

Newport Harbor Mooring Ordinance Study (February 6, 2019)

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STUDY BACKGROUND & RESEARCH SAMPLE

SECTION I.

STUDY BACKGROUND & RESEARCH SAMPLE

This study was conducted by Performance Research on behalf of the Newport Waterfront Commission in order to collect additional public feedback on the recently proposed Harbor Ordinance Changes.

Invitations to links for the online survey were distributed by the Newport Harbor Master to both current mooring permit holders and those on the mooring waiting list. Additional outreach was made by the Newport Maritime Alliance and to those who attended a public session on the Ordinance Changes on January 7th. The survey was open to all interested individuals. The study includes a total sample of 558 respondents, with the following profile:

Location Profile



60%
Newport
Residents



40%
Non-
Residents

Mooring Status



45%
Mooring
Permit Holders



47%
On Mooring
Waiting List



8%
Others
Interested



64 Average Age

Mooring
Permit
Holders:
Demos



78% Married



79% Have Kids



52 Average Age

Mooring
Waiting
List:
Demos

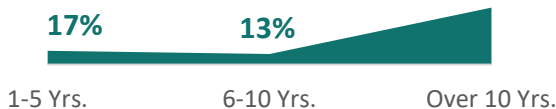


88% Married

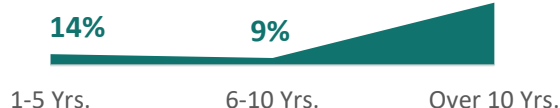


72% Have Kids

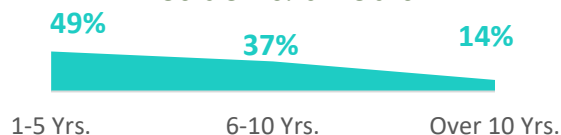
Average Time With Mooring Permit: Residents: 20 Years 70%



Average Time With Mooring Permit: Non Residents: 25 Years 77%



Average Time On Wait List: Residents: 6 Years













Average Time On Wait List: Non- Residents: 10 Years





Notes: (1) Results are presented as a comparison between mooring permit holders and those on the waitlist. Because of the small sample size, data for "Others interested" are included in footnotes. (2) A full list of open ended responses are attached in the Appendix. (3) A copy of the survey is in the Appendix.

SNAPSHOT OF KEY RESULTS

(Total Sample Size = 558 Respondents)

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes: (See pages 6-11)		OPPOSE	IN FAVOR
<p>“Use it or lose it” - New requirement to have a designated vessel on a mooring at least once in a 30 consecutive day period unless cleared by the Harbor Master.</p>	Permit Holders 	38%	51%
	Waitlist 	9%	83%
<p>“Pass it on” - Change in the previous right to transfer a mooring permit to any immediate family member to the right to transfer <u>only</u> to a spouse or domestic partner.</p>	Permit Holders 	46%	38%
	Waitlist 	21%	71%
<p>“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit.</p>	Permit Holders 	16%	62%
	Waitlist 	12%	75%
<p>“Big enough to need it” - A new requirement that vessels on moorings be at least 14' in length, or of a design and weight that are not easily transportable and would be more appropriate for a mooring, unless approved by Harbor Mstr.</p>	Permit Holders 	11%	68%
	Waitlist 	4%	84%
<p>“One and only” - Restricting those who currently have more than one mooring permit to be allowed to transfer <u>only one</u> of the current permits to a spouse or domestic partner.”</p>	Permit Holders 	8%	73%
	Waitlist 	4%	88%

“In Favor Of” Reaction to Suggestions from NWC Forum	Permit Holders 	Waitlist 
(1) Allowing mooring permit holders with more than one vessel to alternate boats on a single mooring within a season	90%	76%
(2) Have the Newport Waterfront Commission study opportunities with commercial moorings, not just private moorings	72%	71%
(3) Allow unused moorings to be rented by the city	65%	68%
(4) Not “take away” rights that were previously granted to current mooring permit holders	78%	23%

(See pages 12-16)

(See pages 19-22)	“Use it or Lose It”	“Pass It On”	“One and Only”
First Year Gain/Impact of Each Ordinance Change	15 estimated transfers	3 estimated transfers	1 estimated transfer
Share of Impact for Each Ordinance Change in First Year	79%	16%	5%
Total Gain/Impact for Each Ordinance Change After 3 years	24 estimated transfers	8 estimated transfers	2 estimated transfers
Share of Impact for Each Ordinance Change After 3 Years	71%	23%	6%

Note: Relevant data is not available to forecast impact of “Stay in Newport” and “Big Enough to Need It”.



