

Elmwood Township Marina - Rules and Regulations 2025

1. The marina monitors marine radio Channel 16 for hailing purposes and switches to 71 for communication.
2. All boats shall register immediately with the marina office and docking of boats shall be at the sole and exclusive direction of the Harbormaster.
3. No rafting of boats is permitted.
4. No daily boat launcher or other unauthorized boat may occupy or obstruct usage of a slip or buoy.
5. Transient moorings and slips are available for fourteen (14) days maximum duration. See the fee schedule.
6. Transient checkout time is 11:00AM.
7. All fees shall be paid in advance.
8. When vacating a slip or buoy for more than 48 hours, it is mandatory that the marina office shall be notified so that the slip can be used for transient boaters. The transient will be out by the planned return time of the slip/buoy holder.
9. Dinghy onshore storage and dinghy docks are for moorers only. Slip-holder's dinghies, if not onboard the boat, may be in the water within the boundaries of the slip. A dinghy must be removed from a slip or buoy during vacating absences of more than 48 hours. Marina staff assistance is available upon request.
10. Any boat in the harbor before May 1 or after Oct. 31 must be approved by the Harbormaster and will be subject to additional fees according to the regular fee schedule.
11. Per the Slip/Buoy Agreement No portion of the boat or its hardware shall overhang the dock, or the docks rated length.
12. Boat shore power cords must be at least 30-amp marine quality with waterproof attachment connectors. The boat's electrical load shall not exceed the rating of the cord or the shore power outlet.
13. Noise shall be held to a minimum. Boaters shall use discretion in operating entertainment sound systems, motors, generators, accessories or engines capable of producing loud noise so as not to create a nuisance.
14. In accordance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act Section 4.1, the owner of the Elmwood Township Marina explicitly prohibits the smoking of marijuana on Elmwood Township Marina property. This includes on the docks or anywhere on or within any vessel within the Marina.
15. Lines and cables on sailboats shall be secured so that there will be no clanging caused in heavy winds (especially halyard lines against masts).
16. Slip and buoy users are responsible for their guests on their boat or on the premises. Any activity, including verbal comments, that causes a disturbance to the peaceful use and enjoyment of the harbor by other users may result in the offending person(s) being removed from the premises.
17. No refuse or polluting materials shall be thrown overboard or discharged. All garbage shall be put in plastic bags before depositing in the provided trash containers.
18. There shall be no storage of gasoline or other flammable liquids in/on any boat, dock area or storage space except in approved fuel containers with those containers properly marked. Flammable liquid spills are to be avoided. Accidental spills are to be reported to the Fire Department.
19. Use of any open flame device, toxic chemicals or any other hazardous equipment or supplies in the docking or storage area is prohibited.
20. Outside cooking of any type is prohibited on the docks, boats (except in the boat galley), walkways and adjacent areas on the premises. Activities of such will be allowed only in the designated Pavilion area.

21. A slip-holder may not use electrical outlets to operate power tools, equipment or machinery unless permission has been given by the Harbormaster.
22. No major repairs shall be made to the boat while in the slip or wet mooring area. The marina office must be informed of arrangements made for outside boat repair services, and the service provider must provide certification of liability insurance.
23. The boat shall remain in seaworthy condition and not constitute a fire hazard or obstruction to navigation.
24. The operator of any watercraft must be in control of such watercraft within the harbor at all times.
25. No bicycles, motor vehicles, roller skates /blades, or other wheeled sports equipment are permitted on the docks or seawall area. No roller skates/blades or skateboards are allowed in the parking lot.
26. Slip-holders shall not store supplies, materials, accessories or debris on any walkway or dock and shall not construct thereon any lockers, chests, cabinets, and ramps or otherwise alter the dock without express written permission from the Harbormaster.
27. Mooring pennants are the full responsibility of the moorer, not the marina. They are to be 8 feet long twisted or braided nylon, as large as can be accommodated by the boat fittings and protected against chaffing. Connection is to be to the chain shackle, not to the mooring ball. Pennants should be inspected regularly and replaced when signs of wear appear. This is a boat and marina safety item.
28. No boat over 35 feet in length shall be allowed to use a mooring buoy.
29. No "For Sale" signs shall be displayed in the marina.
30. No throwing sports are permitted at the marina.
31. Setting off fireworks is not allowed in the harbor or on marina property.
32. No swimming or diving is permitted in the harbor.
33. No fishing or fish cleaning is permitted from the boats, docks or other premises of the harbor.
34. All boats shall operate at a slow, no-wake speed in the harbor.
35. No boat shall operate under sail inside the marina harbor entrance if it has auxiliary power available.
36. All pets shall remain on a leash and owners of pets are the full responsibility of the pet owner, including pet waste pickup.
37. No electric cords shall run across any designated driveway or walkway.
38. Parking of vehicles shall be done in designated areas only, not on the grass or in fire lanes. Parking passes issued by the marina office are to be displayed in the front window on the rear-view mirror with the number visible from the front of the vehicle. Whenever a parking problem occurs, please bring it to the harbor attendant for a solution.
39. No camping is permitted on the premises (including dry sailors on boats).
40. No Jet Ski's (PWC's) are allowed in slips
41. No launching, tying up of boats, rafts, or dinghies of any kind are allowed in the park area.
42. All dock boxes must be approved by Harbormaster or Deputy Harbormaster. Dock boxes must be triangular in shape and fit in the area provided.
43. Public rest rooms are open 24 hours a day during season. The boaters' facility is open continuously with key code access available from the marina office. Day launchers use the public facility.
44. Boat waste pump-out is available and may be arranged at the marina office. See the fee schedule.
45. No Power Washing of Boats or Docks is allowed in the Marina.
46. No in-water bottom cleaning of boats is allowed in the Marina unless done by a licensed and qualified diver and the Marina office is notified in advance.

47. Environmental Rules in compliance with the State of Michigan Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et.seq; The Act) Elmwood Township Maintenance Agreement with our boaters will be as follows:
- a. Sanding – There will be no sanding work of any sort carried out by boater or their contractors unless the sanding is done by hand or with a vacuum sander and the residue is properly disposed of.
 - b. Painting – Non-spray spray painting may be performed outside of a designated building so long as the ground beneath the boat is covered with a tarp and rollers or brushes are used. Brushes, pans, and rollers must not be cleaned in marina facilities and must be removed from the marina and disposed of properly. Paint residue in cans must be dried before it can be thrown into marina trash. No spray painting is allowed in the marina.
 - c. Oil Disposal – Elmwood Township Marina is not a service facility and therefore has no disposal system for used oil or other toxic chemicals. No oil shall be dumped on the ground, put in a dumpster, poured down drains or overboard. Boaters are responsible for their contractors and any failure of them to comply with these rules.
 - d. Winterizing Chemicals – The use of glycol-based antifreeze for winterization is strictly prohibited. All boats shall use non-toxic antifreeze.

The Harbormaster, with the help of the marina staff, is responsible for enforcement of these rules. Verbal warning, followed by written warning, will assure communication of the violation before more severe corrective action is taken. See your Elmwood Township Marina Slip / Buoy Rental Agreement for the extent of additional actions allowed.

The Harbormaster has the authority and responsibility to enforce all Elmwood Township Marina Rules and Regulations as stated above. All complaints and comments should be made to the Harbormaster.
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***Approved by the Elmwood Township Board on August 19, 2024**