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Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners

March 2026

Dear Boater:

The new boating season is fast approaching. The Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners will be taking applications for permits for anchorages commencing March 16, 2026.

This year's requests for permits will be handled in much the same manner as last year, except those who had a permit last year will retain their position on the list until close of business on the 15th of April. For those boaters who did not have anchorages in the harbor last year, applications will be taken commencing April 15th, on a first come first served basis. Those new boaters joining us will be filled in directly behind the old permit holders. It should be noted that new boaters who are Racine County residents will be given preference as they are added to the permit list.

For 2026, the Board of Harbor Commissioners enacted the annual \$13.50 special charge on slips in Racine Harbor. This charge is for maintaining and upgrading navigation aids in the harbor. Inasmuch as the use of navigation aids is enjoyed by all boaters, the Board felt that boat owners on moorings should also be assessed the special charges. Therefore, your rental for the mooring location is increased by the amount of the special charge.

Attached is an application for an anchorage permit. It must be completed and returned with a check or money order made out to the **City of Racine** to cover the cost of the permit. Permit costs are:

Mooring Permit Fees				
	Permit	Tax	Special Charge	Total
Racine County Residents	\$ 125.00	\$ 6.88	\$ 13.50	\$ 145.38
Out-of-County Residents	\$ 250.00	\$ 13.75	\$ 13.50	\$ 277.25

Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Rack Fees			
	Permit	Tax	Total
Seasonal Storage	\$ 40.00	\$ 2.20	\$ 42.20
Winter Storage	\$ 40.00	\$ 2.20	\$ 42.20
Year-Round Storage	\$ 75.00	\$ 4.13	\$ 79.13

Applications for permits will not be processed if the fee, sales tax, and the Waiver of Liability Statement(s) are not included with the application.

It should be noted that anchorages will be assigned to an individual permittee and they are non-transferable. In addition, a Waiver of Liability Statement must be provided to the City of Racine. Attached are permit application(s) and Waiver of Liability Statement(s) which should be completed and returned with the fee. Also, please be aware that your anchorage rig will be required to be inspected by the Racine County Water Patrol, (262) 636-3297, or your installing contractor before placement. A copy of the requirements is attached.

You should also note the requirements that mooring buoys must replace any winter markers or posts by May 1st of each year, and buoys on moorings that will be left in the water through the winter must not be removed from the moorings before October 1st of each year. In addition, moorings left in the harbor over winter must be removed and inspected every 3 years.

Permit applications will be dated and timed to indicate the time of receipt. Should there be a question as to who has the right to an anchorage, it will be decided upon time of the receipt of the permit application. Permits will be returned to individuals the week of April 18th indicating their assigned anchorage for 2025.

Again for 2026, the Harbor Commission has dinghy/kayak/canoe racks in the Rooney Recreational Area just south of Racine Yacht Club. Enclosed in this application packet is a Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Permit for those who wish to use the racks, as well as guidelines for their use and a Liability Waiver Statement. The racks have twenty-four (24) spaces that will be assigned by the Harbor Commission on a first come, first served basis. Mooring holders will have priority for space on the rack. Fees are \$40 for a seasonal permit; \$40 for winter storage; or \$75 for year-round storage. If you wish to be assigned a dinghy/kayak/canoe rack space, complete the storage permit form and remit the additional fee along with the form and signed Liability Waiver Statement. Your rack assignment will be returned with your mooring assignment information.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call (262) 636-9171. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your application and hope that you have a very enjoyable boating season.

Sincerely,

Ara P. Molitor, Secretary
Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners

If dropping off application, you may deliver it to the City Clerk/Treasurer Office Room 103

You may mail your application, with payment, to:

**City Clerk/Treasurer, Room 103
City of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403**

Check or money order payable to: **City of Racine**

2026 Racine Harbor Anchorage Permit

(Please print legibly)

Racine County Residents Total Fee: \$145.38
 Permit-\$125.00 (20619-46752); Tax-\$6.88 (20619-24213); Special Charge-\$13.50 (20619-46752)

Out-of-County Residents Total Fee: \$277.25
 Permit-\$250.00 (20619-46752); Tax-\$13.75 (20619-24213); Special Charge-\$13.50 (20619-46752)

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone: ()

Business Phone: ()

E-mail Address:

E-mail my confirmation: Yes No

Boat Name:

State and Registration No:

Length:

Model of Boat:

Draft:

Color of Boat:

Color of Stripes:

Last Season's Anchorage Number (if applicable):

Anchorage Desired This Season:

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

Comments:

Designated Agent Information

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone: ()

Business Phone: ()

Please Note: Failure to pay \$15.00 fees for non-compliance with permit requirements will prohibit permit issuance the following year.

