

# Bois Blanc Island Harbor

## Rules and Regulations

(Adopted by the Bois Blanc Township Trustees on January 10, 2024)

### 1. Docking Space

Seasonal and transient boat slip regulations and procedures are managed and enforced by the Bois Blanc Island Harbor Master, under the general direction of the Bois Blanc Island Harbor Commission and the Township Board.

A limited number of **transient boat slips** are located along a portion of the South break wall within the marina (generally designated by light blue paint along the edge of the dock).

**Transient boaters are required to complete a registration form and submit full payment upon arrival** to the Bois Blanc Township (the “Township”) harbor. Forms and a payment box are located on the South side of the marina shelter building/shed. The fully completed **registration form must be visibly displayed** on the boat/vessel for Harbor Master review.

The **maximum transient boat slip stay is seven (7) consecutive days**.  
Transient boat slips must be vacated no later than Noon on the day of departure.

Transient boaters may use the dock again 48 hours after they have vacated the marina. *Moving from one transient slip to another to extend a stay in the harbor beyond 7 consecutive days is prohibited.*

Transient boat slip space is rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not available. **Holding or reserving a transient boat space is not permitted.** If a vessel departs from a transient boat slip during the rental period, the boat slip immediately becomes available for use by another transient boater.

A boater who has a seasonal boat slip cannot also use a transient boat slip. Only the Harbor Master has the authority to rent empty seasonal slips for transient use after obtaining confirmation that the seasonal renter is away for the appropriate time period. **Seasonal renters are NOT permitted to give others permission to use their seasonal boat slip for any reason, other than a true emergency.** When a seasonal boat slip is used by a transient boater, the transient fee schedule and payment rules apply, and the transient boater is limited to the same maximum stay limitations (7 consecutive days, with an option to return after a 48-hour departure).

## **2. Fees**

Boat slip fees are established by the Township consistent with the rules of the Michigan State Waterways Commission, and are posted on the South wall of the harbor shelter building/shed. The transient fee schedule is based on the overall length of the vessel, which includes both bow and stern projections. Transient fees must be paid in full at the time of arrival for the intended period of stay. Refunds for early departures will not be issued. Rates include water and electrical service when available.

Seasonal boat slip renters are required to make payment in full. Boaters assigned a boat slip after the season has begun (i.e. May 1) will pay a pro-rated rate as calculated by the Harbor Master. In this case, the effective date is the date that the license rental agreement is issued by the Township Treasurer, not the date that the boat is first docked in the seasonal slip.

### **3. Seasonal Slip Rental**

***Given the very high demand for seasonal slip rental, priority in this process is given to current boat owners. When a seasonal slip is renewed or becomes available for rent, proof of vessel ownership and insurance must be provided to the Township within 30 days; otherwise the available seasonal slip will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.***

Seasonal boat slips are assigned by the Harbor Master, under the general direction of the Harbor Commission, according to the process established below.

The docking season generally runs from May 1 to October 15 (weather depending). By no later than March 1 of the upcoming season, seasonal slip renters from the previous year are sent a renewal license agreement by the Township. To renew, a completed license agreement form (with proof of ownership and insurance) and full payment must be received by the Bois Blanc Township Treasurer no later than April 15. Individuals who do not own a vessel by the April 15 deadline will pay a seasonal slip rate based on a 20-foot-long boat/vessel. Once boat/vessel ownership and length is confirmed (by no later than July 1) by the Township, the seasonal rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Renewing individuals who do not own a boat/vessel by the April 15 deadline will have until July 1 to provide proof of ownership (i.e. a copy of registration of vessel to be docked) and a copy of a current certificate of insurance on the boat/vessel, showing the permit holder to have comprehensive general liability insurance covering the boat/vessel in the minimum amount of \$500,000 to the Harbor Master. **If proof of ownership and insurance is not provided to the Township by the July 1 deadline, the boat slip will be reassigned.**

Seasonal boat slip rentals not renewed by the April 15 deadline, and agreements not updated with current proof of vessel ownership and proof of insurance by July 1, will become available for assignment first to a renewed renter, and then to an individual on the wait list if no current renter is interested in being reassigned to the available boat slip.

Any boater who does not meet the July 1 deadline will also go to the very end of the seasonal boat slip wait list.

To be **added to the seasonal boat slip wait list**, a Bois Blanc Township Harbor Seasonal Slip Rental Wait List Application Form (below) must be completed. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required. Deposit will be applied toward the first-year rental license agreement, if assigned.

#### **4. Public Notice of Seasonal Slip Renters and Wait List Priority**

A list of current seasonal boat slip holders is posted on the Bois Blanc Township website under "Harbor Commission". A current date order priority list of Individuals on the seasonal boat slip wait list is also available on the website.

## 5. Process of Assigning Seasonal Boat Slips

When a seasonal boat slip becomes available, either as a result of a rental license agreement not being renewed from one year to the next, or through cancelation during the boating season, the following procedure will be followed by the Harbor Master:

- (a) Notice of the boat slip opening, including location by number, will be sent via email (only) to current seasonal boat slip holders. It is the obligation of current boat slip holders to provide the Township with their current email address. Current boat slip holders will have 48 hours from the time the email was sent to respond if interested in relocating to the available boat slip. If more than one current renter wants the available boat slip, it will be assigned to the renter with the longest concurrent seasonal boat slip rental history. This process will continue, following the 48-hour response deadline, until no current member wants the available boat slip.
- (b) When step (a) (above) is completed, notice of the subsequent boat slip opening, including location number, will be sent via email (only) to individuals on the wait list. These individuals will have 48 hours to express interest in the boat slip. The individual among the group of those who responds by the deadline with the highest seniority will be notified by the Harbor Master that they have 5 business days to submit a fully completed agreement for the new boat slip with full payment to the Harbor Master. If the individual assigned the boat slip does not currently own a boat/vessel, they will have 30 days from the date that the boat slip is offered to provide proof of ownership and insurance as outlined above. Until such proof is provided, the rental rate will be based on a 20' boat/vessel.

