

**TITLE VIII
HARBOR
AND
WATERCRAFT ORDINANCE**

Chapter 4 Watercraft Regulations

- 401** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following Watercraft Regulations shall be observed.
- 401.1** Because of safety, the maximum length of a watercraft allowed in Perkins Cove shall be forty-two (42) feet, as determined in linear feet based upon a measurement from the rear-most part of the watercraft’s transom to the most forward part of the bowstem, excluding the bowsprit and/or the pulpit. This measurement must be confirmed by the Harbormaster.
- 401.2** The maximum beam, or width, of the watercraft allowed in Perkins Cove, shall be fifteen (15) feet at its widest part. This measurement must be confirmed by the Harbormaster.
- 401.3** Replacement watercraft shall be subject to the same physical limitations as those cited **401.1** and **401.2**. Any change in the length (size) of a watercraft must be requested in writing and approved by the Harbormaster. In the event that the request to go from a small boat mooring to a large boat mooring is approved, the mooring holder will be placed on the Mooring List, according to the rules. (ATM 8/13/96)
- 401.4** Tenders, dinghies, punts, skiffs and/or other like watercraft shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in length, nor more than four (4) feet in beam or width. The Harbormaster shall confirm such dimensions.
- 401.5** No person may drive or operate a watercraft within the entrance/exit channel or within the inner harbor of Perkins Cove at a rate of speed that will produce a wash or wake from the watercraft which will unduly disturb other watercraft therein, and in no instance shall watercraft exceed a 5 MPH limit, except that this speed limit may be exceeded by watercraft entering or departing Perkins Cove in response to a water rescue emergency, or when the Harbormaster, or in his absence, a state or local police officer shall determine that watercraft must depart the cove in response to an emergency in the cove, such as fire or fuel spill, or other such potential disaster.

- 401.6** A person is guilty of operating a motorboat without a muffler if he operates a motorboat that is not equipped at all times with an effective and suitable muffling device on its engine or engines to effectively deaden or muffle the noise of the exhaust. **(BOS 06/06/95)**
- 401.7** No person may use a watercraft anchored, moored or otherwise situated within Perkins Cove as a dwelling place, domicile or living space.
- 401.8** Persons may, with permission from the Harbormaster and after payment of an annual registration fee at the Town Office, of such amounts that may be determined by the Board of Selectmen, tie a rowboat, skiff tender, dinghy, punt and/or other such watercraft to the bulkhead side of the lower dock for the period from 6/1 to 9/1 as long as such watercraft conforms with all other requirements for such watercraft contained in the Ordinance. **(ATM 4/5/03)**
- 401.9** ¹Mooring lease holder shall be required to secure his/her vessel with bow and stern storm lines whenever the forecast for wind exceeds thirty-five (35) knots out of any easterly quadrant for for a minimum of twelve (12) hours.

¹ Section 401.9 – ATM 6/14/11