City of Valdez
STORAGE YARD & MAINTENANCE PADS RULES & FEES

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MAINTENANCE & WASH DOWN PADS:

1. Vessel owners shall schedule their use of the Vessel Maintenance Pads with the harbor office.
2. Use of Maintenance Pads shall be charged a fee of $15.00 per day for 14 days or less; $20.00 per day for 15-30 days; $30.00 per day for 31 days or more. Fee includes water and power.
3. Use of Wash down Pads is free, unless vessel is left overnight. Power is available for $15.00 per day.
4. Vessel owner is required to clean the work area after any maintenance work on a vessel is completed.
5. Vessel owners shall contact the harbor office if there are any problems noted with the Vessel Maintenance Pads.
6. Vessel owners shall ensure that the planned maintenance activity is an approved activity in the boatyard. Contact the harbor office with questions regarding approved activities.

STORAGE FEES:

1. All vessel and trailer owners must register with Harbor Office upon arrival and pay storage fees in advance.
2. SUMMER: A rental fee will be charged for all vessels and trailers with or without boats stored in storage area at $6.25/day. SUMMER= May 1 – September 30)
3. WINTER: A minimum rental fee will be charged for all boats on trailer or blocks of $60.00 per month for vessels 30 feet or less, and $2.00 per foot per month for vessels over 30 feet (WINTER = October 1 – April 30)
4. The time limit for storage in the boat yard is nine (9) months. The harbor office maintains a list of alternate vessel storage facilities.

STORAGE RULES:

1. Only boats and boat trailers will be permitted in boat storage area.
2. Owner or operator must contact Harbor Office prior to storage of any boat or boat trailer.
3. Hot work permits issued by the Harbor Office will be required for any welding or hot work. It will be the responsibility of the owner and/or operator to make arrangements to move the vessel away from other vessels in the boat storage area prior to hot work commencing. The Harbor Office will designate an area in the storage yard for the hot work to be performed.
4. Owner or operator must supply his own cradle, dunnage and/or any other material needed to store boat.
5. Owner or operator will be responsible for the clean up and disposal of all dunnage/blocking, cradles materials, and/or trash for the boat site. Failure to do so within 48 hours will result in a substantial charge to the owner or operator for the clean up of the boat site by the Harbor Office.
6. No one will be allowed to live aboard a vessel in storage area.
7. No trailers will be locked to the towing vehicle or to other permanent objects such as telephone pole or board walk. Trailer tongue locking devices are permitted.
8. Trailers must be marked with either DMV license plate or ID of the legal owner or both.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

1. Vessels that will be hauled out for more than a month will have an approved oil absorbent pad placed beneath the keel.
2. Any maintenance work that involves an oil-based product (i.e. changing engine or out drive oil) will be conducted within the boatyard. No maintenance work of any kind will be conducted at the launch ramp.
3. Used oil shall be disposed of properly. Contact the harbor office for options.
4. All petroleum spills shall be captured with absorbent pads and materials. Notify the harbor office of any oil product spill.
5. Do not fill fuel tanks more than 90% full.

PAINT REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

1. Any maintenance involving blasting, chipping, sanding, or other ablative/abrasive removal of material or paint shall be done over canvas or plastic tarps. If water blasting in conducted, filter fabric may be used instead of canvas or plastic tarps to allow water to pass through.
2. These activities shall be done in an enclosed or sheltered structure or in a tarped enclosure to contain airborne debris and dust. Use of vacuum sanders and equipment is encouraged to collect and retain material. Vessel must be moved away from other vessels in lay down area.
3. Work areas shall be cleaned after each operation is completed or at least at the end of the day. Remove all trash, debris, paint chips, fiberglass, blast grit, residue, etc. All resulting material from paint removal will be collected and disposed of properly. This material shall not be disposed of in the trash, or construction materials dumpsters, unless tested and approved for such disposal by an environmental services company approved by the City. Sand and paint chips will be accepted at the City of Valdez Baler Facility only with a certification from a testing facility stating that the paint is not lead based. The baler facility charges a fee for this service.
4. The use of blowtorches or flammable paint removed is prohibited.

FIRE SAFETY

1. Welding and cutting activities will only be conducted in an area assigned by the Harbormaster.
2. Store opened containers of useable solvents and paints in covered, UL-listed, or Factory Mutual Approved containers.
3. Fuel tanks shall be 85-90% full to prevent flammable fumes from accumulating and to minimize the possibility of condensation leading to corrosion.
4. The use of portable heaters within the boat storage area is prohibited unless the heater is needed for the repair of the vessel and there is a person attending the heater while it is being used.

Pursuant to Valdez City Code Section 11.3, Valdez Small Boat Harbor staff may have an inspection made of boats received for storage. This inspection will determine if there is the presence of any combustible vapors onboard, general cleanliness and condition of the vessel, fire safety equipment available onboard and appropriate power connections. Storage may be refused until the condition of the vessel is corrected.

Pursuant to Valdez City Code Section 11.04.080, to remain qualified for storage space, a boat must be seaworthy, must be equipped in accordance with Valdez City Code Section 11.04.090 and must have sufficient motive power to permit the boat to be maneuvered and controlled safely in and out of the boat harbor. Upon failure of a boat to qualify, the harbormaster may require, upon notice to the boat owner that such boat be removed within one week. Failure to remove the boat within the time specified shall subject the boat to impoundment or removal as a nuisance in accordance with 11.04.110 and 11.04.120.

Pursuant to Valdez City Code Section 11.04.100, unpaid rentals, charges and fees for space and services in the Valdez Boat Harbor shall be a personal liability of the boat owner, holder of the reserved space, and person who incurred the charge. In addition to being a personal liability, these fees, charges and rentals constitute a lien on the boat and should any such unpaid fees and charges be unpaid or unsecured for ninety consecutive days after due, any boat upon which such rentals or fees accrued shall be impounded and sold by the harbormaster for the unpaid charges and fees under the provisions of Section 11.04.110.

Boats declared nuisances pursuant to Valdez City Code Sections 11.04.120A and B and other nuisances described in Valdez City Code Section 11.04.120C are subject to abatement and removal.

Any impoundment, abatement, removal, storage or other fees incurred when boats or other items are removed under direction of the Harbormaster or other city officer are the sole responsibility of the boat owner and/or operator.

Use of the boat harbor facilities is governed by Chapter 11 of the Valdez City Code. Boat owners and operators are advised to fully acquaint themselves with these code provisions.

THE CITY OF VALDEZ HEREBY GRANTS REVOCABLE LICENSE TO PARK AND STORE VESSELS (AND IS NOT A BAILEE THEREOF) AND SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO BOATS, EQUIPMENT OR CONTENTS. THE BOAT/TRAILER OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE AREA WHERE THE BOAT IS TO BE STORED IS AN OPEN, UNSECURED LOT FOR WHICH THE CITY PROVIDES NO SECURITY.