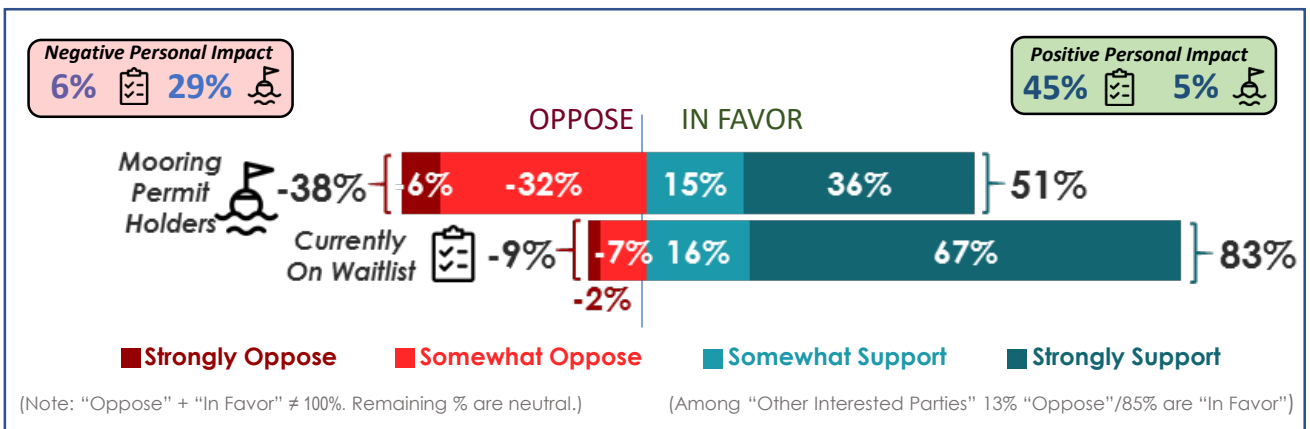
QUANTITATIVE RESULTS- REACTION TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

SECTION II.

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes

“Use it or lose it” - New requirement to have a designated vessel on a mooring at least once in a 30 consecutive day period unless cleared by the Harbor Master.

- Half of mooring permit holders (51%) are in favor of this change, even though 29% indicated it will have a negative personal impact.
- Over four-fifths (83%) of those on the mooring waitlist are in favor of this change, with 45% believing it will have a positive personal impact.



SAMPLE OF COMMENTS

“The number of unused moorings is a tragedy.”

“If a mooring is not being used, then let others use it, one way or another.”

“Th method of enforcement of this provision should be clarified.”

“Exceptions for good cause.... such as registering with the harbor master that the vessel is going on an extended cruise or getting an extensive refit.”

“Vessels should be able to cruise at their leisure for whatever period of time they choose with the confidence that when they return, an empty mooring will be waiting for them.”

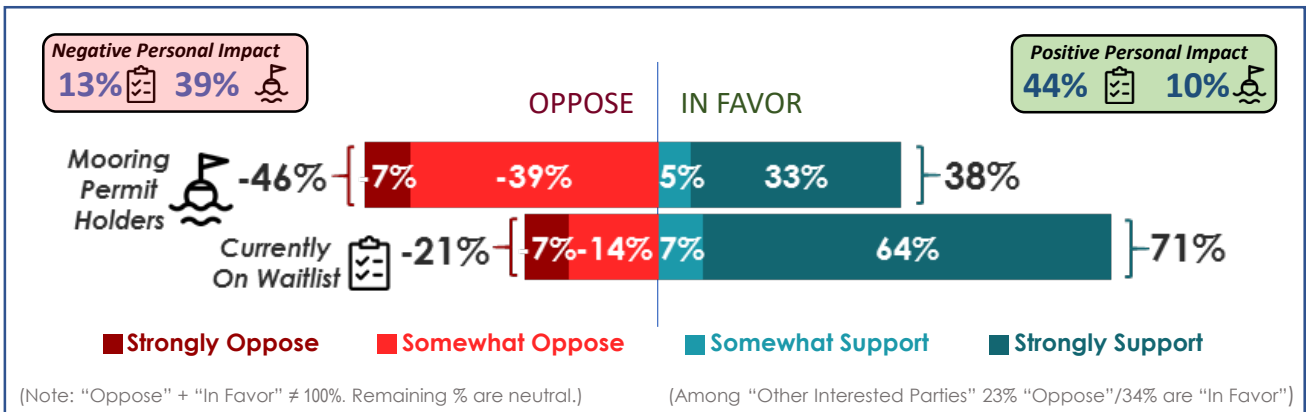
“I agree with the intent. I think there needs to be some definition of what are acceptable reasons to be off the mooring. If I cruise to Maine for five weeks do I lose my permit?”

