

## MOORING REGULATIONS

***It is the responsibility of the mooring holder to ensure that their vessels and moorings are kept to a reasonable and seaworthy standard.***

**Mooring fees.** These must be paid in accordance with the terms on the invoice (28 days). If a mooring holder has not received an invoice, it shall be the responsibility of the mooring holder to inform Maldon District Council. Please inform Maldon District Council of any changes to your personal details held. Maldon District Council reserves the right to remove moorings without further notice upon default.

- An applicant who requests and installs a mooring in the last quarter of the calendar year, but does not use that mooring for the intended purpose, shall be invoiced for the registration fee of the mooring.
- An applicant who installs a mooring during the last quarter of the calendar year (October to December) and uses that mooring for the storage of a vessel shall be charged the full amount.
- An applicant who applies for a mooring, but neither installs that mooring, nor, at that time is able to provide details of a vessel, shall be advised to re-apply when the mooring can be installed, or when the applicant is in a position to provide details of the vessel.
- An applicant who does not own a vessel, but requires a mooring, shall be charged the registration fee and the minimum mooring charge until details of the vessel can be provided.
- Mooring holders shall not be charged for the storage of small tenders on the foreshore.
- Applicants without a registered mooring wishing to store small rowing or sailing vessels on the foreshore shall be charged 50% of the annual minimum mooring charge.

**Cancellation of Mooring:** Full refunds will be made within 28 days of the date of the initial invoice. 50% refund of the mooring fee will be made if cancellation of the mooring is received within 3 months of the date of the initial invoice. No refund will be given if notification of cancellation is made after three months from the date of the initial invoice or in the event that the mooring remains in place.

**Mooring Identification.** Mooring buoys must be clearly marked with the Registration Number at all times. A registration number will be allocated once an application form has been submitted to the River Bailiff.

**Mooring Buoys.** Mooring buoys must be at least thirty centimetres in diameter if adjacent to the navigation channel. In all other cases a Thirty centimetre 'Pick-up' buoy will suffice.

**Colour of Buoys.** All Maldon District Council moorings must be **Yellow**. (Pink, Orange, White, Blue etc will be removed without further notice)

**Sports, Powerboats, Speedboats and Personal Watercraft.** All motor driven vessels with a speed of over TEN KNOTS must display their mooring registration number clearly on both sides of the vessel in black or white lettering not less than 15 centimetres high. All lettering must be in contrast to the colour of the vessel

**Insurance.** It is the responsibility of all mooring holders to insure their boats and possessions at all times when using the River Blackwater. Maldon District Council reserves the right to insist that all vessels moored on Council owned land and/or using Council owned facilities are insured.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

All moorings within the Maldon District Council Several Fishery are controlled by the Council and no person may lay or maintain a mooring in this area without the Council's permission. There is no right of transfer of a mooring to a new owner. All applicants are required to make an application to the Council to moor a vessel on the river.

Any mooring or vessel not clearly marked, inadequately buoyed, or in a dangerous or unseaworthy condition, will be removed and the Council will not be held liable for any loss or damage caused by such removal. All associated costs will be sought by the Council from the owner.

All tackle or vessels removed by the Council will be held for a period of 28 days after the date of removal. Any vessel or equipment removed may be disposed of. Any monies obtained by the Council for vessels or equipment will be deposited in a Council held account and will become the property of the Council after a further period of twenty eight days. All costs incurred by the Council in the disposal of the forfeited equipment will be sought.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS**

- No dumping of waste at sea.
- All litter must be disposed of by usual means i.e. bag and bin method
- No use of sea toilets within the port or harbour area
- No refuelling at sea
- All fuel/oil spills to be reported
- Bilge waste to be disposed of by container to the civic amenity waste reception facilities
- You are asked to report any of the above to the River Bailiff if witnessed

**REGULATIONS, LOCAL BYELAWS AND ACTS OF PARLIAMENT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES. BE ADVISED THAT AN INFRINGEMENT OF THE BYELAWS MAY RESULT IN YOUR MOORING BEING REMOVED BY THE COUNCIL.**

**Further information on this or any other subject relating to the River Blackwater can be obtained from the River Bailiff.**

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