



Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
Office of the Harbormaster
40 Centre Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Rules and Regulations for Moorings During Storm Conditions with Winds of 40 MPH or More

Moorings

Per By-Laws as adopted by the Town of Fairhaven Mooring permits are issued to specific people for specific vessels. Each mooring is permitted yearly as a temporary mooring again per Commonwealth of Mass Law by the duly appointed Harbormaster of Fairhaven.

Without exception moorings are not to be used by any other person or vessel without written approval of the Harbormaster in normal weather conditions.

Under storm conditions the Harbormaster will not permit use.

In storm conditions all vessel owners with a mooring are urged to remove their vessel from their mooring in high wind conditions. They are encouraged to check with their insurance company to see if they will pay for all or part of the haul fee. They are also urged to check that their liability insurance will cover any damages to their vessel or damage done to another vessel or property if it was to break free from their mooring.

Non-permitted vessels tied to moorings in Fairhaven waters may be removed by the Harbormaster at the expense of the vessels owner. The owner will be responsible for towing and storage charges. All charges must be satisfied before the vessel is released.

Owners of moorings that allow another vessel to use their mooring during storm conditions may have their permit revoked and not reinstated the following year.

Vessels are encouraged to haul their vessel under storm conditions.