

TOWN OF BOURNE WATERWAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90B, Section 15B and Chapter 102, Sections 21 through 26 and the By-Laws of the Town of Bourne, the following Rules and Regulations are promulgated effective December 6, 2011 and amended February 11, 2014.

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1.0 USE RESTRICTIONS AT TOWN DOCKS, FLOATS, PIERS, LANDINGS

1.1 Except in an emergency or with permission from the Harbor Master, no vessel shall be made fast to any of the Town's public floats or piers for a period in excess of fifteen (15) minutes, regardless of any sign posting. No vessel shall be left at any Town dock overnight and is subject to removal at the owner's expense by the Harbor Master or his designees. In the event of an emergency, the Harbor Master shall be notified as soon as possible. (Fine: \$25.00)

1.2 There shall be no scaling or cleaning of fish or shellfish on any of the Town's ramps, floats, piers or docks. There shall be no swimming or diving from any of the Town's ramps, piers, bridges or docks.

1.3 No person shall leave any boating or fishing equipment, fish or any other personal property upon any Town landing, float, pier or dock for longer than is necessary to load or unload same to and from any vessel or vehicle. Discarding of any trash or rubbish at the Town landings, docks, or piers is prohibited. Portable fuel containers shall be removed from dinghies left unattended at Town dinghy docks.

1.4 No warp or line shall be passed across channels or docks so as to obstruct or interfere with vessels navigating the area.

1.5 The Town shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to vessels or persons or other property at the Town's floats, piers, ramps, landings, moorings, slips or docks. Vessel owners/operators will be held responsible for any damage caused by them or their vessels, or to any Town structure or facility.

1.6 No vessel determined to be unseaworthy, or which is likely to injure persons or damage private or public property, or which might become a menace to navigation, shall be permitted to moor in Town waters or tie up at Town landings. The Harbor Master shall determine whether any craft is unseaworthy, and take appropriate steps for removal of the vessel at the owner's expense. This shall not apply to vessels in immediate distress as a result of current emergencies.

1.7 **POWER LOADING:** The inboard or outboard propulsion of vessels at Town landings, going on, coming off, or while situated on boat trailers is prohibited. When at, approaching, or leaving a Town landing or boat ramp, the vessel operator shall at all times ensure that the motor is operated at no greater than idle or headway speed. (Fine: \$250.00 for 2nd Offense)

2.0 MOORING REGULATIONS

2.1 **MOORING PERMIT:** No person shall anchor, place or maintain in the waterways of Bourne any vessel, mooring, mooring outhaul, slip, or float that is under the jurisdiction of the Harbor Master without first obtaining a Mooring Permit from the Harbor Master. Such a permit shall be renewed annually.

2.2 **APPLICATION PROCESS:** Any person desiring to place a new mooring, mooring outhaul, slip, or float shall submit a Mooring Application to the Harbor Master. The application shall contain such information as the Harbor Master may deem necessary to pass upon the adequacy and proposed location of the mooring, mooring outhaul or float.

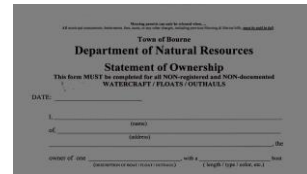
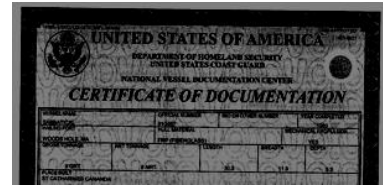
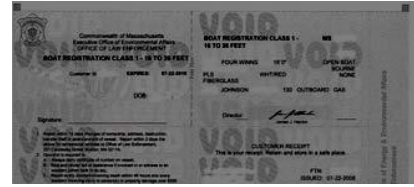
- Mooring permits are transferable to surviving spouse *ONLY*, with the following exception: Mooring outhauls can be transferred to the immediate family, as defined in Section 15.
- Owners of waterfront property shall be allowed to have at least one mooring outhaul issued to their property, under the direction of the Harbor Master. Also refer to Sections 2.5 & 4.
- All others must apply to a Wait List individually.
- The mooring permit holder must own the vessel using the issued permit, except for commercial moorings.
- No person shall cause any vessel to be attached to said mooring unless said vessel is described in the aforementioned application provided.

