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STATEMENT OF POLICY No. 11

RULES FOR THE USE OF LAUNCH RAMPS IN MOULTONBOROUGH, NH

The purpose of this Policy is to promote harmonious use of Town Boat Launch facilities by everyone who visits them. This includes Town residents, casual visitors, organized tournament users and commercial users. It is important to the Town of Moultonborough that we maintain a positive relationship with individuals and groups that regularly launch from Town facilities. It is equally important to create a positive relationship with new users. It is for both purposes that we offer these rules. They rely upon and stem from common understanding and agreement upon three points.

First, we will work with any responsible individual or group that chooses to observe the rules set forth in the memo. Second, everyone must understand and accept that we have ZERO TOLERANCE for violating these rules. So third, we will employ every means to protect the quiet and respectful use of Town facilities and the rights to peace and quiet of our residents.

For the purpose of this Policy, Town facilities include all beach and launch facilities owned and maintained by the Town of Moultonborough. As is appropriate, we propose that these rules govern use of the State-owned Harilla Landing boat launch facility on Long Island.

Rules of Use:

1. Only tournaments permitted by the State of NH, Dept. of Fish & Game, may launch from Town facilities. The Town will support the application (within the confines of these rules) of any organized group who wishes to launch a tournament from Town facilities.
2. Tournament organizers may conduct their tournaments between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will allow no launch or recovery to occur except within those hours. Launches or recoveries outside that parameter will result in the applicable group having the future privilege of using Town facilities revoked.
 - a. Tournaments are not permitted on Holidays or Weekends between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day.
3. Some limitations in the size of tournaments launched from Town facilities is necessary. To that end, we propose the following restrictions. The number presented below represents a “no larger than” number of boats to launch as part of a permitted tournament.

Harilla Landing Launch Ramp	Unrestricted
Lee's Mills Boat Launch	25 boats
Long Island Beach Boat Launch	10 boats

States Landing Beach 35 boats

4. Limited parking exists at Long Island Beach and States Landing Beach. Parking at both facilities is BY PERMIT ONLY. Tournament participants may only park in rights-of-way along State and Town roads, off these facilities. Other limited off-site parking is available. Use of alternate parking requires advance coordination with the Board of Selectmen or their agents.
5. The only parking available at the Harilla launch facility is in the State's right-of-way along Long Island Road. All other proximate property is in private ownership. The permitting authority must communicate this condition of permit point to tournament organizers.
6. All boaters who wish to use Town launch ramps must obey all rules promulgated by the State of NH. Town Officials will immediately report violators and violations to the Marine Patrol. This is particularly so with regard to established "NO WAKE" requirements.
7. Under no circumstance will the Town tolerate power loading at Town facilities. Individuals who power load are subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for destroying Town property. Clubs or other organizing groups whose member(s) power load(s) will have the future privilege of using Town facilities revoked.
8. Commercial use of Town facilities, including launch ramps, shall be by permit only. This is particularly important for "construction" purposes and includes marine barge operators.

Application for a permit shall be a written letter describing the proposed use, the inclusive dates and times of use and the anticipated impacts on area residents, visitors and other users. The letter must include a very clear statement that the commercial user shall be responsible for any damage they do to the facility.

The Board of Selectmen may issue the requesting user a No-Fee Permit after they review the proposed use and its impact on the facility. The Board of Selectmen retains to itself the option to issue a seasonal permit to the requesting user when the Board of Selectmen feel that circumstances warrant that type of permit. The decision to issue a one-time, multiple-use or seasonal permit rests solely at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

Permits must be in the user's hand before the proposed use of the Boat Launch facility begins.

9. No commercial user shall preclude others using the Boat Launch facility for a prolonged period of time. As stated above, commercial users shall include in their application an estimated time period that their operation will bar others from using the ramp. They shall not exceed the time limit proposed to and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.
10. Possession of a Commercial Use permit does not forgive or excuse any other rules existing or provided herein.

This policy shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until superseded or replaced.

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