Note: See Appendix for full transcript of verbatim comments

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes

“Pass it on” - Change in the previous right to transfer a mooring permit to any immediate family member to the right to transfer only to a spouse or domestic partner.

- Current permit holders are more likely to be opposed than in favor of this change (46% to 38%), with 39% claiming a negative personal impact
- Among permit holders with children, 58% are opposed to this change; Among those are single, 49% are opposed.



SAMPLE OF COMMENTS

“Unfair to single persons-especially those with children. Discriminatory”

“Because a person cannot apply to be on the mooring waiting list until they are 18, it places a potential void between the ages of 18 and 35 where no one in that age group can realistically have a mooring. Is that really the result that the Waterfront Commission and City Council wants?”

“I’m not sure this is fair for those that do not have a spouse.”

“Should be eliminated entirely - no passing on at all.”

“If you believe this rule is appropriate would it be better (fairer and less controversial) to grandfather those with moorings already and apply this rule going forward?”

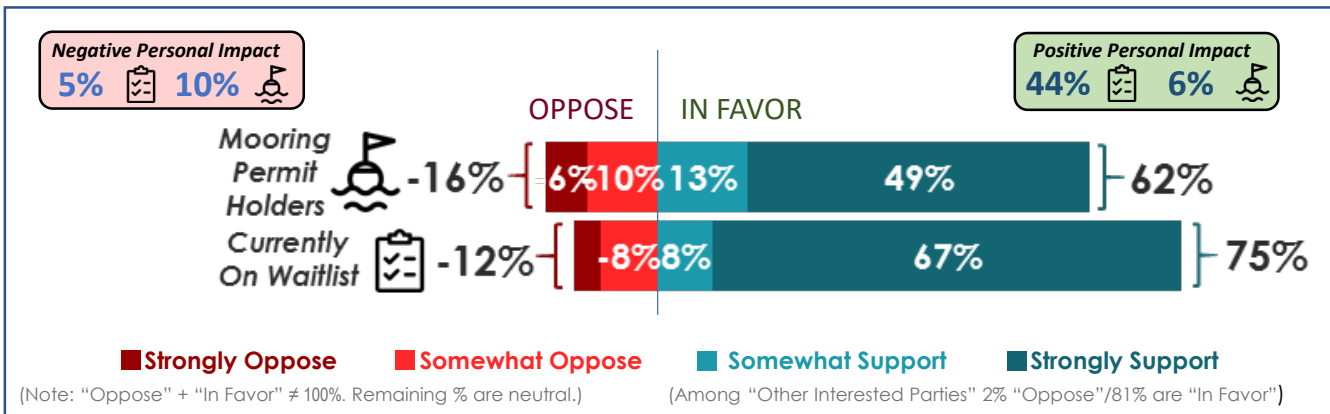
“I think moorings should be able to be passed on to a child even though it means I’ll be on the waiting list longer. I think it’s an important component of families lives and a good way to foster the marine and boating industry.”

Note: See Appendix for full transcript of verbatim comments

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes

“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit

- The majority of both mooring permit holders and those on the mooring waiting list are in favor of this change.
- In a subset of those currently on the waiting list, 16% of non-residents oppose this measure compared to 8% of residents.



SAMPLE OF COMMENTS

"This is punitive, short sighted, unrealistic. Shall I continue? Assumes I am willing to let such rule control where I live. Nonsense. Perhaps double (or triple) annual fee assessment if relocation occurs within 5 years."

"This is a must. We can't keep letting people game the system."

"Nice idea but life doesn't always allow for such nice neat arrangements"

"Too stringent-people have to get jobs elsewhere but many come back for the summer-would not meet definition of resident. too Draconian."

"Non-residents didn't cause the imbalance, residents did."

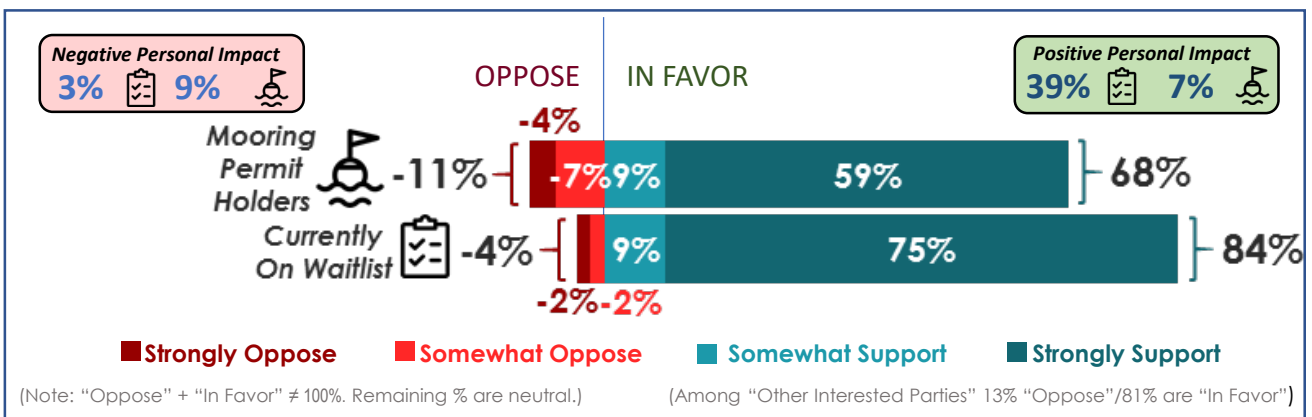
"I have been a resident for 20 years paid taxes and paid a large sum to stay on the list. If I get a better job offer and move I lose my mooring? Totally unfair and I would sue the city if it happened."

