

**POLICY FOR USE OF THE DOLPHIN
BAY MARINA**

GENERAL: The Dolphin Bay Marina is a “common area” as defined in the CC&Rs, for the exclusive use of Dolphin Bay property owners and residents. The cost to maintain the Marina and to replace pilings, piers, docks and fixtures is charged to the owners on an equal basis as part of the annual assessment. **Cost of repairing any damage to the Dolphin Bay Marina caused by a Lot owner/resident, family member, or a Lot owner’s guest or boat, will be assessed against the Lot owner.**

The Dolphin Bay Pier, Walkway, Gazebo, and floating docks area, hereafter referred to as, The Dolphin Bay Marina, are for the use and enjoyment of all the lot owners/residents of Dolphin Bay, their families and guests. Lot owners/residents are responsible for the behavior of their family members and guests. **Failure to comply with these regulations may result in the imposition of fines in accordance with the CC&Rs and/or bylaws of the Dolphin Bay Homeowner’s Association.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. All boats using and/or moored at the Marina must be registered with the Dockmaster within 24 hours of being tied up. They must have a current registration sticker and must be numbered in accordance with North Carolina Boating Regulations. Unregistered, inoperable or “derelict” craft may not be moored at the Marina and will be removed at the owner’s expense. All boats will comply with U.S. Coast Guard Regulations including documentation. All craft will be operated in a courteous manner and in accordance with the Rules of the Road and local regulations. The Marina area is a no wake zone.
2. Due to the strong tidal currents in the waterway, all boats tied at the Marina will be properly secured using, at a **minimum**, 3/8” nylon mooring line.
3. Construction, attachment, or placement of shelves, dock boxes, steps or containers on the floating docks or slip linings is not permitted without approval of the Marina Committee.
 - a. Dock boxes may not be longer than 6’ long X 2’ wide X 3’ high and may not block adjacent slips, walkways, or impede access/traffic on the docks. All dock boxes will be painted either white or light gray in color, securely attached to the dock and kept in good repair.
 - b. Automobile or other vehicle tires (or parts thereof), and home floor carpeting, will not be used as boat fenders or piling/dock bumpers. Commercially manufactured boat fenders and dock bumpers are permitted. Bumpers made of any other material
 - c. will not be permitted or temporarily attached to pilings or floating docks without approval.
 - d. Standard cleats and other marine hardware, bumpers, fenders and devices, fabricated for the specific purpose of securing or protecting boats or watercraft, are authorized, so long as installation does not encroach on neighboring slips, and presents a neat appearance.
 - e. Construction of overhead canopies or erection of tarps and tents over boat slips is prohibited. Boat covers, when used, must be maintained in proper repair and present a neat appearance. All rope, line, electrical wire and water hoses in the Marina will be neatly stowed so as not to present a hazard to pedestrians or boats.
4. Only routine boat cleaning and maintenance, performed with environmentally safe materials, is permitted in the Marina. Sanding, painting, engine repair or overhaul and any other activity that might result in spillage of oils, lubricants, solvents or other hazardous material into the waterway is prohibited.
5. Visitors to the Marina arriving by boat must be **met and accompanied at all times** by a Dolphin Bay resident. Visiting boats may temporarily tie up at their lot owners slip or guest slip but may not use nor block another owner’s slip without permission. The guest slips at the head of the pier are for loading and unloading and guest boats. Visiting boats may temporarily tie up at these slips, but the boat operator must register with the Dockmaster if the craft will remain more than 24 hours.
6. All boats and equipment/items not permanently affixed to the docks or pilings, including crab pots, traps and minnow buckets, must be removed from the Marina within twelve hours of issuance of a National Weather Service Hurricane Warning. **Cost of repairing any damage to the Marina due to failure of a resident to remove or properly secure his boat or other property during adverse weather, will be assessed against the resident.**
7. Only commercially manufactured boatlifts are permitted, subject to board approval, to be installed in the Marina. Home fabricated hoists and lifts are not permitted. Installation of lifts in the Dolphin Bay Marina must be approved by CAMA and the DB Board. Installation of a lift may not encroach upon, nor prevent the installation of a lift in an adjacent slip(s).

8. Dolphin Bay Homeowner's Association is not responsible for damage, theft or vandalism to any boat(s) within the Marina. The Marina is not a guarded or patrolled area. Residents are encouraged to challenge any unescorted stranger's presence in the neighborhood and to notify the County Sheriff's Office of any suspicious person or activity.
9. **The access gate must be kept closed and locked at all times.**

DOLPHIN BAY BOAT SLIP REGULATIONS

The boat slips in Dolphin Bay were designed for 24', or smaller, vessels. Due to the strong currents, wind, and heavy boat traffic in the area, any vessels larger than 24" LOA, must meet additional guidelines in order to maintain safe use of the marina.

All vessels in the marina must:

- Have 3' draft or less
- Weight less than 8,000 lbs dry (no fuel, water, etc)
- Have 10' beam or less
- Have 26' 6" LOA (with outboard in down position), or smaller

Additionally, all boats must be secured in a manner that all of the following requirements are met:

- A clearance of 12" on either side of the vessel between the pilings
- No more than 6" of the vessel may extend over onto the floating dock
- No more than 24" of the vessel and/or motor may extend out past the rear pilings (an exception to this rule applies to outboard motors- the motor may extend up to 36" past the rear pilings when in the up, or fully trimmed, position)

If any one of the restrictions above is not met, the vessel cannot be kept in a Dolphin Bay slip.

Even if a boat meets all of the above restrictions but is damaging the dock and/or creating a dangerous situation, it will be asked to be removed.

CRAB POTS IN THE MARINA

Only Dolphin Bay property owners/residents are entitled to use crab pots in the common area and must maintain the pot(s) in good working condition.

Each Dolphin Bay property owner/resident who elects to deploy a crab pot(s) must place their lot number on a tag which will be securely affixed to each crab pot as follows:

- A tag with the lot number will be affixed to the end of the rope that attaches the crab pot to the pier, to be clearly visible from the pier.
- Any crab pot(s) without identifying tags will be removed and confiscated.
- Tags may be obtained from any member of the dock committee.
- Crab pots will be removed from the common area between the dates of December 1st and March 1st of each year.
- Any crab pot(s) not removed will be removed and confiscated.