

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION // MOORING INFORMATION SHEET

The Town's requirements for moorings are explained in the Coastal Waters ordinance (a link is provided on our Harbormaster webpage). Some points about which you should be aware are listed below – this is not a complete list of requirements:

1. All moorings in the coastal and tidal waters of the Town must be registered annually.
2. Application for a mooring must be made by March 15th of each year unless an applicant shows good cause why he/she could not apply by March 15th. A mooring assignment shall be valid until December 31st.
3. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted for processing.
4. All moorings must meet specifications prescribed in the ordinance, including but not limited to:
 - a. Moorings must consist of appropriately sized mushroom anchors, granite blocks or helix moorings, connected to a surface buoy by a chain of appropriate size and length for the vessel, depth of water, and exposure to weather.
 - b. Concrete blocks, engine blocks and other "objects of convenience" are not allowed.
5. The surface float must consist of a white mooring ball on which the name of the watercraft owner or master and mooring registration number (assigned by the Town) is painted with at least 3" tall letters and numbers in a contrasting color. A pennant of suitable diameter and length completes the mooring assembly.
6. Guidance for selecting the sizes of materials can be obtained from the Town website and/or from approved mooring services. A list of several approved mooring services is provided below.
7. An applicant receiving a mooring assignment within Broad Cove Reserve, effective on or after 05/01/2017 must install the mooring during the first year of assignment. Should a mooring not be installed during that first year and the applicant again apply within three years, an administrative fee of \$100 fee must be paid prior to the issuance of the second mooring assignment.
8. Winter spars cannot be installed before September 15th and must be attached by December 1st each year. Spars must be removed and replaced with a white mooring ball by June 1st.

Prior to placing a surface float displaying a previously issued mooring registration number, you must confirm with the Town's Harbormaster that the number is still valid.

The Town has the right to remove any mooring that has not been properly registered. The removal of any improperly registered or unregistered mooring shall be at the owner's expense.

During the summer, the Town Harbormasters will be conducting numerous inspections of moorings to ensure compliance. Moorings which are not brought into compliance with Town ordinance over the summer will be removed.

Approved Mooring Services who have provided proof of insurance coverage to the Town:

1. Atlantic Mooring Services, LLC 207-781-4737
2. Casco Bay Diving Inc. 207-329-8778
3. Falls Point Marine 207-865-4567
4. Thomas Simpson 207-329-2204