2.2.1 **PROOF OF BOAT OWNERSHIP:** Shall be submitted to the Harbor Master *annually* between January 1st and July 1st.

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THE "CURRENT YEAR" SEASONAL MOORING PERMIT:

Proof of Boat Ownership *MUST* be one of the following:

- For A Registered Boat:
 - A copy of a *current* boat registration.
- For A Documented Boat:
 - A copy of *current* USCG documentation papers.
- For A Boat Without A Motor:
 - A photo of your vessel
 - Signed "Statement of Ownership" Form
 - If photo of current boat is already on file, a duplicate photo is *not* required.



2.2.2 NEW & RENEWAL PERMITS: The following *MUST* be submitted to the Harbor Master *annually* between January 1st and July 1st.

NEW:

- Completed Mooring Application
- Copy of Current Proof of Boat Ownership
- Completed Mooring Inspection Report

RENEWAL:

- Completed Mooring Renewal Application
- Copy of Current Proof of Boat Ownership

Documentation received after July 1st will be subject to a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee. No renewals will be accepted after August 1st. Failure to provide necessary documentation and pay the late fee by August 1st will result in the revocation of the mooring permit.

2.2.3 BOAT TO BE OUT OF THE WATER FOR MORE THAN ONE FULL SEASON:

- ◆ Written notification must be submitted to Harbor Master.
- ◆ Permit Sticker will be held by the Harbor Master for the season.

2.3 FEES: Upon notification of approval of Mooring Applications by the Harbor Master, the Annual Fee for permits are as listed below:

Non-Commercial Mooring Permit:	\$100.00
Commercial Mooring Permit:	\$200.00

2.4 ANNUAL MOORING STICKER ATTACHMENT: The Harbor Master shall issue to the applicant a permit sticker that must be attached as follows:

- Permit stickers can only be attached to the vessel registered with the Harbor Master.
- Non-Commercial Mooring Permit Sticker: To the starboard side aft, near the transom of the vessel assigned to the mooring.
- Mooring Outhaul Sticker: To the starboard side aft near the transom of the boat assigned to the outhaul.

- Float Sticker: To the starboard side aft near the transom of the boat assigned to the float.
- Commercial Slip Sticker: To the starboard side aft near the transom of the boat assigned to slip.
- Commercial Mooring Sticker: To the mooring float.

Boats in compliance for the season, but found with no sticker on vessel, are in violation of the Regulations and subject to violation notices & citations.

2.5 NON-ISSUANCE OF PERMIT: No permit shall be issued if, in the opinion of the Harbor Master, the said mooring, mooring outhaul, slip, float, or raft and its associated equipment are inadequate or unsafe; if it will endanger other vessels; if there is insufficient space available within the waterways to place or maintain the proposed mooring; or if it will interfere with navigable channels.

2.5.1 NO PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED IF OUTSTANDING TAXES, FEES OR OTHER LIABILITIES ARE OWED TO THE TOWN.

2.6 MOORINGS PER PERMIT: Non-commercial moorings are limited to one mooring permit per one vessel. Multiple mooring permits will not be issued for the same vessel. Non-commercial moorings are only for the use of the permitted vessel appearing on the Mooring Application. Failure to comply with this Regulation shall result in forfeiture of the mooring permit. Maximum number of moorings issued per person: 3 (three)

2.7 CHANGES: All changes to a mooring must be pre-approved by the Harbor Master. Be aware of this, *before* you purchase a new boat:

- ☐ Submit a Change Application to Harbor Master and pay a non-refundable administration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
- ☐ Change Applications will be accepted at any time throughout the year.
- ☐ All corresponding documentation must be received within thirty (30) days of change approval.
- ☐ Upon Harbor Master approval and, if required, an Inspection Report indicating changes in tackle must be submitted.
- ☐ Mooring buoys shall be identified by the Harbor Master assigned identification number. ID # changes must be applied to the mooring buoy, as determined by the Harbor Master.
- ☐ Permits may be canceled by the Harbor Master if space for the new vessel is not available.

2.8 WAIT LISTS: In mooring areas where no additional mooring spaces are available, applicants must complete a Mooring Wait List Application and pay a non-refundable administration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per Mooring Application. The applicant shall be placed on a Wait List maintained by the Harbor Master, with mooring outhauls maintained separately.

2.8.1 Annually, each applicant on a Wait List will be sent a Wait List Renewal Application that **MUST** be submitted by February 15th, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee to remain on the Wait List.

- Renewals will not be accepted after February 15th.
- After the deadline, applicants will be removed from the Wait List.
- No renewal reminders will be issued by the Town.

2.8.2 The Wait List shall be a public document and shall be available for viewing on the Town of Bourne web site, <http://www.townofbourne.com>, on the Department of Natural Resources page. The Wait List shall include all mooring, mooring outhaul, slip, float, or raft applications. The Wait List will be kept in chronological order of application according to the applicant's harbor preference, subject to Section 2.8.3 below.

2.8.3 ALTERNATE LOCATION: Any person applying for a permit may submit a second separate Mooring Application for an alternate location. When the Harbor Master, subject to Section 2.8.2, approves one location assignment for the applicant their name shall placed at the bottom of the alternate Wait List.

2.8.4 WAIT LIST PROCEDURES: For each harbor location list that is kept, the applicant at the top of the Wait List shall be assigned the next available suitable location, as determined by the Harbor Master. Failure to accept an assignment (declination) shall result in the applicant's name being removed from that Wait List. Notice to the applicant entitled to the assignment shall be in writing or by any other reasonable

means, as determined by the Harbor Master. Failure to respond to such notice, as instructed, within fourteen (14) days shall be deemed a declination.

2.9 **MOORING INSPECTIONS:** Upon Mooring Application approval, the Harbor Master shall require an inspection *prior to the permitted installation* of the following types of moorings:

- ◆ Proposed or Existing **MOORING:**
Installation & every 3 years
- ◆ Mooring **OUTHAUL:**
Installation & 3 year Assessment
- ◆ **FLOAT:**
Installation & every 3 years

The Harbor Master shall require that the Mooring Permit Holder have their mooring and gear, including pennants, buoys and anchors inspected. If found defective, said Mooring Permit Holder shall correct said defective condition within fourteen (14) calendar days. The Harbor Master shall require all permit holders to have their mooring lifted and *inspected, at the owner's expense, once every three (3) years* for visual examination by an approved Bourne Mooring Inspector to determine the mooring equipment's condition. In lieu of lifting moorings, the Harbor Master may permit an underwater inspection by a Bourne Mooring Inspector. The diver must be qualified, certified and approved by the Harbor Master.

- Receipt of Inspection Report due to the Harbor Master no later than November 1st of the year it is due.
- Unsatisfactory maintenance of mooring may result in the forfeiture and removal of mooring, *at owner's expense.*

2.9.1 **REQUIRED MINIMUM STANDARD:** The scope on moorings shall be at least twice (2X) the vertical height above the sea bottom at Mean High Water (MHW). Maximum length of chain or line shall be no more than two times (2X) the minimum length above prescribed (4X total), except where the Harbor Master determines otherwise. All chain, shackles, swivels and associated hardware shall be of United States manufacture. Foreign manufactured chain and hardware is not permitted.

Chain and Anchor, Minimum Systems:

Boat Length, Feet		Mushroom Anchor Weight, Pounds	Commercial Grade Concrete Block Weight, Pounds	Chain Size, Inches	Line Size, Inches
0	15	100	500	1/2	1/2
16	20	200	1,000	1/2	5/8
21	26	300	2,000	1/2	5/8
27	30	350	2,500	1/2	3/4
31	35	400	3,000	5/8	3/4
36	40	500	4,000	5/8	1

2.9.2 **ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS:** Other than the above minimum systems, alternative mooring systems must be submitted to the Harbor Master's office in writing prior to installation.

2.9.3 **OTHER STANDARDS:** It is noted that the above weight standards are the "minimum" required and heavier anchors in certain waterways may be necessary. Greater than minimum standards may also be required, at the discretion of the Harbor Master.