Note: See Appendix for full transcript of verbatim comments

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes

“Big enough to need it” - A new requirement that vessels on moorings be at least 14' in length, or of a design and weight that are not easily transportable and would be more appropriate for a mooring, unless approved by the Harbor Master

- The majority overall support this change
- Nearly 1 in 10 of current mooring permit holders in this survey reported this change will impact them in a negative way.



SAMPLE OF COMMENTS

“Absolutely, moorings need to be used for proper boats- I would suggest even bigger than this!”

“This is definitely a fair change, since there is no need to keep a small boat, which is easily trailered, or kept at a dingy dock, on a mooring.”

“While in theory this is reasonable, it's completely undefined. What is not easily transportable? A 13' Boston Whaler? A sunfish? A 9' dinghy without a trailer? Why not just say 14" and/or a certain weight?”

“The rights to have a mooring should be equal to all big or small and the holder should be allowed to put whatever size boat he/she wants and make use of that mooring as pleases.”

“Will impact small boat owners.”

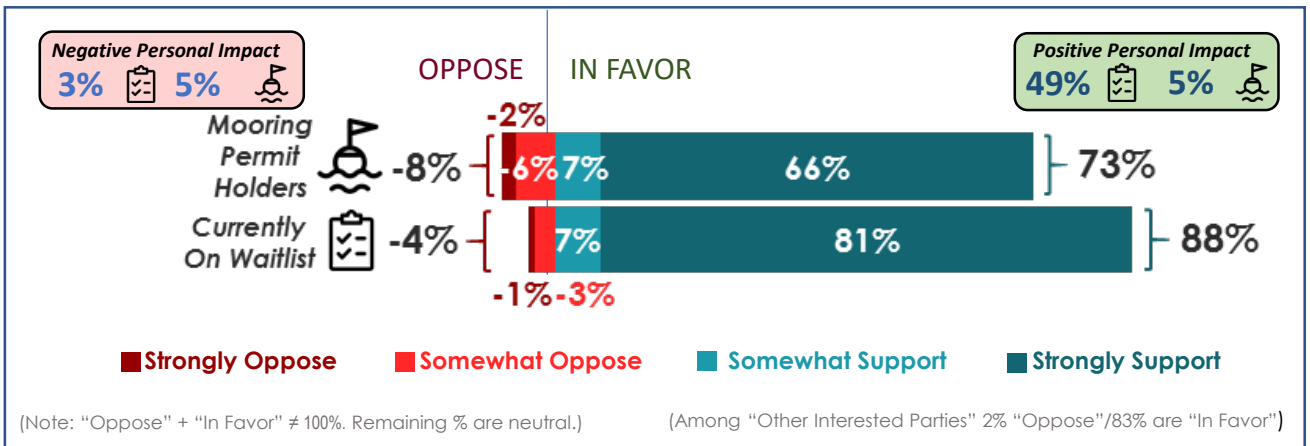
“Really, does the harbormaster want to take this role to say what can or can't be on a mooring. Many boats are smaller than 14' and it puts an extra burden on someone to have to seek an exception. Will there be a process for that? Is this really worth it?”

Note: See Appendix for full transcript of verbatim comments

Reaction to Proposed Ordinance Changes

“One and only” - Restricting those who currently have more than one mooring permit to be allowed to transfer only one of the current permits to a spouse or domestic partner.”

- The over-whelming majority of those on the mooring waiting list support this change.
- Over one-quarter of current mooring holders are opposed or neutral on this measure.



SAMPLE OF COMMENTS

“Maybe allow 2 to transfer to those family members.”

“An important consideration, but would require careful implementation. Some sort of step down grandfathering?”

“Think this is really necessary to serve the people on the waiting list.”

