



HARBOR RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2023

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1. **DEBRIS** Permittee shall keep the well, dock, storage, and adjacent areas free of debris.
2. **VESSEL CONDITION** Vessels shall be and remain in seaworthy condition and not constitute a fire, sinking hazard, or obstruction to navigation.
3. **SWIMMING** Swimming is not permitted within the harbor premises.
4. **FISHING** Fishing is not permitted within the harbor premises except in areas so designated. Fishing is permitted from the PERMITTEE's vessel while docked in an assigned slip.
5. **DOCK STORAGE** PERMITTEE shall not leave or store supplies, chairs, materials, accessories, equipment or debris upon walkways and shall not construct thereon lockers, chests, cabinets, steps, ramps or other similar structures without the express written permission of the Harbormaster. Dock boxes stored on the pier shall be of white fiberglass and no larger than 52" L x 30" W x 30" D. No Dock Boxes can be left over winter. All Dock Boxes are to be removed by October 15, or the date when harbor closes for the season. Dock Boxes may be installed any time after the harbor opens.
6. **TAMPERING** Tampering with or altering Elk Rapids Harbor facilities or equipment constitutes a serious violation of harbor RULES AND REGULATIONS. A charge for materials and labor will be incurred to repair damage caused to facilities or equipment whether malicious or inadvertent.
7. **PETS** Pets shall remain on a leash at all times within the harbor area. Designated pet walking and exercise areas are provided. Those in control of pets are responsible for picking up after them. Reference Rule 13 for barking dogs.
8. **OPEN FLAMES** The use of open flame devices, toxic, flammable, combustible chemicals or other hazardous equipment or supplies in the docking or storage areas is prohibited.
9. **POWER TOOLS** PERMITTEE shall not use marina electrical outlets to operate power tools, equipment or machinery without the express written permission of the Harbormaster.
10. **REPAIRS** Major repairs shall not be made to vessels while in a slip or the parking lot area without the express written permission of the Harbormaster. The use of paint, spray painting, spraying of fiberglass or other chemicals in the dock area, and/or within the Harbor premises is strictly prohibited.
11. **FUEL STORAGE** PERMITTEE shall not place or store gasoline or other fuel in a vessel, dockage or storage area except that contained in tank(s) specifically designed to hold such products. PERMITTEE shall not deliver or permit others to deliver gasoline or other fuel into the tank(s) or a vessel from tanker trucks or by any other method of delivery while said boat is within the harbor premises without the express written permission of the Harbormaster.
12. **OUTSIDE COOKING** Outside cooking of any type is prohibited on vessels, docks, walkways and adjacent areas within the harbor premises. Such activities are permitted in designated areas only.
13. **EXCESSIVE NOISE** Noise shall be held to a respectful minimum. PERMITTEE shall use discretion in operating motors, generators, or accessories capable of producing loud noise to not create a nuisance to neighboring boaters. All halyards shall be secured. Motors, generators, accessories, and bright lights that may illuminate adjacent boats **shall not** be operated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. At all times music shall be appropriate for all ages suitable for a family environment. Music containing crude, vulgar and/or obscene lyrics is not allowed at any time. Excessive Noise Violations of two or more incidents may be cause for permit revocation and expulsion from the harbor without refund. Violations/incidents include any and all complaints from boaters, harbor guests, residents and any law enforcement dispatch requests.
14. **GARBAGE/REFUSE** Refuse or other polluting materials shall not be discharged within the harbor premises. Garbage and other refuse capable of producing noxious odors shall be sealed in double plastic bags before depositing in the trash containers provided. Fish cleaning remains are not to be deposited in any trash receptacle in harbor and must be bagged and hauled away and disposed of outside harbor grounds.
15. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** PERMITTEE is responsible for the conduct of his/her guests. Disorderly conduct by PERMITTEE or his/her guests shall be cause for eviction from the harbor premises. The Harbor staff is to be treated and spoken to professionally and with respect.
16. **ALCOHOL** Open alcohol in shared spaces (gazebos, docks, pavilion, lawns, dayroom, parking lot or sidewalks) of harbor are not permitted after 11PM. The only exception is for functions held at the pavilion that are known and scheduled with the harbor office.
17. **ADVERTISING** Advertising or solicitation shall not be allowed on PERMITTEE's vessel, finger piers or main pier with the exception of a charter boat sign which has been approved by the Village of Elk Rapids. All other advertisements and solicitations shall be confined to locations provided by the Harbormaster for this purpose.
18. **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES** Commercial activities shall not be permitted without the express written permission of the Harbormaster.
19. **TRANSIENTS** Transient vessels shall be registered with the Harbormaster at the marina office upon entering the harbor.
