

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING DOCKING OF BOATS
HOPATCONG HOMESTEADS BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC.**
(Update: February 2026)

1. Boat docking fees shall be paid no later than March 31st. Dock fees will not be accepted prior to payment of membership. Priorities for assignment of berths until March 31st shall be as follows:
 - a.) Deeded members who rented a berth in the previous year.
 - b.) Deeded members other than in priority “a.”
 - c.) Guest members who rented a berth in the previous year.
 - d.) Due to space limitations (Overall Length of boats-maximum 21’0”); patio boats-maximum 18’0”) the last Guest renter will forfeit the opportunity for a slip in the event a deeded member requests a boat/personal watercraft slip prior to March 31. Only one boat and one pwc per property can be accepted until (e).
 - e.) After April 1st, remaining berths will be rented on a first come – first served basis to either deeded resident or guest members.
2. Guest members may rent a berth if available. Applications and fees will be held until April 1st. Berths will then be assigned according to postmark of envelope containing application and fee.
3. Boats must be the property of the member renting the berth, and proof of ownership, registration and insurance must be presented to the dock chairperson at his request; otherwise docking privilege will be forfeited. The Executive Board must approve any alterations.
4. Following the Beach Rules & Regulations, including wearing beach tags, accompanying visitors, etc. are the responsibility of the member slip-holder.
5. The dock chairman shall be responsible for all communications and correspondence to boat owners.
6. The dock chairman shall assign berths which, when accepted by a member, shall not be transferable; however, a berth may be changed if deemed necessary by the dock chairperson.
7. No major modification of docking facilities shall be made without the consent of the Executive Board.
8. No watercraft shall be stored on the beach property at any time unless authorized by the Executive Board. Watercrafts, which are stored without authorizations, shall be removed and stored at a private facility at the owner’s expense.
9. Sale of renter’s boats may void renters claim to berth, and no refund shall be claimed.
10. Dock space is restricted to boats within 19’ range and under. *Due to a change made by NJ Division of Motor Vehicle on how overall length is measured, a special meeting of the membership was held on 04/17/00. It was approved that the length of **boats shall now be restricted to 21.0 feet in overall length.** Overall length shall be the longer of registration or the measured length of the boat from the furthest point of the bow to the furthest point of the stern including all swim platforms and other appendages (excluding motors or outdrives). **Patio boats will be restricted to 18.0 feet.** Same stipulation of overall length of measurement applies. It is recognized that the number of slips available to maximum size boats is limited and based upon maneuverability. In all situations, dock space assignments will be at the discretion of the dock chairperson and subject to review by the Executive Board.*

Removal of boats from dock slips by November 1 is requested to accommodate winterization of dock area. If you have a problem with this date, please contact Dave Dawson (973-229-1849) or email: dockinfo@hhbeach.com.