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## Small Crafts



Now that Labor Day has passed we ask that everyone put away their dinghies, inflatables and other small craft. There are many ways to store your small craft to be in compliance with marina rules:

- On board your vessel.
- Within the confines of your slip as long as your vessel and small craft do not overhang the dock or hang more than 3' into the channel.
- On a plank across the bow of the slip provided the plank is not attached to the dock or extend onto the concrete portion of the dock (walkway must remain clear).

Remember that the new rules define a small craft as a vessel with a length overall of 10 feet or less, or a kayak of 15 feet or less and must weigh less than 100 pounds. Personal watercraft are not considered small craft and are not allowed to be permanently stored in the slip or behind your vessel. We will be red tagging and contacting boaters who are not in compliance.

If your vessel is red tagged or impounded, please contact the marina office for clarification of your small craft storage options.

## RED TAGS

You have probably noticed a few "red tags" on your dock. Following each Labor Day, Marina staff begin an inspection of the docks for rule violations. Common violations include:

- Storing items on the dock.
- Storing kayaks, dinghies, and inflatables on the dock.
- Allowing your vessel to overhang the dock (safety violation).
- Leaving a dinghy, kayak or inflatable in the channel behind your vessel.
- Storing items inside dock steps.

If you receive a red tag be sure to correct the violation right away. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Tides

November is approaching, and we will start to see the annual high and low "mean" tides. During mean tides, the harbor experiences a very high tide, followed in 12 hours by a very low tide. The very low tides can be hazardous, making the gangways very steep — so use caution. Also, please remember that the harbor is only 9-10 feet deep at mean lower low water. If your draft is 8' or more, you will want to wait for the tide to come back in before departing. All vessels in an inside tie or a seawall slip should be sure to raise your engine and /or retractable keel during this time.