



## HUBBARDS COMMUNITY WATERFRONT ASSOCIATION MOORING POLICY

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### Preamble

The *Hubbards Community Waterfront Association* operates a mooring grid in Hubbards Cove. The following policy has been developed by the association:

In developing this policy, the association has reviewed other mooring fields, both community operated and private in order to include regulations that are fair and equitable. The situation in Hubbards is unique in that the cove was already full of moorings placed there by boat owners before there was any control or regulation as to their placement. As a result, the distribution of moorings is inefficient and it was thought that if the association had the right and ability to move and control the placement of moorings it would make a more equitable distribution of moorings and settle disputes. The mooring hardware (buoys, chain and anchors) remain the private property of the owners but the position on the cove bottom is controlled by the Association.

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has given approval for the *Hubbards Community Waterfront Association* to operate a mooring field within Hubbards Cove. Details of the requirement for obtaining a mooring permit in general can be found by visiting:

<https://novascotia.ca/sns/paal/dnr/paal063.asp>

Section 5.4 of the "Submerged Crown Lands Mooring Policy", (March 1, 2004), allows a nonprofit community association to be licensed to operate a mooring grid and collect fees. All moorings must be registered and require a payment of an annual fee.

### Section I: Goals

- (a) To administer the moorings within a designated mooring field within Hubbards Cove in the best interests of boat owners, upland property owners and the community at large.
- (b) To maintain a clear navigation channel to vessels travelling to and from the HCWA wharf.
- (c) To establish standards and specifications for all moorings within the designated field.
- (d) To answer inquiries from or resolve any disputes between owners of boats within the field.



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### Section 2: Definitions

- (a) Mooring: A large permanent anchor, chain and float from which a vessel can leave and return at will and on which she can be left unattended.
- (b) Anchor: A devise to temporarily secure a vessel to the bottom. Anchored vessels are not normally left unattended.

### Section 3: Application process

- (a) To apply for a mooring license the applicant must have the ownership or the exclusive care of a vessel in need of a mooring.
- (b) Applications for mooring permits can be obtained by email at [hubbardscope@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardscope@gmail.com) or requested by mail from: *Hubbards Community Waterfront Association*, P. O. Box 190, Hubbards N. S. B0J-1T0.
- (c) The following information is required on the application:
  - Full name of the applicant
  - Civic and mailing address.
  - Phone number(s)
  - Overall length of the vessel, beam, draft and displacement (weight)
  - Specifications of the mooring
- (d) The HCWA will endeavour to accommodate the wishes of the applicant in assigning mooring sites but reserves the right to move a mooring to a location more appropriate to the vessel or in more efficient management of the field if necessary.
- (e) The HCWA will maintain a chronological list of all mooring applicants, however requests from local residents will be given priority within the space available.

### Section 4: Regulations

- (a) All mooring permit holders are required to pay an annual fee. Failure to remit the required fee may result in forfeiture of the mooring location and, in the case of a private mooring the removal of the mooring hardware.
- (b) Permit holders with private moorings are reminded that they are responsible for any damage caused by their vessels parting or dragging her mooring. It is therefore necessary to have the mooring inspected regularly and to be covered by liability insurance. Mooring locations are recorded by lat and long



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coordinates. Mooring owners are reminded that when replacing or maintaining they are responsible for making sure that the mooring is replaced in its correct location.

(c) Mooring permits are issued to individuals for the vessel identified on the permit. The permit holder must inform the HCWA if they no longer own the vessel or if they have changed vessels.

(d) On sale or disposal of their boat a mooring location holder can hold their location for a period of up to two years. During this time, providing the equipment is in good condition, the HCWA will rent the mooring site to others on an annual or daily basis to be decided on consultation with the permit holder. The HCWA will retain \_\_\_\_ of the fee to cover the cost of administration and registration and the equipment owner \_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of amortization of the cost of the hardware.