



Boston Police Department Harbormaster

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2026 Mooring/Docking Permit Application for Boston Harbor

Application Type:

Mooring Dockspace Mooring Waitlist

Requested Mooring Area: Charlestown Dorchester East Boston North End South Boston

Office Use Only	
Permit No	Mooring Number
_____	_____

For renewals, what was the last year permitted in Boston? _____

Previous Permit Number: _____

Did you own your boat on July 1, 2025? Yes No

Did you moor your boat in Boston in 2025? Yes No

I have read and understand the City of Boston Mooring Regulations. _____
(Add initials)

Name of Yacht Club or Marina: _____

Mooring Latitude (eg: 042.16.000 N): _____

Slip number: _____

Mooring Longitude (Eg: 070.52.000 W): _____

OR

Does your vessel have a waste tank? Yes No

If yes, how many gallons? _____

Which side of your vessel is your waste tank fitting located? Port Starboard

_____	_____	_____
Owner's First Name	Initial(s)	Owner's Last Name

_____	_____
Street No.	Street Name

_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
City	State	Zip Code	PERMIT FEE

_____	_____
Mailing Address (if different from above)	_____
_____	_____
City	State Zip Code

_____ - _____ - _____	_____
Primary Telephone	Email Address

Vessel Name

_____	_____	_____
Make	Model	Hull Color

_____	_____	_____	Vessel Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Motor <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Vessel Year	Draft (ft.)	Length (Overall ft.)	Vessel Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Government Exempt

SECTION B

_____ - _____	_____	_____	_____
Registration Number	Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Last mooring tackle inspection (MM/DD/YYYY)	

SECTION C

_____	_____	_____
Documentation Number (If Documented)	Name of Vessel (If Documented)	Hailing Port on Boat (If Documented)
_____	_____	_____
Country Documented	Address on Certificate	

- FULL PAYMENT OF CITY OF BOSTON BOAT EXCISE TAX MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO RETAIN A VALID PERMIT AND AVOID VIOLATION
- ADDRESS MUST BE AS SHOWN ON VESSEL REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED

Under the penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true, correct and complete.

_____ / _____ / _____	Applicant's Signature	_____
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		

If returning by mail: Boston Police Headquarters, "Boat Mooring", 1 Schroeder Plaza, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

BOAT MOORING PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

Please review the City of Boston Mooring Regulations before applying for a mooring or dockspace permit. [The regulations can be found online.](#)

- You must have a mooring permit if you want to moor or dock your vessel in Boston.
- You must have an approved permit before having a mooring placed in Boston.

The Boston Harbormaster needs to approve all new and renewal applications. The permitting system allows the Boston Police Department to track harbor security. You must display your permit on the port side of your vessel near the transom.

A smaller permit sticker will accompany your permit for moored boats. This smaller sticker will need to be attached near the top of your mooring ball (after cleaning and drying the surface).

Any mooring placed in the harbor without a permit is in violation, it shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and may be removed at the expense of the mooring owner.

MOORING PERMITS

To renew an existing mooring permit:

Please print out and complete a [mooring permit renewal application](#). Renewal applications for moorings and dockspace should be accompanied by payment in the form of a check or money order made payable to the City of Boston.

Payments should be calculated using the following formula:

- Boston residents: \$1 for each linear foot of the boat
- Non-residents: \$5 for each linear foot of the boat

Documents to be attached to all renewal applications:

- Copy of vessel registration or Certificate of Documentation
- Proof of payment of excise tax (if applicable depending on date of purchase)
- Copy of insurance policy (if applicable)
- Date of last mooring tackle inspection (if applicable)
- Description of mooring tackle (if applicable) - type of anchor, weight of anchor, length and diameter of chain(s), number of swivels used, pennant type and length

To apply for a new mooring permit:

Please print out and complete a [new mooring permit application](#).

Documents to be attached to all new applications:

- Copy of vessel registration or Certificate of Documentation
- Proof of payment of excise tax (if applicable depending on date of purchase)
- Copy of insurance policy (if applicable)
- Proposed description of mooring tackle - type of anchor, weight of anchor, length and diameter of chain(s), number of swivels to be used, pennant type and length

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applications for new mooring permits will be added to the mooring permit wait list in the order received until an online waitlist is established.
- There is no payment required for new applications until AFTER the application has been approved by the Harbormaster. Once approved and payment is made, a permit will be issued and permission for placement of mooring will be granted.

DOCKSPACE PERMITS

To renew or apply for a new dockspace permit:

Please print out and complete a [mooring permit application](#). Renewal applications for dockspace should be accompanied by payment in the form of a check or money order made payable to the City of Boston

Payments should be calculated using the following formula:

- Boston residents: \$1 for each linear foot of the boat
- Non-residents: \$5 for each linear foot of the boat

Documents to be attached to dockspace applications:

- Copy of vessel registration or Certificate of Documentation
- Proof of payment of excise tax (if applicable depending on date of purchase)
- Copy of paid lease / rental agreement noting location of slip and marina
- Copy of insurance policy (if applicable)

Applications can be mailed with accompanying documents and payment (if applicable) to:

Boston Police Headquarters
"Boat Mooring"
1 Schroeder Plaza
Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

At this time payment will only be accepted in the form of check or money order
NO in person payments will be accepted

KEEP IN MIND:

- Questions about mooring / docking permits should be emailed to moorings@pd.boston.gov.
- Proof of residency may be requested to process your application. You will need to show a valid government-issued ID with a Boston address.
- If the Harbormaster approves your application, the City of Boston may issue you an excise tax bill. Your application will not be completed until you pay the excise bill.