“Seems fair to distribute the public resource more evenly”

“Why does it matter if a private mooring owner is able to pass on the multiple moorings to?...there are 19 private moorings that would be subject to this out of 600 or so private moorings. Those 19 will eventually revert back to the city. There are 300 or so commercial moorings that the city has indicated are "untouchable" and will never revert back to the city. Really?!”

“This completely shuts down and discourages long-term Newport families in favor of carpet baggers and part-time residences. Why would you remove a mooring from a family that has and maintains, for instance, a power boat and a sailboat?”



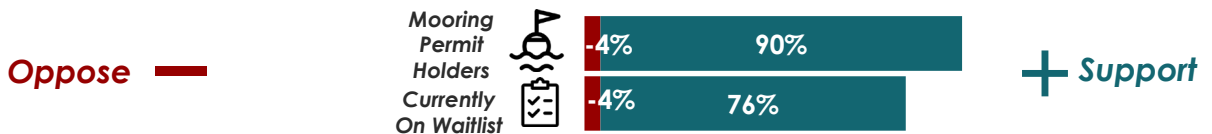
QUANTITATIVE RESULTS- REACTION TO PARTICIPANT SUGGESTIONS AT WFC PUBLIC FORUM

SECTION III.

Reaction to Participant Suggestions at NWC Public Forum (1-7-19)

During the Informational Meeting on held on January 7th, several suggestions, grievances, and comments were made by participants. Knowing that the Newport Waterfront Commission must balance fairness and access to moorings for a variety of constituents (current mooring permit holders vs. those on a waiting list, residents, non-residents, etc.), what is your position on the following issues and questions that were raised?

Allowing mooring permit holders with more than one vessel to alternate boats on a single mooring within a season

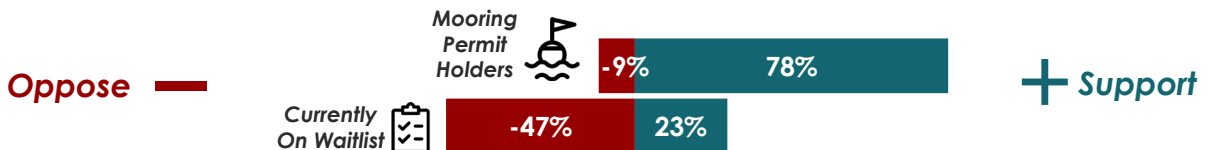


Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 15% "Oppose"/83% "Support".

"Should be some provision that the boat doesn't have an alternate mooring/dock."

"Why would the City care if a person with multiple boats switched their boat on the mooring mid-season if the vessels met all the stated requirements? I am not told which vehicles are given resident parking permits."

Not "take away" rights that were previously granted to current mooring permit holders



Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 48% "Oppose"/38% "Support".

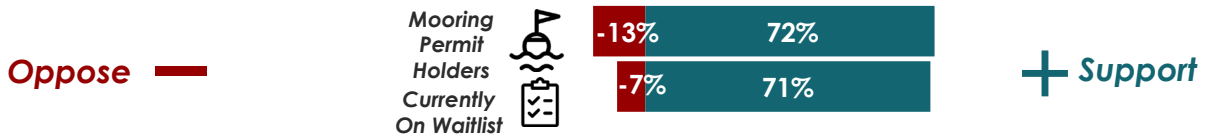
"Don't take away a family's boating legacy."

"You should get the deal you signed up for, not have the rules changed on you."

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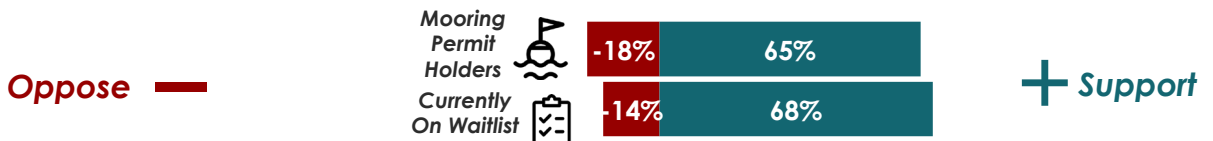


Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 10% "Oppose"/64% "Support".

"I hope Newport is making a ton of money from the commercial folks because they must be making a killing."

"Angry that the commercial moorings are not part of the solution - all mooring should be considered in effort to increase availability."

Allowing unused moorings to be rented by the city



Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 23% "Oppose"/70% "Support".

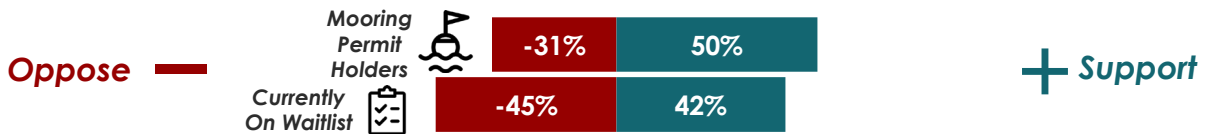
"All private moorings to be taken over, owned, and rented by the town, with all proceeds going to the Newport waterfront general fund."

