

## **Posting**

These regulations, and appropriate signs describing the regulations, and the traffic patterns and parking restrictions of the Port, shall be posted at appropriate locations in the ramp and parking area.

A copy of complete launch ramp regulations and policy is available at the Port office.

## **Marina Regulations**

Any user in violation of Port regulations, or in violation of applicable federal, state and municipal laws, may be requested to leave the ramp and/or parking area. Chronic violators are subject to exclusion from the marina area, including the launch ramp and parking areas.

## **Impoundment**

Any vehicle, trailer and/or boat parked in a non-designated parking area, or parked over any designated time limit in a parking area, or parked in violation of Port regulations, may be towed by a towing company to be designated by the Director.

The name and phone number of the towing company shall be conspicuously posted in the ramp and/or parking areas.

A vehicle, trailer and/or boat towed and impounded will be released only after all charges and costs have been paid by the owner/operator of the boat, vehicle and/or trailer.

## **Signage**

All persons using the ramp and/or parking areas are required to follow all signs and regulations related to traffic and parking. A vehicle parked in violation of any such signs or regulations is subject to towing and impoundment.

## **Emergency Control**

In an emergency situation, or when necessary to insure the safety of persons or property utilizing Port facilities, or to carry out these regulations to insure the proper flow of traffic, the Director may require the immediate impoundment or relocation of boats, trailers, and/or vehicles. Charges for removal by private towing company will be assessed against the owner of said property.

Individuals refusing to obey the Director related to traffic and parking regulations may be excluded from Port facilities.

## **Vehicle Parking**

Vehicles and/or trailers may be parked only in areas designated for parking, and only for the time limits, if any, authorized for those designated areas. Parking in non-designated areas will be subject to towing and impoundment. *Passenger vehicles with no trailer attached are exempt from the launch/parking fees.*

## **Time Limits**

The maximum time for use of the ramp for launching and loading of boats is twenty (20) minutes. The maximum time limit for boats in the staging area is fifteen (15) minutes. No vehicle, trailer and/or boat shall remain parked in the parking areas for more than fourteen (14) days without the prior written approval of the Director.

## **Boating**

Use of boat's inboard or outboard motor to power load the boat onto a trailer at the ramp is prohibited.

All boaters are to adhere to the Port's "NO WAKE" and speed limits while in the marina. All boaters are to adhere to the U.S. Coast Guard's federal regulations.

## **Garbage**

No garbage, trash, oil, fuel, debris or other material, liquid or solid, shall be deposited in the ramp or parking areas, except into containers provided for that specific purpose.

## **Overnight Camping**

Overnight camping is not allowed on Port property unless approved by the Port for special events.

## **Daily Fees**

Daily launch tickets may be purchased at the launch ramp ticket machine per the posted fee. In the event a non-commercial user intends to use the ramp/parking area for more than one (1) day during any one (1) week period, then user shall pay in advance an amount sufficient to cover all usage contemplated during the week.

Daily tickets are valid for one calendar day.

## **Yearly Permits**

A non-commercial use permit, covering all use of the ramp/parking areas for the calendar year, may be purchased at the Port office during business hours. Permit fees are per the Tariff schedule.

The permit is non-transferable, and the license plate number of the trailer to which the permit applies must be recorded with the Port office. Additional permits are subject to fees per the Tariff schedule.

## **Ticket and Permit Display**

Daily tickets purchased at the launch ramp ticket machine must be displayed right-side-up on the driver's side of the dashboard of the towing vehicle.

Yearly permits are to be displayed on the trailer as shown on the handout received when permit is purchased.

## Authorization to Administer Regulations

The Port Commission authorizes the Port Director to enforce these regulations by written or verbal instructions.

The Director may request persons violating these regulations to leave the ramp and/or parking area. The Director may also request the assistance of law enforcement officers to enforce these regulations and the removal of persons and/or their property violating these regulations, and to protect property, lives or preserve the peace.

## Applicable Statutes

In addition to the regulations outlined, all persons using the Port's ramp and parking area agree to obey other Port regulations as may be adopted from time to time. All federal, state and municipal laws apply to the use of the facilities, and the operation of boats, trailers and/or vehicles.

## Quiet Enjoyment

Those utilizing the ramp and/or parking areas shall ensure that their actions and property do not become a hazard to others in the area. Loud, boisterous, or lewd conduct is not permitted in the ramp and parking areas. The use of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed controlled substances in the ramp and/or parking areas is prohibited. Operation of boats or vehicles in any area owned or controlled by the Port while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is forbidden.

## Commercial Users

Commercial operators, fishing and non-fishing, must check in with the Port office before launching. Commercial operations are subject to separate fees and licensing apart from these regulations.

## LAUNCHING TIPS

### ***Before backing down the ramp:***

1. Make sure all your gear is in the boat.
2. Loosen the transom tie-downs.
3. Unplug the trailer lights.
4. Check the drain plug and battery.
5. Attach lines for handling the boat and put on your life jackets.
6. Have your boat key in hand.

### ***Launching with a helper:***

1. Switch on the bilge blower before backing down ramp.
2. Have your helper climb into the boat.
3. Back the trailer into the water to a depth that will allow the boat to slide easily off the trailer.
4. Set the parking brake.
5. Start the boat engine and allow it to warm up for a minute before unhooking the bow strap and releasing the boat.
6. Make sure the boat is under control before you set it afloat.
7. Walk your boat to the southernmost part of the dock, or (preferably) over to the staging area, and secure the boat.
8. Drive your vehicle from the ramp to the designated parking area.

### ***Launching solo:***

1. Attach a line to the boat bow and tie the other end to your trailer bow stop, with enough slack to allow the boat to float off the trailer.
2. Back into the water and let the boat float off, then pull ahead.
3. Set the parking brake and untie the line from the trailer.
4. Follow steps 7 and 8 above.

### ***Retrieving your boat:***

1. Secure the boat on the trailer.
2. Immediately pull away from the ramp area before unloading gear or covering the boat.

## Port of Camas/Washougal

# Non-Commercial LAUNCH RAMP REGULATIONS



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THE PORT OF CAMAS/WASHOUGAL PROVIDES THIS PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMP AND PARKING FACILITY ADJACENT TO ITS MARINA.

THIS WAVE-PROTECTED RAMP IS OPEN 24-HOURS A DAY, AND PROVIDES EASY ACCESS TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

MEMBERS OF THE BOATING PUBLIC USING THIS FACILITY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PORT-PROVIDED RESTROOMS, SHOWERS, FUEL DOCK AND PORT STORE.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE REGULATIONS IS TO INSURE THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT USE OF THE LAUNCH RAMP AND PARKING FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REVENUE FROM USERS TO OFFSET THE COST OF MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS.