



# ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

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## HARBOR RULES 2020

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### Harbor Rules Revision Control:

Current Revision: 8.3.20

Previous Revision: 2.1.18

Revisions: **Page 3**, Insurance Liability minimum raised from \$100,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

**Page 5**, All dock renters, permanent or sub-lease, having electricity at their dock are now required to pay a one-time \$200.00 fee payable to the Alton Motorboat Club.  
This was previously written as optional.

**Page 5**, Addition of rules for vehicle use on Club grounds.

1. An applicant to the club may not use the Club harbor facilities until he/she has been accepted as a full member and appropriate fees are paid.
  - a. Operation of a watercraft in the harbor of the Alton Motorboat Club shall be limited to regular members, spouse of a regular member and minor dependents of a regular member.
  - b. A minor dependent must be supervised by the owner of the watercraft or the spouse of the owner or have a safe boating certificate on record with the Club and have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance when leaving and returning to the harbor.
  - c. All Federal, State, Local, and Alton Motorboat Club rules must be followed by anyone operating a watercraft in the harbor.
2. All member owned watercraft using "Parking", "Parking and Ramp", or "Harbor" privileges must be registered with the Dock Assignment Chairperson, must have paid all appropriate fees and will be required to show evidence of watercraft liability insurance of at least \$300,000.00. Certification will be submitted by March 1st each year.
  - a. Members who park watercraft in parking space for one (1) year and do not put them in the water will be notified by March 1st to remove the watercraft and trailer from the premises.
  - b. Dock renter, and regular members who have paid for parking and/or ramp privileges who launch a second watercraft must have proof of insurance on the second watercraft and must pay additional fee of one-half regular fee.
  - c. Only boats on trailers and boat trailers are allowed in designated assigned parking spots.
  - d. All Boat Trailers left beyond a weekend are to be kept in assigned parking spots.
  - e. Slow idle speed is required at all times in the harbor.
  - f. On entering and leaving harbor, neither boat has the right of way; outgoing boats give one blast on horn, incoming none. The two captains must agree who is moving first, unless the incoming is in distress then that vessel has the right of way.
5. All children on docks must be accompanied by one of the following: a member, an adult member of the member's family, or an adult guest of a member. It is recommended that all children wear personal floatation devices while on the docks.
6. It is prohibited to:
  - a. Throw anything into the harbor.
  - b. Flush or dump marine head into the harbor.
  - c. Refuel watercraft or transfer fuel from one watercraft to another in the harbor.
  - d. Swim in the harbor.
  - e. Feed ducks or animals in the harbor.
7. All trash shall be placed in trash containers.
8. Fishing is allowed in the harbor by a member and guest. However, no fishing tackle is to interfere with the free passage of watercraft or pedestrians.
9. Any member who pays parking fee only must park his/her watercraft trailer in the area designated by the Dock Assignment Chairperson. Areas are subject to change.
10. As of July 11, 1994, no dock will be leased to joint owners of watercraft unless both partners have at least five (5) years of seniority as a regular member. Current and future joint owners must show proof of ownership annually. Any disagreements to this will go before the AMBC Board. In the case where an individual dock renter enters into or has entered into joint ownership of a watercraft and subsequently relinquishes and/or forfeits his lease of the dock and/or interest in the watercraft, that dock will go up for bid. Within 30 days, all dock renters shall inform the Dock Assignment Chairman in writing of any change in ownership of his particular watercraft, including but not limited to partnerships, leases, incorporation, sale, etc. For purposes of future bidding of docks, joint owners must use the seniority of the lesser seniority owner.
11. Dock rental fees shall be payable in two (2) equal installments, with the first installment and proof of insurance due February 1 of each year and the second installment due on August 1 of that same year. You may also have ACH payment for Dock, Parking and/or Ramp which runs a total of 12-month period, and pro-rated if started after February 1.

12. Parking and Ramp fees are due Feb 1 of each year and shall be paid in full of one installment. No dock may be occupied until the required payment has been made.
13. If payments are not received by the deadlines above, payment is to be considered delinquent. Dock Assignment Chairperson will contact the delinquent member(s) with corrective action.
14. Dock Assignment Chairperson shall have full authority in the assignment of docks and/or parking spaces. Docks are to be posted for fifteen (15) days and the member with the most seniority among the eligible bids will be awarded the dock. Members may have the privilege of retaining their dock and parking space from the previous year if that member is not delinquent in paying required fees.
15. Watercraft will be measured by manufacturer's specifications.
  - a. Any dock in the harbor may be rented to a member having a watercraft not exceed two (2) feet longer than the dock unless prior approval by board for temporary parking or events.
16. Any dock renter who wishes to sublease his/her assigned dock shall notify the Dock Assignment Chairperson in writing of his/her intention. The Dock Assignment Chairperson will post that dock for bid as a sublease. After subleasing for one (1) year (or a portion thereof), dock renter must occupy his/her dock, or it will be posted for permanent bid.
  - a. In the event two or more members bid or request the same dock and have fulfilled all their obligations as to fees or rent and the watercraft conforms with size as mentioned by Rule 12a, then the dock will be assigned to the member with the most seniority.
17. Authorized use of a dock, meaning with permission of the dock renter and Dock Assignment Chairman, can only be for a maximum of 30 days per occurrence. Unauthorized use of a dock is prohibited.
18. A dock renter in good standing may allow the use of his dock for the winter months to another dock renter without charge to either party, as long as such use is with the permission of the Dock Assignment Chairperson. Should the winter use be to a member who is not a dock renter, a \$50.00 fee will be charged and is payable to the Club. Proof of insurance is also required.
19. Any dock renter whose maintenance of the dock falls below the Club standards, as determined by a committee of three (3) Board members, including the Dock Repair Chairperson, shall be notified in writing that he/she has thirty (30) days to make repairs or be required to relinquish the dock assignment and physically clear the dock.
20. It is prohibited to dock a watercraft in a manner that any portion of the watercraft (for example, pulpit, swim platform, rails, etc.) will encumber or impede passage of any walkway or finger. It is prohibited to leave any other structure, equipment or gear on the walkways or fingers. It is prohibited to make any additions to or alterations of any dock without permission of the Dock Repair Chairperson. All docks must be kept in a sanitary condition.
21. Ramp, Parking and Dock rent fees are to be determined by the Board of Directors.
22. Docks are to be occupied by active watercraft. Docks shall not be occupied by watercraft for storage or construction. Watercraft not used for a period of sixty (60) days will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Dock Assignment Chairperson.
23. Any deviation, infractions, or appeals of these harbor rules must be submitted to the Board of Directors and their decision shall be final.
24. It is permitted for a regular member who is a partner in a boat with a nonmember to use the boat with all fees paid, proof of ownership, and insurance certification turned in. The nonmember is not allowed to use the Harbor and he has no privileges at the Alton Motorboat Club.
25. All dock renters, permanent or sub-lease, having electricity at their dock are required to pay \$200.00 fee payable to the Alton Motorboat Club. This is a one-time fee for any and all docks rented. There will be no refunds or rebates. No use of "Bubblers" or excessive electrical usage without board approval, and a fee will be assessed.
26. Titled and insured vehicles operated by adults, acting responsibly, may operate their vehicles on the main roadways while on the club grounds or leased property from Jersey County. Any "off-roading" on Club grounds is strictly prohibited. Any vehicle that is operated on behalf of the Alton Motorboat Club for construction, maintenance, upkeep, and any emergency situation is excluded from main road use only.