ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ANCHORAGE IN AND USE OF GIANT'S NECK HARBOR AND BEACHES

The area designated a SPECIAL ANCHORAGE on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chart No. 13211 is subject to these ordinances and regulations, as are all beaches that are under the governing control of the Association.

1. Definitions:

"Vessel" includes every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

"Motorboat" where used in these regulations includes every vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

"Waterskiing" means the act of towing a person or persons by means of a line, or lines, secured to a motorboat.

"Committee" means the Harbor Management Committee of the Giants Neck Beach Association.

- 2. No person shall operate any vessel in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.
- 3. To protect swimmers at the West Beach,
 - a. no motorboat may be launched from any part of West Beach, and
 - b. motorboats may approach no nearer than 200 feet to the West Beach.
- 4. Two Main Beach swimming areas are designated by float lines perpendicular to the beach at the eastern and western ends of the main beach.

All vessels are prohibited from operating in these designated swimming areas, as well as in the area immediately east of the easternmost float line; this area is also designated as a swimming area.

- 5. Within the harbor, vessels may be operated ONLY:
 - a. from the beach between the two westernmost swim float lines, and
 - b. in the area south of the swimming area marker buoys, as shown on

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Attachment "A" in the 3/27/84 letter of approval from the DEP (see map on last page of this section).

- c. Boats may be walked through the water in the swimming area to the boat launching area.
- d. Replacement of boat poles in the boat access area must have approval of the Harbor Management Committee.
- e. Swimming is restricted in the boat launching areas. Swimmers who swim in those areas do so at their own risk.
- f. In the marked areas, every vessel shall have careful regard to the existing circumstances and conditions, and in no case shall the speed of any vessel exceed 5 miles per hour or create a wake.
- 6. Channels provided for entering and leaving the harbor shall be kept clear at all times and shall not be used for any other purpose.
- 7. Each owner and operator of any vessel operating, entering, mooring, or departing from the limits of the Special Anchorage Area, shall be responsible for the safe operation and mooring of the vessel and shall be liable for any damage or injury caused by such vessel. Said owner shall be responsible for removing his damaged boat and/or the debris from any damaged boat from any Association beach or marginal land.
- 8. Mooring equipment (including but not limited to anchors, ground tackle, buoys, mooring lines or cables) shall be furnished and maintained by the owner; shall be adequate for securing the vessel and preventing dragging; and must also be inspected by the East Lyme Harbor Master or his appointee before being used. Mooring equipment must be registered with the East Lyme Harbor Master each year and is subject to inspection, at owner's cost, every two years.
- 9. The owner of any vessel using the harbor shall be responsible for the conduct of all persons using, visiting or occupying such vessel.
- 10. The owner and operator of any vessel using the harbor shall not permit any garbage, oil, sludge, refuse matter, or waste material of any kind to fall, be thrown, deposited or discharged overboard while the vessel is in the harbor.
 - The toilet facilities of any vessel which empty into the water shall not be used while such vessel is in the harbor.
- 11. Beaches, docks, piers, walks or rights of way shall not be used as storage space for any gear, equipment or supplies. Small boats may be placed against the seawall and must be identified in accordance with Article 9, Section 9.b. of the GNBA Ordinances.

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- 12. No vessel shall be hauled up on the bathing beach for cleaning, painting, or scraping; however, emergency repairs sufficient to remove such vessel from the harbor may be permitted when, in the opinion of the Committee, such repairs are necessary.
- 13. No sign, placard, or commercial display of any kind, excluding signs reading "For Sale", may be attached to or exposed from any vessel within the SPECIAL ANCHORAGE area.
- 14. No "hard" floats will be permitted in the mooring areas.
- 15. All harbor areas are SPECIAL ANCHORAGE areas and restricted speed zones in these areas for motorboats will be in accordance with Connecticut State Law.
 - Water-skiing is not permitted within the limits of these areas.
- 16. No person shall erect a pier, dock, float, boat post, mooring, or similar fixed or floating structure or impediment whatsoever for use in connection with boating, fishing, bathing, or other related purposes upon the beaches or other marginal land along the waterfront or in the Nehantic Ponds within the territorial limits of the Association.
 - The Governing Board may direct, by written notice, the relocation or removal of any pier, dock, float, boat post, mooring, etc. upon the beaches or marginal lands.
- 17. Neither the Giants Neck Beach Association nor any of its committees shall be responsible for injury or damage caused by any vessel.
- 18. Only members of the Association shall be eligible to use the Giants Neck Beach Association dock and to apply for mooring privileges. Persons using the Association dock must conform to the Rules and Regulations of the dock committee. Persons using the private dock are responsible for observing the Rules and Regulations of the private dock association.
- 19. All motorboats must be registered in accordance with state statutes and regulations.
- 20. Boat owners are responsible for providing the registration number and description of the boat and position of mooring to the chairperson of the Dock and Harbor Management Committees each year.

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