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RESIDENTS ONLY:

Our dock is a commuter dock. It is paid for and maintained by residents. It is not for commercial use or for visitors. It is not a place to store your boat.

NOT FOR PARKING - NOT AN EXTENSION OF THE PARK

We lease the right half of the path from the circle to the dock. This is for pick up and drop off only. It is not ok to park your vehicle in the drop off area and make a quick trip to Nanaimo and back. You must move it back to the circle or on the road.

Please do not angle park cars or trucks on the circle or in front of residents. This obstructs our Firefighters access circle resident homes and the park.

Please do not park more than 24 hours in front of any residence.

The dock is not safe for small children to be left to run ahead, or unattended. If you are a resident commuter, please ensure you have control of your little ones.

If you see visitors (i.e. from the Pub) letting their children run or go down the dock, remind them this is not safe for small ones.

The dock is not a safe place to swim off of. If you see older children, or teens trying to swim off the dock, suggest other safer beaches on the Island.

BOAT LENGTH:

20 feet or under maximum length. This assumes you keep your motor down.

NOT ENTITLED TO SPECIFIC SPACE OR BERTH – RAFTING:

It is understood and agreed that if the vessel owner cannot find an available space they may temporarily raft. Temporary gang tying or rafting to other vessels is permitted when done in a safe, secure and considerate manner.

1. Make sure your rope is long enough to swing over the top of a boat with a high canopy. We don't want people to have to walk over the bow of boats to free their boat up. We also don't want them to have to climb onto your bow to move yours. So the location of the long rope is important. Keep a long one at front of your boat.
2. Don't tie your rope so it will rub on windshields or wiper blades.
3. Don't lock your fellow user in.

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4. Don't tie up to the railing or canopy supports of other boats. These are decorative and expensive to replace.
5. If your boat is large, please raft to a boat that is the same size or larger. If you raft to a smaller boat, the small boat owner may not have enough room to move your boat into the space they came from.

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK:

Use of this facility is at YOUR OWN RISK. PIRA shall not be liable for personal injury, loss, or damage due to theft, fire, elements or any other cause.

SALT & SAND / KITTY LITTER:

If someone uses the dock they are expected to provide some salt, sand and or kitty litter to keep the dock safe.

The extra goes in the wood boxes on the dock and or the yellow one at the dock head.

Please spread this material as you go to your boats on slippery days. Please do not subject your fellow commuter to unnecessary falls. These are our friends and neighbours.

WEATHER RELATED SINKINGS:

We loose boats every year. When a boat sinks it drags down other boats or puts stress on the dock.

Dock users please point your bow away from the shore toward deep water when mooring. If you moor the other way around, waves will swamp your boat from the back in stormy weather.

ONE BOAT PER COMMUTER – DEEP END USE – MOTOR DOWN:

Mud Bay was created (and PIRA started to support it) as a commuter dock. As early as June 91 (when moorage was still relatively available), it was agreed that the ***last few docks (from cement dock to deepest end) were to be kept free for commuters.***

If someone is a casual user, they are expected to move their boat in closer to shore, **until they need to have it for a specific appointment or commitment.** Please remember to leave space near the dock head for unloading.

Dock space is at a premium. Even when moorage space was more available (June 91) it was agreed **no more than one boat per commuter** would be permitted on the dock. If there are two commuters in a household then two boats are commuter boats.

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IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT ANOTHER USER, TELL THEM

We have agreed for years that the Dock users will self police. The PIRA Director Liaison is not a police officer. When someone starts to park (rather than drop off only) in the park, or moors for long periods without moving (not a storage area) or ties up with motor up, or rafts with short line, tell the person who is doing it. Please don't simply tell PIRA it is a problem.

Please leave your motor down when parking on a finger. IF your motor is left up and that would be in the way of a third boat parking on the end of the finger, it causes unnecessary rafting.

REGISTRATION - REMOVAL OF BOATS:

PIRA has the right to remove boats from the dock. Rather than force a policing role on anyone, the removal of boats has been done by users, generally because a boat has been abandoned or sunk. Safety of the boat, other boats and the dock, have been the primary reasons for removal of boats for over 15 years.

Marine law calls for the boat owner to notify the dock owners (PIRA) of their use, immediately. Dock registration, payment of fees and the display of decals meet that requirement.

Unregistered boats are abandoned. Boats left unattended pose a safety risk (especially in stormy weather). Tying up for long periods of time (i.e. 2 weeks) in the deep end forces unnecessary rafting and unnecessary safety risks.

PIRA Directors can vote to remove boats that are unregistered, abandoned and or left for extended periods in the deep end of the dock. These boats can be moved to shore (to our lease space) and reported to the Surveyor of Wrecks, if they remain abandoned on shore (i.e. after 30 days).

Registration forms are available on line (www.pira.ca). These need to be completed and forwarded with payment to PIRA. The rates include a base rate for all users and a contribution of time or additional money toward maintenance. Upon receipt and acceptance of a registration and payment, a decal will be provided for display on your boat.

RUNNING LIGHTS:

Every winter we have several near misses because users failed to use lights in dusk, dawn, or full dark.

Please put the lights on. Stay safe. No one on PI wants to loose or run over a neighbour.