



# Marina & Boat Launch

Contacts and Regulations

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## **Marina Hours:**

May 1 <sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day:	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday – Friday 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Saturday – Sunday
Memorial Day to Labor Day:	6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Monday – Sunday
Labor Day to October 1 <sup>st</sup> :	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday – Friday 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Saturday – Sunday

## **Transient Rules and Regulations:**

**Boat Registration** – All vessels must immediately be registered with marina staff. All fees shall be paid in advance for dockage, fuel and other marina amenities.

**Check-out** – Check-out is 1:00 P.M. Vessels wishing to extend their stay must notify marina staff by 9:00 A.M. Extensions for float-in vessels and reservations are not guaranteed and may result in rafting. Incoming vessels with reservations have the right to dock regardless of foul weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

**Reservations** – Reservations may be made up to six months in advance of your arrival date. All advanced reservations must be made via the DNR Call Center or DNR website. Same-day reservations are handled by marina staff.

**Late Arrivals** – Confirmed reservations will be held until 5:00 P.M. on the date of arrival. If a vessel will be arriving after 5:00 P.M., the vessel must contact marina staff to notify them of a late arrival. If you fail to notify staff, the reservation will be no showed, resulting in forfeiture of the total amount and the loss of all days reserved.

**Slip Assignments** – Slip assignments will be at the sole and exclusive direction of marina staff. Vessels may not occupy a slip without permission. The marina is a harbor of refuge. In order to accommodate as many vessels as possible, rafting and doubling up of overflow vessels is permitted. Rafting and doubling up may block other vessels in their slips during their stay, including vessels with reservations.

## **Transient Groups**

Groups traveling together are not guaranteed slips in close proximity. However, marina staff will attempt to assign slips as close as possible. Additional group policies may apply.

Large groups of vessels must contact the harbormaster at least 90 days prior to arrival to check availability of slip space.

A group leader will be designated to be the primary contact for correspondence with the harbormaster. A group name will also be assigned. If available, the harbormaster will block off the number of slips required to accommodate the group.

The group leader will maintain contact with the harbormaster and provide a list of participating vessels, including vessel name, owner name, L.O.A., beam, draft and any requests. A final arrival list must be submitted 7 days prior to arrival to compare with reservations.

Each individual vessel owner is responsible for making their reservation. To make a reservation when traveling with a large group, each owner must call 1-800-447-2757 and mention they will be traveling with the assigned group name. Prearranged reservations directly with marina staff may be made at the harbormaster's discretion.

Slip assignments are at the exclusive discretion of the harbormaster on the day of arrival. Any slip assignments specified prior to arrival are tentative and subject to change. Staff will attempt to honor any requests, but requests are not guaranteed.

Each individual vessel must hail the Petoskey Marina on Channel 16 and switch to Channel 68 for slip assignments and directions. This ensures each vessel heads to the proper slip and can obtain assistance.

**Shopping Docks** – Short-term docking is permitted at no charge, if there is ample availability of slips. Vessels must receive permission to dock. There is no fee required. Priority is granted to vessels requiring overnight accommodations.

## **All Vessels**

**Restrooms** – A code for the restrooms and laundry facilities will be given to each vessel during registration. Public restrooms are available throughout Bayfront Park.

**Vessel Condition** – Vessels must be and remain in seaworthy condition and not constitute safety hazards or obstructions to navigation. Proper dock lines are required and the use of spring lines is highly recommended. Vessels must be properly grounded and utilize only marine grade cord sets and adapters. It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to maintain their vessel and ensure it is properly secured. The owner of the vessel is also responsible to ensure the vessel is being looked after before, during and after a weather event.

**Speed** – All vessels shall be operated at no-wake speeds within the marina.

**Repairs** – Major repairs and maintenance are prohibited. This includes painting, sanding, power-washing and extensive engine work. Major repairs and maintenance are also prohibited on adjacent grounds, including the marina parking lot. Only non-toxic, phosphate-free, biodegradable soap may be used to wash your vessel and equipment.

