to pumpout within 24 hours of mooring using the Martin Ship Pump Out Program (M.S. POOP) vessel. There shall be absolutely no overboard discharge of any sewage into any area of the Mooring Facility except into a pumpout vessel. Pumpout stations are available at Nettles Island Marina, located approximately 2.3 miles northeast of the Facility and Hutchinson Island Marriot & Marina located approximately 3.8 miles southeast of the Facility. All vessels and floating structures must be operated in compliance with §327.53, Fla. Stat.
- 13. Sewage Pumpout Services** - Regularly scheduled visits, on Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturdays, will be made by the M.S. POOP vessel, which will provide sewage pump out service to vessels within the Mooring Facility. In addition, the M.S. POOP vessel will be available Tuesdays through Saturday's by calling (772) 260-8326 to make a reservation. All vessels with liveaboard occupants will be required to have their holding tanks pumped out no less than every three (3) days without fail and shall provide documentation to the Harbormaster. Violation of this provision shall constitute grounds for immediate ejection from the Mooring Facility. Pump out logs shall be maintained by the vessel owner and made available to the Harbormaster for inspection upon reasonable notice. The Harbormaster, at his/her discretion, may require the placement of trace dye tablets into the holding tank of any vessel moored within the Facility to verify that it meets the zero discharge standards of the Clean Vessel Act.
- 14. Fueling Prohibited**- The fueling of vessels within the Facility is prohibited. Vessel fueling is permitted at designated fueling stations, such as Sundance Marine (gasoline only) located just south of the Mooring Facility, Nettles Island Marina (gasoline and diesel) and Hutchinson Island Marriot & Marina (gasoline and diesel).

15. The vessel owner or person in charge of any departing vessel must notify the Harbormaster of their plans. Martin County reserves the right to rent any and all Mooring Buoys when vacant. Transients must move for vessels with reservations or current License Agreements
16. Non-tenants are prohibited from mooring within the Mooring Facility without prior approval from the Harbormaster, except in cases of emergency.
17. Financial arrangements should be made at the Harbormaster's office upon arrival. All accounts must be settled before departure.
18. Noise should always be kept to a minimum. Discretion in operating engines, generating plants, radios, televisions, other sound producing devices and other power equipment should be used so as not to create a nuisance or disturbance. Excessive noise that disrupts the quiet enjoyment of the Mooring Facility by others. Amplified music is prohibited before 7:00 AM and after 9:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and after 11pm on Friday and Saturday. Permit holder must abide by Chapter 67, Article 10, and Section 305 of the Martin County Code of Ordinances (municode.com).
19. **Storage of Materials or Equipment-** Personal equipment, property or stowage facilities may not be kept or used, on walkways, common areas or parking lot, except by permission of the Harbormaster.
20. **HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS** - Mooring Facilities are generally not safe locations for vessels during strong named tropical storms or hurricanes and leaving vessels in Mooring Facility's during such storms could result in significant damage to the vessels and the Mooring Facility. The County advises vessel owners to exercise prudent and appropriate judgment on whether to remove their vessel from the Facility if a named tropical storm threatens the area. Vessel Owners are advised that mooring equipment provided in the Mooring Facility may not withstand hurricane or tropical storm or associated wind or tidal surge. All Mooring Facility vessel owners are solely and totally responsible for any and all damages to their vessel and personal property and other persons, vessels, or property caused by their failure to remove their vessels from the Mooring Facility in a timely fashion.
21. **Trash-** Refuse and garbage is not to be thrown overboard but is to be placed in the containers provided. Trash and garbage should be placed in designated containers and deposited at designated dump stations. If refuse items are too large, contact the office for proper disposal. Dumping trash or garbage in restrooms or shower buildings are not allowed. Permittee's shall encourage recycling of materials used and make sure recycling bins are not used for garbage. Oil, spirits, inflammables and oily bilges may not be discharged into water or onto land. Plastic bags foul propellers and clog water intakes.
