



2022 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please Read - Revised August 2020

The Conneaut Port Authority Board of Directors has established these Rules and Regulations to assure all vessel owners enjoy a safe recreational experience. **Owners must comply with all Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Conneaut Port Authority, City of Conneaut and the State of Ohio** that may pertain to the dockage or operation of the vessel. The Conneaut Port Authority has the right to manage all docks at their discretion.

The Conneaut Port Authority (CPA) reserves the right to change or amend these Terms, Rules, and Regulations at any time.

- The boating season begins approximately May 1st and ends October 15th.
 - **Payments are due: October 15th, Feb. 1st, and April 1st.** Failure to comply may result in loss of dock.
 - A **Late Fee of \$50 will be applied to any installment not received on time.** Any failure to pay on time may be appealed to the board in writing. The written appeal must be presented with a check for the \$50 late fee.
 - Only the CPA assigns all docks.
 - Owner(s) are not permitted to sublease or transfer contract to any other person or vessel.
 - **Docks will be assigned only after Contract, Current Boat Registration and Current Proof of Insurance are returned to the CPA office along with payment.**
 - Owner(s) with more than one vessel must have a Contract, Current Registration, and Current Proof of Insurance on file **for all vessels.** The dock rate will be based on the larger boat.
 - **If Insurance or Registration Expires during boating season, copies of renewals must be submitted to office. If proof of insurance or registration has not been provided within 10 days of their expiration date, The Conneaut Port Authority has the right to remove the boat from the dockage. The removal will be at the expense of the owner, and the owner will not be permitted to return the following year.**
- **Owners that change boats during the season will NOT be assured of a dock due to size. Prior approval must be given by CPA to assure the boat will fit in the dock.**

- **No vessel can be moved into another dock without prior approval from CPA.**
- The owner shall notify the CPA any time the vessel is removed and absent from their assigned dock for more than 48 hours. The dock may be used as a transient dock when not in use by the owner.
- CPA reserves the right to reject any application based on the condition of the vessel.
- Dock rules are for all boat owners, family members, and guests.
- Each contract allows dock holders one vehicle on the premises. **There is no assigned parking.**
- Vehicles blocking roadways or dock entrances will be towed at the owner's expense.
- CPA reserves the right to move vessels within premises at any time.
- **CPA may take actions necessary to save or protect a vessel from damage or destruction without owner's knowledge or consent. This will be done at owner's expense. We require emergency contact information. In an emergency if we cannot contact the owner the situation will be dealt with at the Harbormaster's discretion.**
- Vessels and surrounding space must be clean and free of debris or conditions that may be dangerous to the health, safety, or well-being of any person. The owner is responsible for correcting conditions in or around vessel which constitutes a fire hazard, health menace, or nuisance. If owner fails to do so, steps will be taken to remove hazard or correct condition and charge expense to owner.
- **No oil or other petroleum products or fluids may be changed in any dock/marina area. Disposal of petroleum products on CPA property, marinas, docks or parking areas is strictly prohibited. Changing of oils or disposal of petroleum products will be reported to Ohio EPA for punishment and possible withdrawal of dock privileges.**
- Cleaning fish on premises is prohibited. Under NO Circumstances Dead Fish or Fish parts shall be placed in trash receptacles.

➤ **Vessels in slips must be secured with a minimum 1/2" diameter nylon line.** Owners are responsible for damage caused to docks or other vessels. Polypropylene and sisal rope are NOT appropriate for securing your vessel.

- All outdrives must be down when in dock. This is for the safety of both your boat and others.
- Air conditioners, Refrigerators, etc. must be turned off while owners are off premises.

➤ **Due to continued electrical outages occurring, please adhere to the following steps when plugging your boat into the electrical outlets:**

1. Only MARINE EXTENSION CORDS or HEAVY-DUTY CONTRACTOR TYPE

EXTENSION CORDS can be used. No Household extension cords.