To Be Completed By Harbor Commission

Anchorage Assigned:

Anchorage Fee + Sales Tax:

Date:

Time:

Initials:

Approved:

Waiver of Liability Statement for Anchorage

As a condition for receiving a designated anchorage in Racine Harbor, I do hereby agree as follows:

1. My mooring rig shall conform to the standards as set forth by the Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners and be inspected by the Racine County Water Safety Patrol or my installing contractor before placement.
2. My mooring rig shall be placed in the center of the designated anchorage and in such a manner as it will preclude my boat from swinging outside my designated anchorage.
3. My mooring rig shall be removed from the water no later than October 31st.
4. I understand and realize the risks and dangers that are inherent in the mooring of boats in an anchorage as well as the potential hazards of storms, wind, and lake conditions. In that regard and with that knowledge, I do hereby assume the risk of all damages, liabilities, injuries, or losses which may occur to my boat, its contents or any passengers, crew or guests located on the boat or on or about the anchorage, and I hereby indemnify and save harmless Racine County, the City of Racine, and the Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners from any and all liability, damage, injury or losses to my boat, its content or any passenger or operator therefore arising directly or indirectly out of the use of the anchorage in the Racine Harbor. It is specifically understood that Racine County, City, and Harbor Commission shall not be responsible for any equipment utilized by myself or any other boater within the confines of the Racine Harbor.
5. Neither this permit nor the anchorage, for which it is issued, shall be transferable, and I may not grant my consent to the use of this facility to any other vessel, either temporarily or otherwise.
6. In the event that my vessel should sink in the anchorage or within the Racine Harbor Area, I agree, as the owner of the vessel, that I shall commence salvage activities within twenty-four (24) hours of notice to me by the Racine Harbor Commission representatives that my vessel has sunk.
7. It is understood that it shall be my responsibility to ensure that my vessel is properly secured to the mooring. I do hereby specifically authorize employees and personnel of Racine County to re-secure my vessel in the event that it is observed that my vessel is improperly secured to its mooring. Any damage, which may occur to the harbor structures or any other vessel as a result of my vessel being improperly secured to its mooring, shall be my sole responsibility.
8. All buoys shall be lettered with the assigned anchorage (for example: A-1) in two (2) places at the top of the buoy and shall contain my name (initials and full last name) in two inch (2") letters on one side. Any old identification on the buoy shall be removed subject to a \$15.00 per month assessment after notification.
9. Winter mooring tackle markers or posts must be replaced by mooring buoys by May 1st of each year, and winter markers must not be installed before October 1st subject to a \$15.00 per month assessment after notification.

Signature of Permittee

Date

Racine Harbor Standard Guidelines for Mooring Rigs Utilized Within Racine Harbor

1. Anchors
 - a. RAILROAD WHEELS - Minimum of 600 lbs. and/or additional weight as required by boat size and weight.
2. Buoys
 - a. All buoys must be colored white.
 - b. Minimum of 28" in height overall with a minimum diameter of 16".
 - c. All buoys will have the individual's last name and initials and the anchorage number in two inch (2") minimum size letters. A \$15.00 per month assessment will be added for non-compliance.
 - d. Remove by October 31st. A \$15.00 per month assessment will be added for non-compliance.
 - e. Winter markers or posts shall not be installed before October 1st and must be removed by May 1st of the following year. NO PROPANE TANKS are allowed for winter markers. Winter markers should be made from non-pressure treated 4 x 4 lumber with a through hole at one end and securely attached to the mooring chain with a minimum ½" diameter nylon line. The winter marker shall have a minimum of twenty-four inches (24") showing above the water line.
3. Pennants
 - a. Pennants will be attached to the mooring chain, not the mooring buoy. Minimum of two (2) pennants are required for each anchorage buoy.
 - b. The maximum length of the pennant will be 2.5 times the height of the freeboard at the bow of the boat.
 - c. The minimum size of a pennant will be ½" in diameter.
4. Chain
 - a. Minimum size chain for mooring rig is ½" with no chains being utilized in excess of ¾".
 - b. Maximum amount of chain to be utilized with any anchor will be 2 times the depth of water. (Example 20' depth of water is maximum chain would be 40'.)
 - c. A swivel will be placed at a point at least 1' foot less than the depth of water or 1' foot above the bottom and no higher than 10' feet.
 - d. The chain should be passed through the buoy a minimum of four (4) chain links, or two (2) rings or shackles; one (1) for each pennant are required at the top of the buoy. This would then be directly attached through the buoy to the anchor.
 - e. All swivels, turnbuckles, and shackles must be safety wired to prevent loosening. (Safety wire is considered to be non-corroding type wire.)
5. Safety Inspections
 - a. Mooring tackle and anchors shall be removed every three (3) years, by the installing contractor, for a thorough safety inspection. A "Certificate of Inspection" shall be supplied to the City of Racine Harbor Commission by the mooring owner, and signed by the inspecting contractor as to mooring being compliant with best practices and in compliance with these guidelines.
 - b. Inspection expenses are the responsibility of the mooring owner.

