

# Clinton Harbormaster Mooring Policy and Procedure

Welcome to the official webpage for the Clinton Harbormaster Mooring Policy and Procedure. If you're planning to install a mooring in Clinton waters, please read this page carefully to understand the rules, regulations, and application process. In the past, moorings in Clinton have been unregulated and unmanaged. The town of Clinton has recently established a **mooring policy and procedure** to regulate the use of its waterways and ensure proper management of public and private mooring areas. Moorings are fixed spots in a harbor or waterway where boats can be securely anchored, and without clear policies, the use of these spaces can lead to conflicts, overcrowding, environmental damage, and safety issues.

Effective April 1, 2025, all moorings in Clinton must be registered with the Harbormaster's office. Unregistered moorings are subject to removal.

Clinton is home to one of the most scenic stretches of water on the Connecticut coast. However, it's important to remember that moorings are a privilege, not a right. Permits for moorings can be revoked at any time, and failure to comply with the rules and regulations outlined below may result in the removal and forfeiture of your mooring, as well as the revocation of mooring privileges.

## Clinton Mooring Policy

1. **Effective Date:** Beginning April 1, 2025, all moorings must be registered with the Harbormaster's office.
2. **Permit Requirement:** Moorings without official permits are subject to removal at the discretion of the Harbormaster.
3. **Mooring Privileges:** Owning a mooring is a privilege subject to revocation. Compliance with rules is mandatory.
4. **Clinton Residency Required:** Mooring owners must be a resident or property owner in the town of Clinton.

## How to Obtain a Mooring

To secure a Clinton mooring permit, follow these steps:

1. **Submit Your Application:** Complete the Clinton Mooring Application form available on this webpage. Include GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) for your requested mooring location.
2. **Location Assessment:** The Harbormaster will assess your requested location to ensure it falls within approved mooring fields. Moorings placed outside approved locations are subject to removal.
3. **Application Approval:** Upon approval, you will receive confirmation along with a Clinton mooring permit sticker displaying your permit number. This sticker must be affixed to your mooring ball.
4. **Annual Renewal:** Approved permits are valid for one calendar year and must be renewed annually.

## Rules and Regulations

To ensure the safe and proper use of moorings in Clinton waters, the following rules apply:

1. **Permit Validity:** Mooring permits are valid for one year. Unpermitted moorings are subject to removal.
2. **Non-Transferable:** Mooring permits cannot be transferred to another individual.
3. **Seasonal Removal:** Moorings must be removed by **November 15th** each year. Failure to remove moorings will result in removal by the Harbormaster.
4. **Installation Period:** Moorings may not be installed before **April 1st** each year.
5. **Assigned Location:** Moorings must be placed in the exact location assigned. Misplaced moorings are subject to removal.
6. **Non-Commercial Use:** Moorings are strictly for **non-commercial vessels**. Commercial vessels on non-commercial moorings are subject to fines and removal.
7. **Floating Docks:** Floating docks are not permitted on moorings unless explicitly agreed upon with the Harbormaster.
8. **Leasing/Selling:** Moorings may not be leased or sold.

9. **Removed Moorings:** If your mooring is removed, notify the Harbormaster immediately.
10. **Unclaimed Moorings:** Removed moorings will be held for **90 days**. After this period, they become property of the Harbormaster or Town of Clinton.
11. **Liability:** The Harbormaster and Town of Clinton are not liable for damages or injuries caused by vessels or moorings.
12. **Equipment Standards:** Moorings must have adequate ground tackle, pendants, chafing gear, and scope suitable for expected conditions.
13. **No Infringement:** Vessels on moorings must not infringe on other moorings.
14. **Navigation Channels:** Moorings must not encroach on navigation channels or interfere with fairways, wharves, docks, or floats.
15. **Buoy Standards:** Mooring buoys must be **white with a blue horizontal band** midway between the top of the buoy and the waterline.
16. **Submarine Cables:** Mooring and anchoring are prohibited over submarine cable areas.

## Important Notes

- **Application Deadline:** Submit your mooring application before the start of the season to ensure timely processing.
- **Inspection Requirements:** Regular inspection and maintenance of mooring equipment are the responsibility of the permit holder.
- **Contact Information:** If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Clinton Harbormaster.

## Submit Your Application

[Click here to download the Clinton Mooring Application form](#). Once completed, email your form and GPS coordinates to [rderry@clintonct.org](mailto:rderry@clintonct.org) or deliver it in person to the Harbormaster's office.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Clinton waters safe and enjoyable for all.