



## GUEST MOORING PROGRAM & POLICIES

- I. Purpose: The purpose of this program is to establish the rules for use of a guest mooring installed and maintained by the Town of Lamoine. The mooring is provided as a temporary courtesy to maritime visitors to the Lamoine's Harbor in front of Lamoine State Park.
- II. Authority: The authority to create a guest mooring program is pursuant to 38MRSA §1 et seq and with any current version of the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance. This policy is hereby established by the Lamoine Board of Selectmen in conjunction with the Lamoine Harbor Master. Enforcement of these policies shall be by the Lamoine Harbor Master. These policies may be amended at any public meeting of the Lamoine Board of Selectmen, and the Board reserves the right to discontinue this program at any time.
- III. Guest Mooring Installation: The Town of Lamoine Harbor Master shall oversee installation of the mooring block, ball, rope, chain and other related hardware. If necessary, application shall be made with the Army Corps of Engineers prior to placement. Costs associated with the installation and mooring shall be paid from the Lamoine Harbor Fund, subject to approval by the Harbor Master, Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen through the established warrant process. The mooring shall generally be available for public use between May 1 and October 15 each year. The Harbor Master may adjust the dates for maintenance, weather, and other factors for safety reasons.
- IV. User Assumes All Risk: Any vessel attached to the mooring shall abide by the rules established in section V. The Town of Lamoine assumes no liability for any damage caused to or by any boat attached to the guest mooring. The owner of the vessel shall be responsible for any damages caused to their own boat, the guest mooring, or to other vessels by their vessel.
- V. Mooring Use Rules: Prior to attaching a vessel to the guest mooring, a potential user shall obtain permission from the Lamoine Harbor Master or his deputy, preferably through the Lamoine Town Office, subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. The vessel shall be no longer than 30-feet in length.
  - b. Only one vessel and one tender craft (attached to the parent vessel) may tie up to the guest mooring.
  - c. The length of stay may not exceed 3-calendar days.
  - d. Scheduling shall be maintained by the Harbor Master on a priority based on first contact (First come/first served). The Harbor master shall maintain a master calendar of mooring use dates.
  - e. Guest mooring users shall supply the Harbor Master with their name, mailing address, telephone number, emergency contact information, and e-mail address, if applicable. Such information shall remain on file with the Lamoine Town Office.
  - f. There shall be no charge for lawful use of the guest mooring, however, any damage to the mooring and associated hardware caused by such use shall be the financial responsibility of the user.

- g. All vessels shall either be registered in their home jurisdiction having authority or documented by the United States Coast Guard.
  - h. All persons aboard vessels moored on the guest mooring shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance, Lamoine State Park, and with state and federal harbor/navigation rules.
- VI. Violations: Any violation of these rules or failure to honor the request of the Harbor Master shall be considered a violation of the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance and handled in the same manner as said Lamoine Harbor Ordinance (Sections 7 & 8).
- VII. Validity & Severability: Should any section of this policy be declared illegal or unenforceable, it shall not invalidate any other section of this policy.
- VIII. Review & Availability: From time to time the Board of Selectmen in conjunction with the Harbor Master shall review this policy and make changes as needed. Any amendments to this policy shall take place in a properly posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen allowing opportunity for public comment and input. This policy shall be filed with the Lamoine Town Clerk and posted electronically on the town's website.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 by:

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