Once boat/vessel ownership and length is confirmed, the seasonal rate will be adjusted accordingly.

If the individual denies the available boat slip for any reason, or fails to provide proof of boat/vessel ownership and insurance within 30 days, they lose the boat slip, are removed from the wait list, and will be required to complete a new wait list application with non-refundable fee to be reinstated.

This process will continue until the boat slip is filled, or until the wait list has been completely exhausted.

(c) Changes in boat slip assignments made following steps (a) and (b) (above), along with an updated priority wait list, will be posted to the website.

Seasonal boat slip rental rates will be pro-rated as appropriate for individuals assuming rental after the season has begun.

Complaints or concerns related to the assignment (or reassignment) of seasonal boat slips should first be directed to the Harbor Master. If the Harbor Master is unable to resolve the issue, the matter should be submitted to the Chairperson of the Harbor Commission. The Chairperson will place the issue on the Harbor Commission's next meeting agenda for review and consideration.

## **6. Parking**

Angled parking along the causeway in the marina leading from the parking lot to the ferry boat landings is limited to 30-minutes. These spaces are for the primary purpose of vehicles waiting to be loaded onto the ferry boat service from Cheboygan.

Most parking in the lot between the main road and the causeway is limited to 48 hours. There are also 5 spaces in this lot designated for vehicles **with** trailers. These spaces are limited to 24-hours. No one may occupy one of these spaces if they don't have a trailer attached to the vehicle. They are primarily intended for boaters using the boat launch at the far Southeast corner of the parking lot, but are also used for vehicles with trailers loaded with construction and other materials.

Additional parking is available in the Township lot to the North and across the main public road on a Township permit basis only. No one can park in one of these spaces without an annual permit issued by the Township. Contact the Township offices at 231-634-7272 for information on fee rates and availability.

### **Reserved Parking for Plaunt Transportation**

Two angled parking spaces at the far north end of the causeway to the township dock are reserved for Plaunt Transportation. These spaces are used to meet the postal and other relatively small item delivery needs of the island, and the transportation needs of ferry personnel. One space next to the PIE&G building is also reserved for their use in meeting the bulk, heavy material, building supply, equipment, or similar large item delivery needs of the island.

## **7. Facilities and Overnight Stays**

Comfort facilities and access to resources and services are quite limited on Bois Blanc Island. A hand-pump well for water is located near the large flagpole on the South side of the marina parking lot. Privys are located on the North side of the parking lot. Showers are not available.

There are no courtesy vehicles available for use, but bicycle rental arrangements can be made with **Boblo Style** (906-322-1457). They will deliver bicycles to and pick them up from the marina.

Generally, from May through November, the **Outpost** (231-634-7375), located a relatively short walk down the main road heading West from the marina, offers some dining and a limited array of grocery items. The **Island Tavern** (231-634-7100) is located several miles to the East down the main road from the dock and offers lunch and dinner.

Overnight stays are permitted on boats/vessels legally docked in a seasonal or transient slip within the marina, so long as guests are respectful of their surroundings and the environment.

## **8. No Wake Zone**

The protected area of the harbor is a “no wake” zone. As you approach the harbor, please reduce your speed to minimize the impact of wake or waves on boats/vessels docked in the marina.

## **9. Dogs**

Dogs must be kept on a leash. Please be sure to clean up after your pet and place the contents in a trash container located at the marina.



## 10. Fueling

Refueling of watercraft in the harbor is PROHIBITED. Refueling at the boat launch is therefore also PROHIBITED. Per NFPA 302 and 303, 6.3.2., "All pleasure and commercial motor craft shall be fueled at stations or other specifically designated remote locations." In addition, per NFPA 302 C-4.1.2, "Fuel carried onboard outside of a fixed fuel system should be stored in an approved container or in a portable tank such as is provided for outboard engines and should be stowed safely outside of engine or living compartments".

The marina does not have a fuel station.

## 11. Pump-Outs and Dump Station

There are no sewage pump-out or dump services or stations available. Please plan accordingly.

Bois Blanc Township Harbor

**SEASONAL SLIP RENTAL WAIT LIST APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Boat/Vessel Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*as per attached copy of proof of title and registration)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address (REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_

(Available slip notification will be made by email only)

Year of Boat/Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Make and Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Boat/Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Length (including bow and stern attachments, rounding up to nearest foot): \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form in person or by mail along with:

\_\_\_\_\_ A non-refundable check or money order in the amount of \$100 payable to **Bois Blanc Township**. The deposit will be applied to year one rental if a boat slip is assigned.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Copy of proof of current vessel registration.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Copy of a current certificate of insurance on the boat/vessel to be docked showing the permit holder to have comprehensive general liability insurance covering the boat/vessel in the minimum amount of \$500,000.

**\*Renters will have 30 days to provide proof of registration and insurance from the date of the rental agreement to the Township. Failure to do so will result in immediate termination of the boat slip rental. The deposit is non-refundable.**

Signature of the Boat/Vessel Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mail To:

Bois Blanc Township Treasurer

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