2026 NORTH HARBOR MOORING ASSIGNMENTS



2026 Racine Harbor Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Rack Permit

(Please print legibly)

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone No: ()

Business Phone No: ()

Boat Information

Boat Name:

Registration No:

Last Season's Anchorage Mooring Number (if applicable)

Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Information

Length of Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe:

Color of Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe:

Construction Material (wood, fiberglass, etc.):

Comments:

Check your preference below:

Seasonal Total Fee: \$42.20 <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal \$40 (20619-46752) Tax - \$2.20 (20619-24213)	Winter Total Fee: \$42.20 <input type="checkbox"/> Winter \$40 (20619-46752) Tax - \$2.20 (20619-24213)	Year-Round Total Fee: \$79.13 <input type="checkbox"/> Year-Round \$75 (20619-46752) Tax - \$4.13 (20619-24213)
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To Be Completed By Harbor Commission

Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Rack Assigned:

Date:	Time:	Seasonal \$42 <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter \$42 <input type="checkbox"/>	Year-Round \$79.13 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Initials: _____ Approved: _____
Secretary, Harbor Commission

Waiver of Liability Statement for Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Rack Storage

As a condition for receiving a designated dinghy/kayak/canoe rack storage space, I do hereby agree as follows:

1. My dinghy/kayak/canoe shall conform to the standards as set forth by the Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners.
2. My dinghy/kayak/canoe shall be placed in the designated dinghy/kayak/canoe rack storage spot only.
3. My dinghy/kayak/canoe shall be removed from the dinghy/kayak/canoe rack no later than October 31st unless I have paid for year-round storage.
4. I understand and realize the risks with storing a dinghy/kayak/canoe. In that regard and with that knowledge, I do hereby assume the risk of all damage, liabilities, injuries or losses which may occur to my dinghy/kayak/canoe, its contents and any passengers, crew of guests located on the dinghy/kayak/canoe, and I hereby indemnify and save harmless Racine County, the City of Racine and the Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners from any and all liability, damage, injury or losses to my dinghy/kayak/canoe, its content or any passenger or operator therefore arising directly or indirectly out of the use of the dinghy/kayak/canoe rack storage in the Racine Harbor. It is specifically understood that Racine County, City and Harbor Commission shall not be responsible for any equipment utilized by myself or any other boater in the confines of the Racine Harbor.
5. Neither this permit nor the dinghy/kayak/canoe rack storage location, for which it is issued, shall be transferable, and I may not grant my consent to the use of this facility to any other vessel, either temporarily or otherwise.
6. It is understood that it shall be my responsibility to ensure that my dinghy/kayak/canoe is properly secured to the dinghy/kayak/canoe rack. I do hereby specifically authorize employees and personnel of Racine County to re-secure my dinghy/kayak/canoe in the event that it is observed that my dinghy/kayak/canoe is improperly secured to the dinghy/kayak/canoe rack.
7. All dinghies/kayaks/canoes shall be lettered with the anchorage location (example: B-4) and the permittee name (first initial and full last name) in two inch (2") letters. Identification shall be located on the transom of each dinghy/kayak/canoe.

Signature of Permittee

Date

Racine Harbor Standard Guidelines for Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Rack Storage

1. Permits

- a. Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Permit means the nontransferable right granted to a mooring permittee to fasten a dinghy/kayak/canoe to a specific dinghy/kayak/canoe rack space during the harbor season.

2. Season

- a. Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe rack use season will be from May 1st through October 31st unless a year-round permit was issued .
- b. All dinghies/kayaks/canoes shall not be placed on assigned rack space before May 1st and must be removed by October 31st each season unless a year-round permit was issued.

3. Restrictions

- a. Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Size - means a boat that does not exceed ten (10') feet in overall length (LOA) and fifty-five (55") inches maximum beam. Storage racks allow for a maximum depth of twenty-five (25") inches vertical clearance between rails.
- b. No dinghy/kayak/canoe permittee may store any motor, gas tank, or gasoline on Park property.
- c. A dinghy/kayak/canoe permittee must display on the transom, their last name and initial, and mooring number it services. Size of lettering will be two (2) inch minimum.
- d. All oars, cushions, painters, etc. stored with dinghies must be secured under/within the dinghy.
- e. Security locks and chains are the dinghy owner responsibility.

4. Responsibility

- a. Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Rack permittee will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability Statement for Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Rack Storage and return with application and Users Fee.

Dingy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Rack Assignments 2026

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12
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B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12
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Dinghy/Kayak/Canoe Storage Rack Fees	
	Permit
Seasonal Storage	\$42.20
Winter Storage	\$42.20
Year-Round Storage	\$79.13