

COVID-19 EMERGENCY

COASTAL BOAT RAMPS

USER GUIDELINES

- **This boat access facility is open for use by boats being launched by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**
- **All ramps remain open subject to available parking.** A ramp will be considered closed if all parking is full and illegally parked vehicles may be towed.
- **Coastal boat ramp parking lots are open for users launching boats, canoes and kayaks, and associated parking. Parking for purposes of accessing coastal beaches is prohibited.**
- **All boat ramps and canoe launch users shall practice social distancing.** Users should allow appropriate space for users of the boat ramp or launch and clear the ramp when users launch is complete.
- **Users should ensure they are ready to depart quickly from the ramp or dock as soon as their boat is put in the water.** Users not actively launching their boats should clear the launch area.
- Upon return to ramp, users should load their boats as quickly and safely as possible and then clear the launch area.
- **Use of the ramps for organized fishing tournaments, derbies, or any other type of gathering is prohibited.**
- **Loitering on ramps or use of ramps for any activity other than launching boats is prohibited.** Parking for activities other than launching boats is prohibited.
- **Masks or face-coverings should be worn in public** in accordance with the Department of Public Health's advisory when social distancing is not possible.

RECREATIONAL BOATING

- **Only persons from the same household should be together on a boat.**
- **No gathering or groups of persons from multiple households will be permitted** on boat ramps, docks, piers etc., and all users shall practice social distancing.
- **All recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbormasters, and law enforcement.**
- **All local rules, regulations, laws and Coast Guard requirements still apply.**

For hire boating will not be permitted. This includes charter and hired boat fishing, whale watches and other pleasure cruises, sailboat rentals and lessons, canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard rentals, and any other operation or use of a vessel that is not registered to the passenger.