2.10 **MOORING BUOYS:** Each Mooring Buoy must be spherical or conical in shape, must be white, and must have a one inch (1") blue band visible above the water. The use of a six inch (6") lobster float may be used with written approval from the Harbor Master. Metal buoys are not allowed. Mooring buoys shall be identified by the assigned identification number applied to the mooring buoy in two inch (2") high minimum letters for identification and must be visible at all times. For commercial moorings, the permit

holder shall assign identification. Mooring floats must be sized so as to have a minimum of 40% of their volume above the surface of the water at all tide levels. (Fine: \$50.00)

2.11 WINTER STICKS: Winter sticks shall be upright, not less than forty degrees (40°) from vertical at any period of tide and must be clearly visible. The permit holder identification number shall be applied to the winter stick in one inch (1") high minimum letters for identification. Winter sticks are to be removed on or before the fifteenth (15th) of May and shall not be set until on or after the fifteenth (15th) of September of each calendar year. Any winter sticks which are not removed by May 15th may be considered abandoned and the Harbor Master may remove the mooring. No space may be reserved unless a winter stick/spar buoy or mooring buoy is present at all times marking a mooring.

2.12 ILLEGAL PLACEMENT: No person shall anchor, place or maintain a mooring buoy, lobster pot, eel pot or other obstacles that will cause or create a hazard to navigation in areas usually used as channels for navigation. The Harbor Master shall be consulted in advance before setting any buoy or other obstacles in place in areas usually used as channels for navigation. Hazards to navigation shall be subject to removal by the Harbor Master, without notice or hearing, and neither the Harbor Master nor the Town shall be responsible for any losses to the owners resulting from such removal.

2.13 TAMPERING WITH MOORINGS: No person, other than the rightful owner, his or her representative or the Harbor Master, shall pull or otherwise tamper with any mooring. Abandoned and/or unregistered moorings that cannot be identified shall be removed by the Harbor Master and disposed of in the best interests of the Town.

2.14 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF MOORING: Written notification must be submitted to the Harbor Master and *all associated mooring tackle must be removed from waterways, at the owner's expense, within thirty (30) days.*

3.0 FLOATS

3.1 PLACEMENT: The placement of temporary floats and/or rafts held by anchors or bottom moorings is subject to written approval of the Harbor Master. All floats shall require a mooring permit and must be identified with the mooring permit numbers to the landward and seaward sides of the float. Numbers shall be in contrasting colors and a minimum of two inches (2") in height. (Fine: \$50.00)

4.0 OUTHAULS

4.1 MOORING OUTHAULS: Outhauls shall be permitted for vessels less than fourteen feet (14') in length in the same manner as moorings, as outlined in Paragraphs 2.1 through 2.6.

4.2 REQUIREMENTS: Outhaul stakes shall not be permitted on beach areas that are commonly utilized for bathing purposes, as identified by the Harbor Master. Outhauls shall not be placed on shoreline areas that are privately owned without written permission from the landowner. As per Dinghy Storage Policy adopted by Selectmen on July 17, 2001, no outhauls are to be permitted on Public Lands, with the exception of existing mooring outhaul permit holders as of the November 15, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

4.3 REQUIRED STANDARDS: Outhaul posts should be two inch (2") galvanized pipe or wooden equivalent. Posts shall be identified by contrasting one inch (1") letters indicating permit numbers issued by the Harbor Master's office. Numbers shall appear on both the seaward post facing seaward and the landward post facing landward. If wooden posts are used, a sign approximately six by four inches (6"x4") with contrasting one inch (1") letters shall be affixed to indicate the identification of the outhaul, as above.

4.4 OUTHAIL LINES: The height of the line on the seaward post should be at least four feet (4') above the water's surface at Mean High Water (MHW), to allow for small boat traffic under said lines.

4.5 OUTHAIL POST LOCATIONS: The landward post should not exceed a distance of two feet (2') above the Mean High Water (MHW) line and the seaward post should not exceed a depth of two and one-half feet (2.5') at Mean Low Water (MLW). Outer most seaward posts must be visible at all tides and shall not impede and/or be a hazard to navigation

4.6 OUTHAUL ASSESSMENT: Visual Inspection may be performed by Owner – Must be submitted in writing every 3 years.

5.0 FISH CARS AND STAKES

5.1 PLACEMENT: No person shall place fish cars and/or stakes in the waters of the Town without the written approval of the Harbor Master. All cars and stakes shall be plainly marked according to the law, so that they shall be visible at all times.

