

Regulations Regarding Use of the Marina

1. Boat launches are controlled by the Marina Office, generally on a first-come first-served basis. No launch reservations are taken. Boaters planning to leave before or after forklift operation hours can make special arrangements with the Office.
2. Boats returning after forklift operation hours will be re-racked the following morning. Boats left at the inside bulkhead, the elevator area and the fuel dock will be pulled out of the water in the morning. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Marina Director.
3. Boaters are responsible for putting their antennas and bimini tops down, turning battery switches off and removing drain plugs when their boats come out of the water.
4. Per insurance regulations customers are not allowed in the rack area except when accompanied by a marina staff member.
5. For the safety of boaters and their guests please do not cross behind the forklifts when they are in the elevator area.
6. Boaters must follow the Best Management Practices (BMPs) of marinas regarding working on their boats in the wash rack area. These practices are attached to this document.
7. Although the marinas will try to accommodate preferences, rack and slip assignment is solely at the discretion of the Marina Office or the Marina Director and may be changed, if needed, in order to better manage the space usage within the facilities.
8. Boat owners who need to remove boat covers or perform other time consuming chores prior to launching should ask that the boat be first placed on the wash rack.
9. Group launches will be managed and prioritized by the Marina Office to affect a speedy launch and retrieval. Group launches may take priority over individual launches.
10. Hurricane preparedness is the responsibility of each boat owner. Each owner should have a hurricane plan on file with the marina.

Hurricane Guidelines

The Landings Association is not responsible for any damage or injury to people or property on the premises arising out of a hurricane, high winds or waters or other severe weather. Residents are required to insure their vessels from risks with their own insurance policies. TLA insurance is for its properties and liabilities and does not insure boats within the premises.

Severe weather is an uncertain condition at best and the following are guidelines for boat owners. By way of background please know that:

- During a hurricane the movement of water can cause as much or more damage than wind. Tidal surge is extremely dangerous to personal safety and property. The hurricane that struck here in 1893 was reported to cover the entirety of Chatham County with 20 feet of water, delivered so strongly as to destroy virtually everything in its path.
- The marina staff will work hard in the days before a hurricane to secure the marina and to help residents with their boats. Since they must also be given time to prepare their own property and families boat owners should secure their vessels well in advance of the predicted arrival of the storm.
- It is imperative that boaters have a hurricane plan for their vessel. Most plans come down to two basic options: move the boat out of the marina to a more protected place, or double tie the boat at the docks or in the stacks.

Residents wishing to do things to reduce the possibility of boat damage without moving the boat out of the storm area should consider:

1. Boat in Dry Stack

- If time permits and space is available, remove the boat to a safe place
- Remove all canvas
- Remove or secure loose objects and antennas
- Remove drain plugs
- Remove or disconnect the battery

2. Boat in Wet Slips

- If time permits and a safe place is available, remove the boat from the harbor
- Add additional lines and chafing gear at wear points
- Strip the boat of canvas, antennas and other loose objects
- Seal all openings with duct tape and clear the scuppers
- Remove electronic equipment and boat documentation

Best Management Practices

All boaters mooring or storing a vessel in the marina will adhere to the following Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The BMPs help to ensure that the marina is kept clean and environmentally friendly.

Thanks for doing your part.

1. Boaters are responsible updating their information with the Marina Office, it is important to have current insurance information, e-mail addresses and contact numbers on file.
2. All boats will be cleaned with biodegradable cleaners, used sparingly. Water and elbow grease are always the preferred method for keeping boats clean.
3. All sanding material should be captured within the boat and disposed of in a marina waste can. Sanding on the outside the boat should be done with a vacuum sander to capture the sanding material.
4. Fluids should be disposed of in a legal and environmentally safe manner. Do not pour gas or oil onto the ground or into the sea.
5. If fuel or other chemical is spilled, do NOT use any chemical dispersant or spray any detergent at the spill. Notify the marina crew immediately since they are trained and have proper materials to deal with a spill. Chemical dispersants are not legal in the sea and detergents simply take the fuel to the bottom where it contaminates the sea floor. The marina must report any significant spills. While reporting a spill rarely results in a fine or other action, not reporting can result in significant fines for the marina and the boat owner.
6. There can be no spray painting in the marina without properly tenting the vessel.
7. Oil filters can be disposed of in the garbage if they are drained and double bagged in plastic bags.
8. No smoking on the fuel dock. Turn off all cell phones while you are refueling. There have been instances of the ring mechanism on a cell phone igniting the gasoline fumes.