

**Berkshire County, Massachusetts
Town of Becket
Harbor Master
Rules and Regulations Regarding
Moorings, Floats and Rafts**

1. No mooring or float may be placed farther than 50 feet from shore without approval of the Harbor Master.
2. No mooring or float shall be placed so as to obstruct a right-of-way.
3. Floats or rafts, bottom anchored, are limited to one per household. They must be approved by the Harbor Master.
4. Floats or rafts must have reflectors on all 4 corners, at least 3 inches in diameter, and should be of white or yellow waterproof material, and be visible at least 8 inches above the water.
5. Boats must be secured to an approved mooring or fixed dock only.
6. Each person placing a mooring, float, raft, or dock shall be solely responsible for their maintenance and they must ensure that they are properly secured.
7. No steel drums or barrels that were previously used to contain any classified hazardous chemicals will be allowed.
8. All moorings, floats, and rafts shall be permitted annually by the Harbor Master and shall be deemed a hazard if not permitted and subject to removal per M.G.L. Ch. 91, Section 10A and are not to be considered grandfathered in under any past regulations or laws.
9. All rafts, floats, and moorings must be removed prior to ice setting in, so as not to be broken loose or torn apart by shifting ice.
10. Moorings must be approved by the Harbor Master as to type and amount of weight, mooring float and size and weight of vessel to be moored.
11. Floats or rafts must have the permit number displayed on 2 sides, opposite of each other, with a blank spot for renewal sticker. Numbers must be at least 3 inches high. Permits are for 1 year and must be renewed each year. Permits are only valid to December 31st of each year.
12. 323 CMR 102:19, no rope or line shall be passed across the water to floats or rafts.

Permit fee of \$25.00 (**payable to Town of Becket**) must accompany application.

Mail to: Town of Becket
Harbor Master
557 Main Street
Becket, MA 01223

Any Questions call 413-623-8934 ext. 140

HARBOR MASTER PERMIT
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, TOWN OF BECKET

_____ IS HEREBY GRANTED A
Please print First and Last Name
PERMIT UNDER M.G.L. CHAPTER 91, SECTION 10A TO PLACE A

Please check the appropriate structure

- FLOAT _____
- RAFT _____

at Street Address _____, Becket, MA 01223

IN OR UPON (Body of Water) _____

Local Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street/PO _____

City/Town/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

This annual permit is valid for the calendar year ending _____.

This permit is valid when the fee is paid, signed by the Harbor Master and installed moorings are in compliance with Harbor Master Mooring Regulations/Guidelines. This permit may be revoked for failure to comply or when a hazard occurs from improper placement of the mooring/structures.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Fee Paid Date Owner

Location on Body of Water

Harbor Master Signature