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**EAST GREENWICH COVE COMMISSION**  
Dinghy Rack Management Plan

The primary purpose of the rack installations is to provide orderly stowage of dinghies used for access to moored boats on town moorings and if available non-town mooring holders, in a location relatively convenient to the water's edge. The purpose of the dinghy rack registration program is to allocate the available stowage locations fairly among East Greenwich Mooring Holders first.

The East Greenwich dinghy rack registration program will be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department in parallel with the Town mooring program.

**Assumption of Liability:** Application for assignment of a dinghy rack slot, and usage of the East Greenwich Dinghy Rack Facility, by an individual, constitute assumption of liability for all risks of damage, injury or loss. Recognizing that boating, and handling and navigating small boats in particular, embodies inherent risk, the user specifically agrees, as a condition of such use, to hold the Town of East Greenwich and its employees harmless in all cases of injury to persons or damage to property, and to specifically assume all liability for damage to the property of others.

**Rules governing the Program:**

1. This program is available to Town of East Greenwich mooring holders first and if space is available to non-town mooring holders.
2. The fee for an assigned dinghy rack storage slot for one dinghy shall be \$50.00 per season for Town Mooring holders and \$75 for non-Town Mooring holders. The season shall run from March 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. ***If a dinghy is left in its rack after December 1<sup>st</sup>, this will be considered "winter Storage". In this case when the mooring is renewed, the owner will be charged double the regular fee for the coming season. Half of this fee will be for the coming season and half will be for the previous winter storage. This fee must be paid before the new mooring renewal will be issued.***
3. An East Greenwich Mooring and non-Town Mooring holder may hold one dinghy rack slot only. For East Greenwich Mooring holders, each dinghy registered for a rack slot must be matched to its owner's assigned mooring. No rack slot shall contain more than one dinghy.
4. Eligible boats for stowage in the dinghy rack are expected to be of a configuration suitable for transport to and from a moored vessel in the EG Cove mooring field. The dinghy rack is not a generic storage facility for recreational water sports equipment. Kayaks, canoes, sailboards, Sunfish type sailboats, and rowing shells do not meet the intended purpose of the facility and will not be accorded slots. Exceptions to this will be made by the East Greenwich Cove Commission.
5. Each rack slot will be assigned a unique number, which will be marked on the rack. Each East Greenwich Mooring Holder's registered dinghy will display a rack registration number in the form XX-YYY where XX corresponds to its assigned rack slot number, and YYY

corresponds to its owner's mooring number. All non-Town Mooring Holders' dinghies numbers must be displayed in the form of XX where XX corresponds to its assigned rack slot number. To avoid potential confusion with state registration numbers, East Greenwich dinghy rack registration numbers must be prominently marked on the transom of the dinghy. In the case of dinghies which lack a transom, the EG registration number must be prominently visible in the area of the stern.

6. East Greenwich dinghy rack registration numbers must be at least 4" high, and of a contrasting color to ensure clear visibility against the surrounding hull finish. A dinghy shall occupy its assigned rack slot as identified by the slot number matching its EG registration number ONLY. Dinghies in mismatched slots, or failing to display an EG registration number, or located anywhere on the site except in an assigned slot, will be removed from the facility and stored at the owner's expense. **NOTE:** No storage of boats on the ground is permitted.
7. Dinghies stowed in the rack are subject to strict length limitation of 12.5 feet (12' 6"). Width is limited by the rack size to 5.5 feet. (5' 6") Exceptions to this will be made by the East Greenwich Cove Commission.

Implementation:

- a. East Greenwich mooring holders may apply for a dinghy rack slot in February of each year, along with the mooring renewal process. Should the number of dinghy rack requests exceed the number of available slots, priority will be given to prior year East Greenwich Mooring holders, with the remaining applicants being assigned to a waiting list, as is done with mooring applications. In the 2008, the first year of the registration programs, dinghy rack slots will be assigned in the order the applications are received by the recreation dept. Applications received after all 2008 slots are assigned will be placed on the Waiting List for Dinghy Stowage Slot Locations. As slots become available, they will be offered to applicants on the waiting list in chronological order.
- b. The application form should contain the following (Owner name, address, contact phone, mooring # (for East Greenwich Mooring holders), dinghy description, dimensions, RI registration, if applicable, and a photograph of the dinghy)
- c. Publicize the new program with notices in the Pendulum, the Town Government Web Site, an explanatory sign (Plastic or metal) posted on the racks themselves, and posting of handbills on multiple bulletin boards in the area, including particularly the Parks and Recreation Dept. Include a dinghy rack application with each mooring renewal application sent out by the recreation dept.