20. **VESSEL DOCKAGE** Docking of vessels shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Harbormaster.
21. **FEES** All fees shall be paid in advance. Transient fees are based on the vessel's overall length.
22. **RAFTING** Rafting shall not be permitted within the harbor premises unless so directed by the Harbormaster. All transient boats are subject to rafting.
23. **NO WAKE/SAILS DOWN** All vessels shall be operated at a slow no-wake speed within the harbor. Sailboats underway within the harbor (inside the outer buoys) shall be under power with sails down. Vessels fishing in the outer harbor are not permitted to moor to harbor buoys and must remain clear of the fairway between the harbor buoys and the breakwater.
24. **THROWING SPORTS** Shall not be permitted on sidewalks adjacent to boats, bbq/picnic area, or the parking lot. Throwing sports are permitted in designated grass areas.
25. **BIKES, etc.** Motor vehicles, bicycles or other similar wheeled conveyances shall not be ridden on the main dock, finger piers or adjacent walkway. Bicycle racks are provided in several marina locations.
26. **NO CAMPING** Camping shall not be permitted within the harbor premises.
27. **PARKING** Motor vehicles and boat trailers shall only be parked in designated areas. Vehicles in violation are subject to towing and storage at the owner's expense. **No overnight** trailer parking is permitted without the express written permission of the Harbormaster. General Parking Time Limits are: Under 24 hours - all marina parking areas. Over 24 hours - see harbormaster
28. **RAMP PERMITS** Seasonal ramp permits are available at the marina office. Seasonal permits must be attached to the right hand (starboard) side of the trailer. Daily ramp users must pay a launch and recovery fee at the marina office prior to launching. Power loading or unloading vessels onto trailers is prohibited.
29. **AUXILIARY CRAFT** All boat slips shall be limited to **one** vessel and **one** dinghy or auxiliary craft suitable to be carried on board, under common ownership. The auxiliary craft may be water stored within the confines of a slip as long as such craft does not extend beyond the limits of the assigned slip, provided such craft is removed from the slip when the vessel is out of the harbor for more than 24 hours. All dinghies/auxiliary craft must comply with state rules and regulations.
30. **OWNER DOCUMENTATION** Additional names on a boat registration are allowed to a total of four (4) names. The deletion of names on a boat registration shall be allowed so long as the vessel owner who proceeded through a seasonal waiting list remains on the registration. Deletion of an owner who proceeded through a seasonal waiting list shall be construed as a circumvention of the waiting list and will result in the revocation of the permit for the subject vessel.
31. **EMERGENCY DOCKAGE** In order to provide emergency shelter to transient vessels, Harbormaster approved occupancy may be allocated which temporarily conflict with these rules and regulations.
32. **DOCKAGE ASSIGNMENTS** Vessels will be assigned to slips in a manner which provides maximum and safe use of the harbor in accordance with prevailing weather and traffic conditions.
33. **PROPER MOORING LINES** PERMITTEE or PERMITTEE's guest is responsible when leaving his/her vessel to ensure that proper lines are in place and used to secure the vessel when docked.
34. **CHARTER SLIPS** Designated Charter Slips are numbered 21, 22, 23, and 24.
35. **BOAT LENGTH** Minimum overall **seasonal** boat length allowed is 25 feet. Boat length is determined by overall length including bow pulpit, swim platform and any other items attached to the boat extending beyond the hull.
36. **ETHYLENE GLYCOL ANTIFREEZE** use is prohibited.
37. **POLLUTION** The owner and/or captain of any vessel that has any discharge of petroleum based products from a vessel into harbor waters or release of any other substance that is discharged causing similar effects and such discharge causes a film or sheen upon, or discoloration of the surface of the water, or causes a sludge or emulsion beneath the surface of the water, shall be responsible for, and pay any costs related to the cleanup of said discharge including but not limited to absorbent booms, third party environmental contractor, first responders, cleaning costs for affected vessels, and harbor labor and materials.
38. **HARBOR CHECK-IN** Upon arrival to Harbor, boaters must check-in with the Harbormaster office to register and pick-up their seasonal boater packet. If slip will not be occupied by June 1, please contact Harbormaster office with expected occupancy date. Without check-in or notice, slip may be used for transient reservations.
39. The Village of Elk Rapids reserves the right to revise these RULES AND REGULATIONS without prior notification.
40. **RULE VIOLATIONS** Flagrant violations of the above listed RULES AND REGULATIONS, will result in one (1) written warning notice and will be provided. At the sole discretion of the Harbormaster or his designee, a violation of any rule may result in a minimum \$50.00 fine per rule/per day. However, serious, or continued abuse of these RULES AND REGULATIONS may be cause for expulsion from the marina at the discretion of the Harbormaster.