

Rules and Procedures of Granite Pier

Granite Pier is a parcel of land owned by the Town of Rockport with the primary use as access to the open waters of Sandy Bay for residents and visitors. The pier is both a scenic vista and working harbor for the local fishing industry. Granite Pier is operated by the Granite Pier Committee (GPC) which is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and accountable to same and the Town Administrator. This committee's main function is to maintain the intended use of the pier. Their role also includes creating rules and regulations, creating revenue by collecting seasonal storage fees and maintaining order by enforcing both. The following are the rules and regulations of Granite Pier which shall be followed by all who use it.

1. Commercial Use

- a. Commercial fishermen and lobstermen are permitted to operate their businesses in traditional manners by loading gear and bait and unloading catch at Granite Pier in the designated areas.
- b. There is no commercial use of the launch ramp or storage space at Granite Pier other than for the service and launching fishing vessels.
 - i. Companies and individuals providing services to vessels moored in Rockport and to vessels on trailers for summer and winter storage at Granite Pier shall be exempt from this rule. These services shall include:
 1. Seasonal launching and hauling of vessels
 2. Installation and maintenance of moorings
 3. Outboard and marine engine maintenance and repair
 4. Marine electronics installation and maintenance
 5. Cosmetic maintenance
 6. Delivery of commercial fishing supplies and bait
 7. Loading of supplies for the Town of Rockport property and projects
 - ii. Those providing such service as described above shall not store any tools, trailers or parts at the pier while work is performed unless authorized by a vote of the GPC and fees are collected for such storage. Debris created is the sole responsibility of the owners and shall not be left in or near the Town trash cans
- c. Boat rental and charter businesses are not permitted to be operated at Granite Pier.
 - i. Rental and charter businesses parking or unloading of passengers shall not be conducted at the pier.
 - ii. Charter and rental advertising is not allowed on the pier including:
 1. Free standing signs
 2. Posted signage
 3. Business name and numbers on vessels
 4. Business name and numbers on towing vehicles
- d. Special permission may be granted for commercial vendors for special events. Permission will only be issued after written request to, and vote by, the Granite Pier Committee.

2. Seasonal launch stickers

- a. Sticker allows the purchaser to launch and haul a single vessel once a day; dawn to dusk

- b. Launch stickers are \$25 for residents and \$100 for non-residents
- c. Stickers can be purchased annually at the attendant shack at the top of the ramp
- d. Sticker should be affixed to the rearview mirror of the towing vehicle

3. Summer and Winter dry storage at Granite Pier

- a. Storage spaces are distributed via the waitlist kept by the GPC and Pier Coordinator. Said list is posted at Town Hall for viewing.
- b. Storage space is at the discretion of the Pier Coordinator and may change to best accommodate the storage of boats. Change of location may be requested and will be considered by the Pier Coordinator
- c. Annual fees are listed on the seasonal contracts (launch sticker included in annual fee)
- d. Contracts and payment must be received by the date listed on contract or individual risks loss of storage space
- e. Trailers must be in good working order and will be inspected throughout the year by Pier Coordinator. A timeframe for repair or replacement will be given with warning
- f. Trailers must have current state registration and license plate attached
- g. No locks are allowed to prevent the moving of trailers. Trailers may be moved by the Pier Coordinator to maintain proper spacing
- h. The Town of Rockport, its agents, officers, Granite Pier Committee and Pier Storage Coordinator are not responsible for property loss or damage while boats are stored at Granite Pier
- i. The Town of Rockport, its agents, officers, Granite Pier Committee and the Pier Storage Coordinator are not responsible for property loss or damage while using the launch ramp or any other area of the Pier
- j. Boats along the ramp wall shall leave a walking lane for emergency vessel landing
- k. During summer storage, vehicles and trailers deemed too long shall park on the upper pier while owners are on the water. This will be at the discretion of the Pier Coordinator and an email will be sent to notify. Multiple warnings will result in loss of storage rights
- l. Water use is for brief engine flushing and trailer rinse only
- m. Work performed on boats and trailers while on the pier shall be kept to a minimum. It is the sole responsibility of users to remove trash, shrink-wrap, tarp and other debris
- n. Debris shall not be thrown into Town trash cans. Rockport Police will be notified and appropriate action will be taken against the violator
- o. All work requiring scraping and painting requires a tarp under the boat and all clean-up and removal is the responsibility of the owner
- p. Power washing/pressure washing is not allowed at Granite Pier
- q. Emergency removal from the pier for storms or other events is the sole responsibility of the user. Email and/or phone notifications will be sent with 24hr notice when possible. Violators will be billed accordingly by subcontracted marine moving companies
- r. Spaces may not be subleased, lent out or handed down
- s. 1 year absences without loss of privileges may be granted upon written request to, and vote of, the GPC. Failure to notify shall result in loss of space
- t. Owners choosing to upsize boats must receive prior approval from the Granite Pier Committee before a new vessel will be allowed to replace previous boat

