BOWDOIN COLLEGE  
COASTAL STUDIES CENTER  
WATERFRONT AND DOCK USE POLICY

1.0  STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The waterfront wharf and floats serves Bowdoin College interest and the Coastal Studies Center for research and education. It is also home of the Leighton Sailing Center, the homeport of Bowdoin College's Sailing team.

   A. Access  
   Access to the wharf and floats is via a walkway adjacent to the west side of the Marine Laboratory. There is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramp on the wharf located at the end of the walkway.

   B. Pump House and the Pumping System at the end of the wharf is restricted from any type of access or use. (See the Coastal Studies Center Caretaker for any issue regarding this location).

2.0  RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules are within Bowdoin College Standards and additionally comply with the Town of Harpswell, Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance.

   A. Parking  
   Parking is on the north side of the barn adjacent to the large red barn door. Parking signs designate the parking area. The area near the marine laboratory is for service vehicles or loading and unloading only.

   Visitor parking is also available at the kiosk near the front gate.

   B. Children  
   Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on the floats without the immediate presence of their parents or responsible adult.

3.0  WHARFS AND FLOATS

The Coastal Studies Center Caretaker and the Marine Operations Manager oversee the area of the waterfront including the wharf, floats, and moorings.

The wharf and floats will be kept orderly and unobstructed at all times by all users. Any equipment storage needs will be brought to the attention of the Caretaker and/or the Marine Operations Manager. Prior arrangements can also be made with the Marine Laboratory Technician especially regarding research equipment.

Each float has an emergency ring buoy and there is a ladder on the sailing float. The docks and floats are for the sanctioned use of Bowdoin College activities. There is no established recreational use and no lifeguard on duty; therefore, all recreational activity is at one's own risk.

There is no overboard discharge allowed from any vessel on the floats or moorings.

Day use visitors at the Coastal Studies Center will follow a carry-in/carry-out litter policy.
4.0 FLOATS/MOORINGS/BOATS

At the end of the pier the floats on the left are used primarily by the Coastal Studies Center and the sailing team uses the floats on the right. These areas are dedicated to College activities only.

A. Any transient vessel not associated with the College will not be able to utilize the dock without prior written permission from the Director of the Coastal Studies Center. Extenuating circumstance such as mechanical issues or vessels in distress, will be a case-by-case basis and should immediately be brought to the attention of the Coastal Studies Caretaker and or the Marine Operations Manager.

B. Visiting vessels that have a Memorandum of Understanding or other agreement approved by the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration & Treasurer will make prior arrangements with the Director of the Coastal Studies Center. The date and duration will be brought to the attention of the Caretaker and/or the Marine Operations Manager by the Director of the Coastal Studies Center.

C. No extensive engine or mechanical repairs will be made while tied to the floats.

D. Mooring use is at the direction of the Marine Operations Manager and no vessel can exceed the mooring size limit of 30', which should include a safe swing area for each vessel moored.

5.0 VESSELS

A. All vessels using the Coastal Studies Center floats or moorings will be maintained in a safe and seaworthy condition.

B. Boat engines should not be run or idled excessively while tied to the dock.

C. Discharge from vessels or materials of incompatible substances (refuse matter, oil, spirits, etc.) is strictly prohibited.

D. No person should transport to or from the boats any dangerous device, equipment or material, such as: paints, fuel or any other substance deemed hazardous.

E. Small boats (less than 10', dinghies, canoes or kayaks) cannot be stored on or tied to the floats without prior permission and direction from the Caretaker, Marine Operations Manager, and/or the Sailing Coach.

F. While at the floats or mooring it is the operator's responsibility to be sure the vessel is safely secured and the proper fenders and lines are used.

G. While approaching or departing from the anchorage area, all vessels will operate in a safe manner utilizing headway speed only, enough to maintain steerage.

6.0 CONTACT

The Coastal Studies Center’s Department Coordinator and the Sailing Coach are the primary contacts for events:

Rosemary Armstrong, Coastal Studies Center Department Coordinator
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The property Caretaker can be notified of any issue that might occur on a daily basis.

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If any unsafe condition or situation occurs the Caretaker or Marine Operations Manager should be contacted.

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If the circumstance requires immediate attention Bowdoin College Security should be notified at 725-3314, (emergency 725-3500 or 911).

7.0 Policy Owner

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