"Empty moorings in the summer used to be rented out by Oldport to transients which is a good idea. The city can share in the proceeds."

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Refine the definition of "Resident" to include Newport property owners who are not living in Newport full time

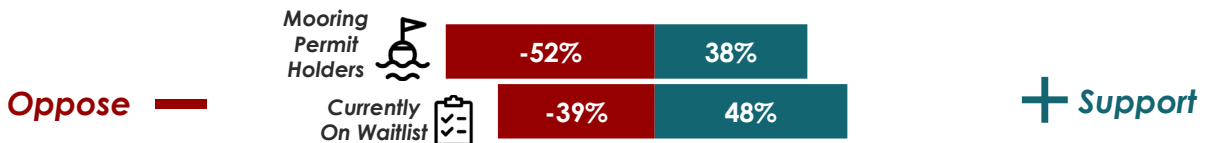


Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 45% "Oppose"/38% "Support".

"A community is more than the sum of its taxpayers- it is those who chose (and in some cases, including my own, make career sacrifices) to live, work, and play here."

"Taxpayers should have equal footing. We don't get a break for not utilizing city services like schools and yet are penalized for not living in Newport full time."

Restricting the allowable transfer of mooring permits only to those who are Newport residents



Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 27% "Oppose"/68% "Support".

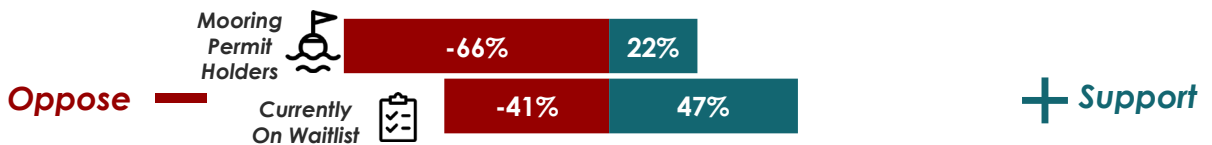
"Perhaps there should only be the option to transfer to non resident if the ratio permits it! So no transfers for the immediate future."

"It is about time that the city puts its residents first."

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Allowing mooring holders to transfer rights one time to anyone they choose

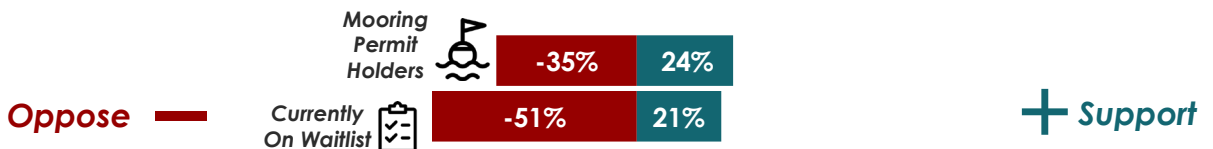


Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 68% "Oppose"/20% "Support".

"Absolutely should not be able to transfer to anyone they chose, this opens up easy fraud."

"Moorings should be able to transfer to following generations ad infinitum."

Give special consideration regarding moorings to veterans on the mooring waiting list



Note: "Oppose" + "In Favor" ≠ 100%. Remaining % are neutral. | Among "Other Interested Parties" 46% "Oppose"/15% "Support".

"I am a Veteran but I should not be given a higher rate of or preferable access to a mooring."

"Maybe a better solution would be to give veterans a discount off of the mooring fee once they get a mooring."



RELEVANT SECONDARY DATA

SECTION IV.

Relevant Data

- There are approximately 878 moorings in Newport Harbor
 - 291 moorings are commercial moorings
 - 110 belonging to Oldport Marine, followed by Newport Mooring Service (18), New York Yacht Club (17), and Ida Lewis Yacht Club (9). There have been approximately 20 transfers of commercial moorings in the past 5 years.
 - 292 private mooring permits belong to Newport residents
 - 316 private mooring permits belong to non-residents
- There are approximately 700 people on the current mooring waiting list. Data on residency is not kept until the applicant reaches the top 30-40 on the list.
- The Newport Waterfront Commission has set a goal to open up 120 moorings after 3 years with proposed ordinance changes.
- Approximately 30 private moorings are considered “Not used at all”
- Approximately 10-12 private mooring permits are voluntarily reverted to the city each season.
- An estimated 10-15 mooring permits (average of 12.5) are transferred to a family member each year. Data is not currently available as to whether that family member is a spouse or child.
- Approximately 1-3 mooring permit holders request a one-year non-use exemption.
- 19 mooring permit holders currently retain more than 1 mooring. With the majority holding 2 permits, we estimate 2.5 mooring permits among this group.
- Approximately 20-30 of those on the mooring permit waitlist are deleted each year for non-payment.
- Moorings are allotted at an 8:1 ratio, meaning that for every eight available mooring permits awarded to city residents, the ninth mooring permit is awarded to a non-resident. That system will remain in effect until a 3:1 resident-to-non-resident ratio is established, under the agreement with the state.
- According to results of this survey, 78% of current mooring permit holders are married, and 79% have children, and the average age is 64. The average life expectancy in Rhode island is 80 years.
- There is no data readily available for:
 - The number of permit holders who move from resident not non-resident status.
 - The number of moorings that are typically used for intermittent “convenience” or “storm usage” rather than regular use.