5.2 USE: Stakes, shall not be placed, to be used for mooring any vessel.

6.0 ABANDONMENT

6.1 Except in a maritime emergency currently effecting those aboard or others in the immediate vicinity, no vessel, mooring or other object shall be deliberately anchored, maintained, abandoned, sunk, moored, or otherwise placed in the waters or along the shores within the Town of Bourne, where it might constitute a hazard without specific written permission of the Harbor Master. Any such vessel, mooring or object so found may be ordered by the Harbor Master to be removed or relocated. If corrective action is not taken within twenty-four (24) hours written notice to the owner, or if the owner is not known, after notice has been posted for twenty-four (24) hours at Town Hall, the Harbor Master may remove or relocate it at the expense of owner. Vessels left at anchor unattended for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered abandoned. (Fine: \$250.00)

6.2 Nothing in the above paragraph shall be deemed to prevent action by the Harbor Master with or without notice to the owner, if, in the Harbor Master's judgment, such action is necessary.

7.0 SPEED

7.1 SPEED RESTRICTIONS: No person shall operate any vessel in excess of speed limits posted by the Harbor Master. For purposes of enforcement, areas posted as "SLOW NO WAKE" shall mean that the boats shall be operated at no greater than headway speed. Headway speed shall be the slowest speed at which a boat or vessel may be operated to maintain steerage way, but in no case shall this speed exceed six miles per hour (6 MPH).

8.0 WATER-SKIING

8.1 WATER-SKIING: Shall be prohibited within one hundred fifty feet (150') of bathers, divers, piers, floats, moored or other boats or of any shore. No person shall operate a boat towing a water skier in navigable channels.

8.2 DESIGNATED WATER-SKI AREAS. The following areas shall be posted for use of water-skiing; anchorage of boats within a six hundred foot (600') radius of Water-Ski Area markers, as posted by the Harbor Master, is prohibited (Ref. Town By-Law 3.6.1):

- a. Southwest side of Bassetts Island
- b. East side of Mashnee Dike
- c. Northerly Portion of Buttermilk Bay
- d. Little Bay, Monument Beach

8.3 PROHIBITED WATER-SKI AREAS: Water-skiing shall be prohibited in the following areas (Ref. Town By-Law 3.6.2):

- a. All waterways east of Bassetts Island
- b. All waterways between the northerly shoreline of Bassetts Island and Wings Neck
- c. Within marked channels
- d. All tidal inlets and rivers

- e. All areas posted by the Harbor Master as "No Ski Areas"

9.0 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

9.1 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT: Shall not be operated at other than headway speed within one hundred fifty feet (150') of shore, any moored or anchored boat or vessel, swimming area, dock or float, and further, shall not be operated within marked channels or fairways, except for the purposes of direct crossing or transiting of same. In no case shall this speed exceed six miles per hour (6 MPH).

10.0 REFUELING OF VESSELS

10.1 REFUELING RESTRICTIONS: With the exception of transferring approved portable fuel tanks to open boats, no person shall refuel or cause fuel to be added to any fuel tanks aboard any vessel at any Town landing, dock, or pier that is not equipped with a duly licensed fuel pumping service. No fuel shall be transferred from any container while the vessel is made fast to any Town landing, dock, or pier.

11.0 COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

11.1 REGULATION APPLICATION: Nothing contained herein shall be held or construed to supersede or conflict with, or interfere with, or limit jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States Government or limit or conflict with the laws and regulations. In any case, the stricter, more restrictive rule or regulation shall apply.

11.2 REGULATION INCLUSIONS: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations, such as, but not limited to, the most current issue Chapter 90B, including other referenced Regulations, are a part of the Town of Bourne Waterways Rules and Regulations.

12.0 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

12.1 Unless otherwise specified, the Harbor Master or the Harbor Master's designee shall enforce the provisions of the Regulations and referenced By-Laws.

13.0 VIOLATIONS

13.1 Unless otherwise noted, whoever violates any of these provisions of these Regulations or referenced Town By-Laws, refuses or neglects to obey the lawful and reasonable orders of those empowered to enforce same, or resists them in the discharge of their duties, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for every violation.