4. Contracts and Payments

- a. Separate checks and contracts are required for separate users and vessels
- b. Storage users agree to abide by the contracted storage dates; special permission may be granted for special circumstances by the Pier Coordinator and the GPC upon written request
- c. Removal dates are based on other contractual dates and uses of the property. Boats not removed on or before the contracted date are subject to a \$10/day fee and loss of future storage
- d. Boats may be moved to holding facility at owners expense if left after the contractual date

5. Upper Granite Pier use

- a. Unattended trailers and vehicles on the upper pier will be reported to the Rockport Police and are subject to towing at the owners expense
- b. Vehicles with trailers should park to the left hand side and be backed in so stickers and parking validations are visible
- c. Non-residents must pay to park on the upper pier at the red shack at entrance
- d. Envelopes are available for payment when attendant is not on duty; payment must be left at time of use
- e. Vehicles found to be without payment validation are subject to towing
- f. All vehicles and trailers parked at Granite Pier are required to have current state registrations and license plates
- g. Short sightseeing visits are welcome and do not require payment. This shall be defined as less than thirty (30) minutes
- h. There is no overnight parking on Granite Pier unless approval from the Pier Coordinator and the Rockport Police; violators will be reported to the Rockport Police and subject to ticketing and/or towing

6. Trap and Gear Storage

- a. Storage spaces are distributed via waitlist managed by the GPC and Town of Rockport. Said list is posted at Town Hall for viewing
- b. Storage is exclusively for active commercial fishermen/lobstermen with moorings in Rockport
- c. There is no subletting or leasing of spaces
- d. Only fishing gear is to be stored including traps, rope, buoys, barrels and tenders
- e. Trailers are not allowed in storage spaces
- f. No hazardous materials are to be stored in storage area (oil, gas, trap dip and similar substances)
- g. Payment must be current to retain storage space
- h. One space per licensed fisherman/lobsterman
- i. Spaces must be kept neat and orderly and is the responsibility of the user, including mowing of any grass
- j. If power is required, a stand-alone electrical meter is required at owners expense. No use of Town receptacles is permitted

7. General Rules

- a. Individuals are responsible for the pet waste and removal thereof (bags are provided at stands)

- b. Rocks may not be moved or removed from Granite Pier; that includes throwing of stones into the water
- c. No vegetation may be removed from Granite Pier
- d. There is no camping on Granite Pier property
- e. Fires are not allowed on Granite Pier property
- f. Individuals in violation to these rules are subject to fines and loss of Pier privileges 8.

General Information

- a. These rules are to be enforced by the Pier Coordinator, attendants, and the Rockport Police Department
- b. These rules are subject to be modified, changed and/or added to by the GPC upon a vote at a posted monthly meeting and final ratification of the Board of Selectmen
- c. The GPC meets the first Monday of every month at a publically posted time and place
- d. Request for special permission of use or of deviation from these rules should be submitted via email to granitepier@rockportma.gov and will be reviewed at the monthly meeting of the committee

Approved by the Board of Selectmen – April 9, 2019