

LIVE ABOARD REGULATIONS

Living aboard may be permitted at the discretion of the Harbormaster subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission restricted to mooring permit holders and transients with permission of the Harbormaster.
2. Permission shall be requested in advance, or on arrival. Each permission period shall be good for not more than 15 days, and may be renewed for not more than an additional 15 days, at the Harbormasters' discretion, for a total of no more than 30 days in a calendar year.
3. Before permission is granted, the boat shall be inspected by the Harbormaster for oil (or other contaminant) free bilges and a marine sanitation device with a holding tank and a lockable/sealable valve on any thru-hull discharge. This valve must be locked or sealed by the Harbormaster during the permission period.
4. The boat must use a pump-out facility on a schedule determined by the Harbormaster. Frequency dependent on the size of the tank and the number of occupants.
5. No more persons may live aboard a vessel than the vessel has accommodations.
6. No laundry may be hung where it may be visible from shore or other vessels.
7. No music or other sounds may be amplified to a disturbing level.
8. No garbage or trash shall be disposed of except in on-shore containers. Washing soap should be of the low nutrient, non-toxic variety. Detergents and cleaning compounds used aboard must be phosphate free and biodegradable. Use of detergents containing ammonia, hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates and lye are prohibited. Boats with onboard pets are required to dispose of pet feces in proper shore-side facilities. As per the Chatham Waterways By-laws, the discharge or disposal of petroleum products, dead fish or shellfish, fish frames, garbage, waste, rubbish or debris on the waters, shore or beaches is prohibited.
9. Permission may be terminated by the Harbormaster in the event excessive noise or cluttered appearance is deemed to be nuisance, or if any of the above conditions, Waterways By-laws, or Mooring Regulations are violated.