2. ALL TWIST LOCK ADAPTERS MUST BE IN GOOD REPAIR.

3. NO HOMEMADE ADAPTERS

4. Unplug your cord and any CPA approved adapters from the outlet at the dock before you unplug your boat
5. Unplug your cord from your boat
6. If you are hosing off your boat, please unplug from the outlet at the dock first and then from your boat.

If you don't follow these procedures and the cord falls into the water or you spray water into an outlet on your boat, the electrical ground fault will trip and shut down the entire dock stringer.

- Padding is not permitted on the floating docks. Protect and secure your boat with multiple marine bumpers. Any materials used for padding or bumpers on a non-floating dock must be in good condition and removed at end of season.
- **Once again all oils, residue, sewage, and solid refuse must be disposed of in accordance with all existing local, state, and federal rules and regulations that govern such action.**
 - It is prohibited to throw or discharge into the water; sewage, oil-laden bilge fluids, refuse matter or any other pollutants such as detergent that is not biodegradable.
 - In event of such discharge, owner will be responsible for cost of clean-up.

- **Gasoline fueling of floating marine craft:** The State of Ohio Fire Marshall and the City of Conneaut Fire Department have determined that it is no longer legal or safe to fuel gasoline powered boats and jet skis with any kind of portable containers or vessel. Thus, gasoline powered watercraft can only be fueled at a state inspected and certified "land based" fueling station. Outboard gas tanks can only be filled by removing from boat and taking them to a state inspected and certified "land based" fueling station.
- **Diesel fueling of floating marine craft:** Because diesel fuel is not as flammable as gasoline, it is legal to refuel a diesel-powered boat with approved portable container; **however, a permit secured from the City of Conneaut Fire Department is required.**
- **Failure to comply will result in citation from the Conneaut City Police Department and immediate loss of your leased dock.**

- Children under the age of 12 must wear life preservers while in or around any vessel, dock, or water area. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Swimming or fishing is prohibited from land based or docked vessel in the Lagoon or Marina. **No commercial minnowing is allowed in the Lagoon or the Marina.** These are navigational channels and it is *strictly prohibited* by the Conneaut Port Authority.
- **The Lagoon or Marina and recreational channels are No Wake Zones.**
- Quiet time is from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. every day.

- Roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, or any type are prohibited around vessels.
- Pets must be leashed. Pets are prohibited in pavilion, office, or restrooms. Owner is responsible for proper disposal of pet's waste.
- Leaving trailers, jet skis, or boats on the premises is prohibited.
- Leaving unattended items on the docks causing a tripping hazard is prohibited.
- Overnight camping is prohibited.
- Vessels must be removed by October 15th, if not, the owner could be asked to move it in order to finish the winterizing on schedule.
 - Stand-offs, dock boxes, equipment, extra fenders and/or attachments to dock must be removed by October 15th. Non-compliance will result in materials being scrapped.
- **Fire, Firearms, Fireworks, or Flamed Luminaries are strictly prohibited on premises. Violations will result in loss of your dock.**
- Any act of cruelty to either domestic animals or wildlife will be deemed as a permanent loss of your boat dock, as well as, immediate prosecution by the Conneaut Port Authority.
- Illegal substances are prohibited on CPA premises. Violators will be removed from this property, lose privileges, and be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- Vandalism of any kind to CPA property will not be tolerated. Violators will be removed from this property, lose privileges, and be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. **Dock Holders are responsible to secure their property.**

The CPA is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

CPA shall not be liable for and is thereby released by owner for all claims of damage or loss to the vessel or owner due to fire, theft, collision, or other casualty. All dockage shall be at the sole risk of the boat owner. Owner shall at all times maintain liability and casualty insurance coverage on the vessel, property within and activities in connection therewith. Conneaut Port Authority will not be responsible for any losses, damages or injuries to owner, family, or guests while on the premises.

REFUND POLICY: The CPA has a 'no refund' policy. By accepting the CPA Contract, there is an understanding that you have accepted the 'no refunds' policy as determined by the CPA. Once a dock holder permanently vacates their dock, the CPA retains the right to resell that dock at whatever the CPA determines, without refund to the previous dock holders. No refunds will be issued if the dock holder has been removed from the marina or lagoon by the CPA.