

# Boat Policy for Westport Headlands Park

23 April 2019

Day use of small watercraft is allowed on Eddie White Beach in the Westport Headlands Park subject to reasonable precautions. The Westport Village Society recognizes the ocean poses changeable risks and signs are posted warning visitors and boat operators not to enter the water if safety concerns exist. Overnight storage of any watercraft requires a permit from Westport Village Society. No boat storage is permitted in the park from November 1 to April 30.

Permits for seasonal boat storage will be issued by the WVS at its sole discretion and may be revoked for violations of the permit conditions at any time. Only 8 permits will be issued per year and 6 of those will be reserved for permanent residents of the WVS membership area. A lottery system may be used if the number of applicants exceeds this allotment. Applicants for boat storage permits agree to the following conditions:

- 1) Permittees must supply a name and contact details so WVS can reach you.
- 2) A full description of the watercraft (make, model, length, color, material) must be provided. Storage of watercraft more than 300 lbs or 16 feet in length is not permitted.
- 3) A hold harmless waiver must be signed by applicants before a permit is issued.
- 4) A fee of \$20 per season must be paid before a permit is issued.
- 5) Storage of watercraft on the beach is allowed only between May 1 to October 31 with an approved permit.
- 6) Watercraft must be secured (locked) to the designated boat anchorage when not in use. No watercraft shall be secured to the stairs or any other location without WVS approval. Watercraft should be arranged compactly at the anchorage to minimize aesthetic impacts.
- 7) The permittee agrees not to establish any alternate boat anchorage location without the express advance approval of WVS. If any alternate anchorage is approved, the construction cost shall be paid by the permittee.
- 8) The permittee agrees to hand carry watercraft into the park, using the stairs to lower and retrieve them from the beach. To avoid environmental damage, no watercraft shall be lowered or raised down the bluff face and care shall be taken not to spill motor fuel or oil. No vehicles shall be driven into the park without WVS approval.
- 9) Warning will be given if your watercraft is found unsecured or is present on the beach outside of the permit period (Condition 5 above). If you do not promptly correct the problem, your permit may be revoked and your watercraft impounded. You agree to pay a fine of \$100 to recover your impounded watercraft.
- 10) The permittee understands that their watercraft use must not interfere with other beach uses. They agree to protect public safety, minimize environmental damage, and reduce aesthetic impacts.
- 11) The permittee agrees WVS is not responsible for any damage or theft of watercraft stored in the park. No unsecured equipment shall be left on the beach when watercraft are not in use (oars, life vests, etc.).

Permit Applications are available at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/headlands.html>  
Contact WVS at [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) with any questions