13.2 Fines are administered in accordance with Non-Criminal Process by authority of Town By-Law 6.1.2 as approved by Article 52 of the 1986 Town Meeting.

14.0 SEVERABILITY

14.1 In the event any provision, section or clause of these Regulations is hereafter found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these Regulations.

14.2 These Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by the Harbor Master. The Board of Selectmen or, in exigent circumstances, the Town Administrator, may make changes from time to time, as deemed necessary.

15.0 DEFINITIONS

In construing these Rules and Regulations, the following words shall have the meaning herein given, unless contrary intention clearly appears:

Adrift	Without being fastened to a stationary object.
Aground	Stuck on the bottom.
Anchor	To hold a vessel in place by lowering a heavy weight or other device into the water by a cable, chain, or line.
Anchorage Areas	Areas designated for anchoring. Also see Slip.
Berth	A position to tie up to or anchor.
Boat	See Vessel.
Bourne Waterways	Or, in the text, Waterways, shall include all the navigable waters within the boundaries of the Town which shall include all harbors, rivers, bays or ponds including waterways which from time to time may temporarily be non-navigable by reason of low tides, drought, or seasonal weather and water conditions.
Cove Master	An appointment by the Board of Selectmen to assist the Harbor Master.
Dinghy	Any vessel whose overall length shall not exceed ten feet (10') and whose sole purpose is to travel to and from a larger vessel.
Dinghy Dock	Any structure built out into the water for use as a landing place limited to Dinghies.
Diver	Shall mean a swimmer using snorkel tubes or SCUBA.
Dock	See Pier.
Float	A seasonal floating dock or swimming platform installed temporarily.
Harbor Master	This shall mean the Harbor Master, or his designees, duly empowered by the General Laws of the Commonwealth and appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
Immediate Family	Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister & spouse.
Landing	A location for loading or unloading passengers or equipment from a vessel, including vessel launch ramps.
Moor	To hold fast in place by cables, chains, or lines to a pier, buoy or float.
Mooring	Any semi-permanent anchorage installation, consisting of a heavy anchor, a mooring buoy, and a pennant.
Mooring Buoy	Any buoy marking a mooring.
Mooring Inspector	An appointment by the Harbor Master to assist the Harbor Master in the inspection of mooring equipment.
Mooring Permit	Written authority issued by the Harbor Master for a permanent anchoring location, slip, temporary float or raft, or outhaul mooring.
Mooring Spar	A winter mooring marker. Also see Winter Stick.
Outhaul Mooring	A chain, line or other device by which an object is secured in place seaward of the Mean High Water (MHW) line.

Pennant	The line or chain by which a vessel is made fast to the mooring buoy.
Personal Watercraft	Includes every description of watercraft propelled by an internal combustion engine commonly referred to as "jet skis" and water craft shaped like a surfboard propelled by the wind, commonly referred to as "wind surfers".
Persons	Shall include individuals, corporations, societies, associations, partnerships, agencies, and trusts.
Pier	Any structure built out into the water for use as a landing place.
SCUBA	Any Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. A diving apparatus with compressed air tanks for breathing underwater.
Slip	A berthing location for a boat next to a pier, wharf or float to which a boat may be made fast.
Vessel	Includes every description of water craft, including seaplanes and personal watercraft, when navigating or moored on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, whether propelled by power, sail, or manually.
Wake	The disturbed water that any vessel leaves astern.
Waterfront	Abutting a body of water.
Water-Skiing	Shall include the use of water skis, surfboards and the towing or manipulation of a surfboard or other towed device behind a vessel.
Wharf	Any non-floating structure built into the water for use as a landing place. Also see Pier.
Winter Stick	A winter mooring marker.

The Board of Selectmen adopted these Waterway Rules and Regulations on December 6, 2011 and amended them February 11, 2014:

PER ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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Linda M. Zuern, Vice Chairman

Peter J. Meier, Clerk

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Statement of method and time of publication, as required by Chapter 130, Section 52:

These Regulations were duly posted at the Office of the Board of Selectmen, Buzzards Bay, Monument Beach and Pocasset Post Offices.