



Bristol Harbor Master

TO: Bristol Town Council

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Bristol Harbor Master

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Bristol Harbor Commission Chairman

DATE: April 8th 2025

SUBJECT: RECCOMENDATION FOR CHANGE TO HARBOR FEES

I am recommending the following changes to the mooring and docking and related harbor fees by a Town Council Resolution. The fee increase is needed to help supplement the cost associated with the increased cost of utilities, maintenance of the mooring fields, rising cost of supplies, department salary, future projects and the continued maintenance of the Town's Marinas.

At the Harbor Commission meeting on April 7th, 2025, recommended through a vote to change the fees to the Harbor Masters recommendation. The table below shows the current recommendation from the Harbor Commission and my recommendation. The new fee increases will be reflected in the bill for 2026, which are emailed out on or about January 1st. The only difference between the Harbor Commission and Harbormaster recommendation on fees are as follows. The Harbor Commission would like to lock in these rates for 2 years, possibly 3 years and \$30.00 per foot for resident winter dockage with power.

A few minor changes to categories within the current resolution. The recreational dock fees will be broken down into dock sizes to account for increased utility usage (electric and water). The new categories are 40ft plus, 30ft, and 24ft and under slip size. In addition to establish a Non-Resident dingy and Kayak rack price.

In addition to the following changes for the way we charge for slips, I have contacted many marinas in the area on how they charge transient dock fees, most marinas charge an additional cost for utilities while staying on transient docks and piers. The utility charge for Transient boaters at the dock will increase to .50 cents per amp.

Church Street and Rockwell Docks

Recreational, per Foot Entire Length of Dock	Current Per Registered Boat Length	Harbor Commission Rec/boat Length	Harbor Master Recommendation per slip size or overage of slip size
Recreational 40ft Plus Slip	\$65.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Recreational 30ft Slip	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Recreational 24ft and Smaller Slip	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Commercial Fisherman	\$46.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Commercial Marine Business	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Prudence Island/State St Dock No Power on bulkhead	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
If power on bulkhead additional per foot	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Wire/Cable Church St Dock	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Winter Dock Fee Bristol Resident, No Power	\$20/ft	\$25.00	\$25.00/ft
Winter Dock Fee Bristol Resident with Power	\$20/ft	\$30.00	\$35.00/ft
Winter Dock Fee Non-Resident No Power	\$30/ft	\$35.00	\$35/ft
Winter Dock Fee Non-Resident With Power	\$30/ft	\$45.00	\$45.00/ft

Mooring Fees (Includes a \$5 pump-out fee)

Type of Mooring	Current	Harbor Commission Rec	Harbor Master Recommendation
Recreational Bristol Resident (up to 30 feet)	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
Recreational, Non-Resident (up to 30 feet)	\$300.00	\$310.00	\$310.00
Commercial Waterfront Business, BM/BYC/ Herreshoff Marine Museum	\$325.00	\$335.00	\$335.00
Commercial Mooring Resident	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
Commercial Mooring Non-Resident	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Non-Profit Mooring (up to 30 Feet)	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Recreational/Non Profit, per foot over 30 feet	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Commercial, per foot over 30 feet	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$12.00

Transient Dock Fees

Transient Dock	Current	Harbor Commission Recommendation	Harbor Master Recommendation
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Bristol Resident (up to 4 hours)	\$5.00/hour	\$5.00/hour	\$5.00/hour
Non-Resident (up to 4 hours, price is whole hour)			
30ft or smaller	\$10.00/hour	\$10.00	\$10.00/hour
Greater than 30ft	\$15.00/hour	\$15.00	\$15.00/hour
Overnight per foot Non-Resident	\$4.00/foot	\$4.00/foot	\$4.00/foot
Bristol Resident	\$2.00/foot	\$2.00/foot	\$2.00/foot
Utility Rental (power/water/pump out)			
30 AMP	\$10.00/night	\$15.00/night	\$15.00/night
50 AMP	\$20.00/night	\$25.00/night	\$25.00/night
100 AMP	\$40.00/night	\$50.00/night	\$50.00/night

Transient Moorings

	Current	Harbor Commission Recommendation	Harbor Master Recommendation
Up to 4 Hours	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Per Night	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Per Week (7 Consecutive days)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Per Month (30 Consecutive days)	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00

Dinghy and Kayak

	Current	Harbor Commission Recommendation	Harbor Master Recommendation
Dinghy and Kayak Rack Resident	\$70.00	\$ 70.00	\$70.00
Dinghy and Kayak Rack Non-Resident	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
Dinghy (10ft) in water Resident	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Dinghy (10ft) in water Non-Resident	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
Additional Paddle Craft with Harbor Master Permission	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

Miscellaneous Harbor Fees

	Current	Harbor Commission	Harbor Master
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		Recommendation	Recommendation
Application Fee Dock and Mooring	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Dingy and Kayak Rack	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Waitlist	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Mooring Inspector Licensing Fee	\$50.00/annual	\$50.00/annual	\$50.00/annual
Mooring Transfer Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Relocation Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Pump-Out Fee	\$5.00/20 gallons of waste	\$5.00/ 20 gallons of waste	\$5.00/ 20 gallons of waste
Transient Vehicle Pass	\$0.00	\$20.00/night	\$ 20.00/night
Administration Fee per transaction billed by service provider	\$7.00 per transaction	\$7.00 per transaction	\$7.00 per transaction
Prudence Island Ferry Lot Off Season Parking *Can only be changed with an ordinance change*	\$150.00/Month	\$150.00/Month	\$150.00/Month


 STEVEN CONTENTE
 Town Administrator