**Fueling** – Fueling will be permitted only at the fuel dock. Vessels may not receive fuel from any other source. Fuel shall not be stored onboard vessels except for tanks specifically for fuel. The fuel dock is operated in an environmental friendly way; compliance with marina staff is required.

**Accessories** – Supplies, materials and vessel accessories shall not be stored or installed without permission of marina staff. All items must be removed upon termination of permit.

**Housekeeping** – Vessel owners shall keep finger piers free of refuse, debris and accessories. Modifications may not be made to piers without permission from marina staff.

**Refuse Disposal** – Refuse or polluting materials shall not be thrown overboard or discharged into Little Traverse Bay. All refuse shall be placed into plastic bags and placed into the provided containers. Recyclable items may be placed into the proper designated containers onshore. If you have a large item or something that MAY be hazardous, inform marina staff for proper disposal or recycling. The use of toxic chemicals or other hazardous materials are prohibited in docking and storage areas. No dumping waste into or near storm drains and catch basins.

**Pet Control** – Pets must be under immediate control and on a leash not exceeding six feet in length. Pets are not permitted in buildings. Owners must pick up and dispose of pet waste. Scoops are provided onshore. It is illegal to dump pet waste into Little Traverse Bay.

**Cooking** – Outside cooking is prohibited on piers, walkways and adjacent marina grounds. Grills and picnic areas are located onshore and adjacent to parks. Grills may be placed on picnic tables. Dishwashing is prohibited on marina grounds. Grilling is permitted onboard vessels with proper equipment and while under supervision.

**Electrical Devices** – Electrical outlets are not to be used to operate power tools, equipment, machinery or similar devices without permission from marina staff.

**Guests and Noise** – Vessel owners shall be responsible for conduct of their guests while onboard and on the marina grounds. Quiet hours are from 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Nuisances created by loud noises or conduct of owners or visitors shall constitute cause for removal from the marina grounds. Discretion should be used in operating motors, generators and other accessories.

**Swimming** – No swimming, diving or entering the water will be permitted from piers or vessels. Entering the water within the marina is extremely dangerous due to numerous factors, including but not limited to rotating propellers, moving vessels, potential electric current and difficult visibility around piers.

**Fishing** – Fishing will not be permitted within the marina except for areas designated for fishing. Fishing is permitted, however from vessels while docked. Fish waste must be properly bagged and disposed of into the provided containers. Dumping fish waste into Little Traverse Bay is illegal.

**Commercial Activity** – Commercial activity, advertising and soliciting are prohibited without the expressed consent of the City of Petoskey.

**Biking and Skating** – Bikes, skates, skateboards and motor vehicles shall not be operated on the pier or adjacent areas that are not designed for such use.

**Camping** – Camping shall not be permitted on the marina grounds or adjacent areas. RV's or motor homes shall not utilize the marina lot.

**Parking** – Vehicles parked in the marina lot must display proper parking permits unless parked in designated "visitor" space. Parking permits are available from marina staff during registration. Parking contrary to posted rules is prohibited. Long-term trailer parking is located at Magnus Park.

**Launch** – Power-loading is prohibited. Only short-term docking and launching is permitted. All vessels must pay the posted launch fee. Please remove any visible plant life, animal life and help stop invasive species.

## **Environmental Best Practices – All Vessels and Visitors**

As a partner with the Michigan Clean Marina Program, the Petoskey Marina pledges to do its part to improve and maintain Michigan's waterways. By following these simple best environmental practices listed below, boaters and visitors can help improve the quality of water in Little Traverse Bay.

Report oil sheens or spills to marina staff and call the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. Other emergency numbers are posted in the display case onshore. Oil absorbent pads and booms are available from marina staff for spill response.

Additional regulations may apply along with City Ordinances and/or State and Federal Laws.