



## **Bristol Harbor Master**

**TO:** Bristol Town Council

**FROM:** Gregg Marsili  
Bristol Harbor Master

**CC:** Steven Contente  
Bristol Town Administrator

**DATE:** April 10, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Independence Park Boat Ramp

I am requesting the Town Council consider and ordinance that will limit the size of vehicles that can use the boat ramp. PARE engineering provided the load limits and recommendation not to allow landing crafts. In addition, the ordinance will create a \$500.00 fine for misuse of the ramp.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO  
THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 8, Boats, Docks, and Waterways, is hereby amended as follows:

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**Sec. 8-72. - Independence Park Boat Ramp.**

(a) The following restrictions shall apply to use of the Independence Park Boat Ramp:

(1) No vehicle, truck, bus, or trailer exceeding a maximum axle load of 32,000 pounds shall be permitted to use the Independence Park Boat Ramp.

(2) No vehicle, truck, bus, or trailer, other than those with rubber tires, shall be permitted to use the Independence Park Boat Ramp.

(3) No vessels or equipment, including but not limited to landing craft, bow ramps, external ramps, gangways, and grounded vessels/barges, shall be permitted to use the Independence Park Boat Ramp, unless permission is granted by the Harbormaster.

(b) Any person found in violation of this section shall be fined up to \$500.00.