



# TOWN OF HARVARD

**Harbor Master**

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## APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY DOCK, FLOAT, MOORING OR RAFT

TO: Harbor Master, Town of Harvard

Under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 91, Section 10A, I/We apply for a 1 year permit to establish a temporary dock, float, mooring or raft.

NEW APPLICATION     RENEWAL OF PERMIT # 160620

1. Location: TOWN BEACH

2. Name & Address of Owner(s): TOWN OF HARVARD

3. Telephone number(s): See town web site

4. Description of dock/float/mooring/raft: (attach scale drawing) – See town web site

5. Purpose: Mooring fields and docks for town residents, Rafts and Swimming ropes for town beach programs.

6. Type of Moorings: Helix or cement anchors, galvanized chain, shackles, swivels, dock line and buoys.

I/We understand that if this application is approved, I/We, through the signing of this document by an authorized party or agent, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Town of Harvard and its agents and employees from all suits and actions, including attorneys' fees and all costs of litigations and judgment of every name and description brought against the Town as a result of loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of the granting of this permit and/or the use of this temporary dock, float, mooring or raft.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (P&R) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Selectmen)  
(Print) (Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: 13 Ayer Rd.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Harvard, MA

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT # 170620

with attached conditions.

## Conditions:

The town is not directly accountable for boating safety on the pond, but the selectman's stewardship of the town's beach access and boat ramp (or Park & Rec acting in their behalf) is responsible for much of the pond's traffic. Since prevention is 10X less expensive than enforcement and 100X more effective, the following conditions are included as part of the town's permit in an attempt to prevent accidents and conflicts on the water. For the purposes of this permit, a "ski boat" is a boat with the capability of pulling a skier or tube at speeds exceeding 20 mph.

1. In order to issue this permit, the state laws and town Bare Hill Pond bylaws are assumed to be in place and that penalties for violations have been adopted for enforcement. Section 13-8 of the town bylaw gives the Selectman this right and doing so is a condition for this permit.
2. All rafts represent an attractive nuisance and must be removed when the beach is not staffed.
3. The following limits are based on a carrying capacity analysis completed on 7/1/13 and found on the town web site. In addition, a limit of 62 slips & moorings is based on not increasing the number of town controlled "berths" more than 9 from the pre 1990 total of 4 slips, 21 outer and 28 inner cove moorings. Failure to do so changes the town's dock/mooring status to a "Marina" and many more state & environmental laws would have to be enforced.
  - a. A limit of 6 launched ski boats on the water at a time in the summer months.
  - b. Outer mooring field is limited to 20 boats (No more than 16 ski boats)
  - c. Slips are limited to 14 boats (No more than 8 ski boats)
  - d. Cove moorings for smaller motorized craft is limited at 16 (no ski boats)
  - e. 12 town moorings are permitted for sailboats or small motorized boats
  - f. Canoes & kayaks are effectively not limited
4. Learn to sail, canoe or kayak programs shall not create "clusters" of inexperienced boaters in the main boating paths identified in the town bylaw. Learn to row boats without forward-looking passengers must be instructed to stay at least 100' off shore.
5. Special events such as regattas and triathlons create additional traffic on the pond. In the summer, the boat access shall be closed during these events and separate permits are required if any floats or rafts are put into the water.
6. Boating rules and the pond map, showing boating direction (bylaw version) shall be posted near the boat ramp and handed out to every motorized boater at the gate.
7. Massachusetts boat registration# and boat length shall be included in the lottery application. Applicants shall be notified that boat registrations must be current with the state.
8. Make sure every mooring is in good shape and not too close to each other. Moorings that break or are replaced must have a design that is approved by the Harbormaster.
9. Boats shall be assigned to slips and mooring by size & type. Consult the Harbor Master. Boats over 14' are not allowed in the cove mooring field.
10. The town's boat(s) can be attached to the docks/moorings as long as the total number of slips and moorings does not exceed 62. Pak & Rec can rent town positions if desired.
11. All docks must be adequately stenciled with "No Swimming" signs.
12. Failure to meet these conditions will render this permit invalid and the applicants will have 30 days to remove the temporary docks, floats, moorings or rafts from the water or they will be removed at the applicant's expense.