



# Floating Structures

11/10/20 TOWN COUNCIL



# Harbor and Marina Ordinance

## *Living aboard a boat.*

- a. The town shall continue to prohibit the occupation of public trust waters by floating homes.
- b. Marinas may allow for live aboard families on vessels located in approved boat slips.

## *Definitions*

*Floating home* means a house built on a floating platform without a means of propulsion.

# Land Use Plan

Due to the limited surface area of public trust waters for use and enjoyment by the public, floating homes shall not be permitted within the jurisdictional waters of Carolina Beach.

# Proposed Definition

Floating Structure means a barge-like structure, that is not used as a means of transportation on water but which serves purposes or provides services typically associated with a structure on or other improvement to real property used for human habitation or commerce. Incidental movement or the capability of movement upon water does not preclude a structure from classification as a floating structure. Registration of the structure as a vessel in accordance with NCGS Chapter 75A does not preclude a structure from classification as a floating structure.

Boat (vessel) means watercraft of any type or size specifically designed to be self-propelled, whether by engine, sail, oar, paddle, or other means, used to travel from place to place by water. A boat or vessel shall also include any machine designed or intended to travel over water by self-propulsion



# Motion

- Approval - whereas in accordance with the provisions of the NCGS, the Commission does hereby find and determine that amending **Chapter 40** Article III & XVIII and **Chapter 10** Sec. 10-3 definitions & Sec. 10-4 to prohibit Floating Structures in public trust waters and define water-oriented uses is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long range plans

P&Z Recommended approval to prohibit floating structures and adopting a definition