22. Business or professional services may not be conducted aboard vessels. Mooring Facility addresses and phone number shall not be used for business or personal purposes. Commercial activities and vessels engaged in commercial activities are prohibited in the Mooring Facility. However, this does not prohibit commercial vessels from using the Mooring Facility or its amenities. No advertising or soliciting shall be authorized on any vessels within the Mooring Facility, except for "for sale by owner" signs not to exceed 2 square feet in size. Each vessel shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) such signs. Use of moorings for brokerage purposes is strictly prohibited.
23. **Prohibited Activities (including but not limited to) -**
  - Major repairs and/or refitting of vessels or associated equipment.
  - Charcoal, wood, or open flame burners (cooking stoves to be UL approved).
  - BBQ grills, either gas or charcoal.
  - Swimming or diving within the Mooring Facility unless performing vessel maintenance or minor repairs as approved by the Harbormaster
  - Laundering and drying of laundry on docks, deck or vessels' rigging.
  - Disorderly, rowdy, or boisterous conduct.
  - Cleaning or washing vessels with detergents containing phosphates, chlorine, or petroleum distillates.

- Fireworks.
  - Balloons.
  - Use of any interior or exterior facility electrical outlets for the operation of any personal appliances or tools, including but not limited to power tools, battery chargers, welders, air conditioners, heating units.
  - Washing dishes or laundry in the restroom sinks and washing dishes in the laundry sink.
- 24. Use of Parking Lot** -Parking facilities, except where otherwise indicated, are limited to use by Mooring Facility vessel owners and guests. All vehicles must be operable and properly licensed. All vehicles must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the vessel vacates the Mooring Facility. Mooring Facility may limit and govern all parking spaces in the Mooring Facility parking area. Vehicles parked in violation of parking regulations will be towed at the risk and expense of vessel Owner. Mooring Facility does not warrant the availability of parking during special events. Parking of commercial vehicles and equipment is not allowed. Overnight storage of recreational vehicles, vessels, trailers and other vehicles is not permitted except with an active overnight mooring permit and physical presence of the Vessel Owner. All vehicles and trailers must be able to provide proof of registration upon request
- 25. Bicycles**- All bicycles must be kept at the bicycle rack provided in the common area when not in use.
- 26. Pets**- Pet owners must be able to show proof of vaccinations and licenses upon request. Dog waste must be picked up by owners, consistent with Section 9.92.B., General Ordinances, Martin County Code. Section 9.90, General Ordinances, Martin County Code regarding animal restraints is strictly enforced.
- 27. Minors**- Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a person 18 years old or over for the length of the dockage period.
- 28.** Vessel docks are for launching and retrieving watercraft only.
- 29. Length of Stay** -The Mooring Facility will be open to the general public on a first come first served basis. Twenty (20) moorings will be reserved strictly for use by transient vessels, which moor for 10 days or less.
- 30. Liveaboard Vessels**- The Mooring Facility will accommodate liveaboard vessels. A liveaboard is defined in the Jensen Beach Mooring Facility Sovereign Submerged Land Lease as a Vessel moored at the facility and inhabited by a person or persons for any five consecutive days or a total of ten days within a 30-day period. Liveaboard status at the facility will not exceed six months within a 12-month period, nor shall any such Vessel constitute a legal primary residence."
- 31. Unauthorized Departure of Vessels** -It is unlawful for a vessel owner to remove their vessel from the Facility without authorization from the Harbormaster when the vessel has a delinquent dockage fee. The Harbormaster has the authority to impound the vessel to prevent its removal until the delinquent dockage and other fees are satisfactorily addressed.
- 32. ALCOHOL POLICY**- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed under the following conditions:
- a. At the Mooring Facility: It is prohibited except on a moored Vessel.
  - b. At the adjacent Causeway Park: It is only allowed in pavilions, and parking lots with an approved permit issued by the County; and is prohibited in restroom facilities.
- 33.** No Wake Please. Vessel Owners are responsible for damage caused by the vessel's wake.
- 34.** Fish will be processed and cleaned in designated areas and abide by all disposal laws. Inform the Harbormaster if you plan to be away from your vessel overnight.