FORECASTING IMPACT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO ORDINANCE

SECTION V.

Forecasting Impact

By merging respondent data obtained through this survey with mooring usage data supplied the Newport Harbor Master, and then applying reasonable assumptions regarding current mooring permit holders likely actions, estimations can be made to forecast the likely impact of each proposed change to the Newport Harbor Mooring Ordinance. The following figures are approximations only.

“Use it or lose it” - *New requirement to have a designated vessel on a mooring at least once in a 30 consecutive day period unless cleared by the Harbor Master.*

This proposed change will have the highest impact of all proposed changes.

Approximately 30 moorings are reported as currently unused. We conservatively estimate that at least 50% of current mooring permit holders will be motivated to use their mooring according to the “Once in a 30 day period” rule to avoid loss of permit.

Expected yield: Approximately 15 additional moorings will likely be reclaimed by the city in 2020 as a result of this change, with a potential 4-5 additional moorings reclaimed per year for each year following.

“Pass it on” - *Change in the previous right to transfer a mooring permit to any immediate family member to the right to transfer only to a spouse or domestic partner.*

This proposed change will yield marginal impact. From survey results, 78 percent of mooring holders are married, meaning only a minority (22%) would be left without an option for transfer to a spouse.

Expected yield: With approximately 12.5 moorings currently changing hands within a family per year, it is likely 2-3 additional moorings may revert to the city each year with the change to limit transfer only to spouses or domestic partners.

“One and only” - *Restricting those who currently have more than one mooring permit to be allowed to transfer only one of the current permits to a spouse or domestic partner.”*

Among the proposed ordinance changes, this will yield the lowest impact. Using a calculation of 19 mooring permit holders with an estimate of 2.5 moorings each, a potential 48 moorings appear to “be in play”. However, assuming that few in this group have a spouse who also has multiple mooring permits, it is reasonable to expect that 50% to 60% of second moorings will immediately be transferred to a spouse to circumvent this change. This would drop the total number of moorings in question from 48 to 19. Among those, 1/2 will likely be transferrable to a spouse, leaving 9.5 “in play”.

Expected Yield: Using the average age of current mooring holders (65) and an average life expectancy in Rhode Island (80), it will be an average of 15 years for all of these potential 10 moorings to become available, yielding 0.6 per year.

Forecasting Impact, continued

“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit.

Expected yield: Inconclusive, as data on length of residency once obtaining a mooring permit is not available or does not exist.

“Big enough to need it” - A new requirement that vessels on moorings be at least 14' in length, or of a design and weight that are not easily transportable and would be more appropriate for a mooring, unless approved by the Harbor Master.

Expected yield: Inconclusive, as data on the number of permit holders who would likely to register a boat to a mooring that is under 14' is not available or does not exist.

Forecasting Impact, continued

Summary of impact of each proposed change (for which relevant data exists:

“Use It or lose It”

May add **24 more** transfers in 3 years:

Estimate Transfers: First Year: 15 Each Successive Year: 4.5 After 3 Years: 24

This ordinance change would account for 79% of the impact on transfers in 1st year, 71% over 3 years

“Pass It on”

May add **8 more** transfers in 3 years:

Estimate Transfers: First Year: 3 Each Successive Year: 2.5 After 3 Years: 8

This ordinance change would account for 16% of the impact on transfers in 1st year, 23% over 3 years

“One and only”

May add **2 more** transfers in 3 years:

Estimate Transfers: First Year: 1 Each Successive Year: 0.6 After 3 Years: 2

This ordinance change would account for 5% of the impact on transfers in 1st year, 6% over 3 years

“Share of Impact” of each above proposed change :

	<i>“Use it or Lose It”</i>	<i>“Pass It On”</i>	<i>“One and Only”</i>
First Year Impact of Each Ordinance Change	15 estimated transfers	3 estimated transfers	1 estimated transfer
Share of Impact for Each Ordinance Change	79%	16%	5%
Total Impact for Each Ordinance Change After 3 years	24 estimated transfers	8 estimated transfers	2 estimated transfers
Share of Impact for Each Ordinance Change After 3 Years	71%	23%	6%

Note: Relevant data is not available to forecast impact of proposed ordinance changes “Stay in Newport” and “Big Enough to Need It”.

OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS PROVIDED BY SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

SECTION VI.

Note: All survey responses received are included in this section. They are marked by:

- (a) Mooring permit status (have a mooring permit, on mooring permit waitlist, or simply interested in the issue)
- (b) If the respondent is in favor or opposed to the ordinance change
- (c) Where applicable, whether the respondent is impacted positively or negatively by the measure

“Use it or lose it” - New requirement to have a designated vessel on a mooring at least once in a 30 consecutive day period unless cleared by the Harbor Master

Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	The current policy of allowing moorings to be passed on to family members (including grandchildren!) is totally opposite of a community based privilege. It's like the Bailey Beach Club...3rd generation members only! Also, allowing people to maintain a mooring privilege and not use it (at least a portion of the summer) is abuse of that privilege. It's time for The City of Newport to step up and manage this great asset (the harbor) for the benefit of ALL its citizens, not just a few controlling mooring 'dynasties'!! Good luck!!!!!!?!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I believe I will never see a mooring. I think that if a slip is not used yearly it should be forfeited. I know a 40ft commercial mooring rents for 4k a year. I believe the city should first raise mooring fees to at least half of that. I believe there should be transfer fee to immediate family members and where they live should be taken into consideration. With fee increases this would make people think twice about leaving them empty. I am willing to pay 2k per year for a mooring that I am using. Thank You Doug
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	It is unfair to the residents of Newport who live here all year long and look forward to a very short Summer where they can use the harbor to be prevented by Non- residents who have moorings and just visit for a short time. The community is established by residents and they should have precedence on moorings, non-residents can rent commercial mooring or dock space. I have had to rent a commercial mooring at an exorbitant rate to be able to enjoy the harbor.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I use the harbour every week, shields sailing, kids adventures, racing on sailing boats. The number of unused moorings is a tragedy. There are numerous on the point. there are people who put boats on that are never used. Enforcement of use, boat registration and use it or lose it is CRITICAL to good and proper use. I also encourage use for Newport residents. If you don't live in Newport all year round you do not get priority
No, but interested	In favor	Favorably	I feel this is a needed change to the current policy. I know of one mooring permit holder who doesn't even own a boat but allows friends to tie up. I'm sure there are more. I was on the mooring list for three years and barely moved up, so I stopped my annual payment. I'll definitely reconsider if the changes are made. Thank you.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I believe the vessel documentation should be in the name of the mooring holder. No one should be allowed to rent out the mooring. Residents and tax payers should have first rights. Out of town people should be renting docks, not residents who support community year round. I believe tax payers should be satisfied first.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	AS IN BARRINGTON --A BOAT OWNER UST USE THE MOORING AT LEAST 30 DAYS/ SEASON --THIS IS NOT HARD TO DO--GIVEN MAY - OCT/NOV. IT SHOWS A COMMITMENT TO NEEDING THE MOORING YET REALIZES THAT BOATS GO OF THE MOORING S TO CRUISE OR SAIL..JUST NEED TO GET REID OF PEOPLE HOARDING A MOORING AND NOT USING IT FOR PERSONAL USE.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	There should be a provision for people who are between boats: having sold one and still shopping for another, with reasonable time limits. Also if extensive repairs must be done, there should be a time extension. Personal moorings should be able to be loaned out to friends for a limited time.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	The harbor would be best served adding small floating docks in the harbor that would allow for double occupancy moorings. Check out the local company PowerDocks. They have some interesting solutions for moorings.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I know of one particular case where a woman who does not own a boat but "won" her mooring in a divorce settlement and uses it for income by renting it out throughout the summer. This is not fair.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If a shared good is not price rationed, it will be subject to hoarding. Given I believe in equal access to the harbor, which means rationing the moorings based upon use makes tremendous sense.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	Unused mooring do not swing like an occupied mooring. As a result, the unused mooring ball and eye put several gouges in my hull under the transom - about \$300 to repair.

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Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	This would prevent "hoarding" of mooring by people not actively using them. Would impact me favorably if it reduced the time I need to wait for a city mooring.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Exceptions for good cause.... such as registering with the harbor master that the vessel is going on an extended cruise or getting an extensive refit.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If it makes moorings that under used or unused (and I notice many on our many trips to Newport), I would be in favor of the change.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	The boat must be the mooring owners boat! No substitutions, no "multiple owners" added to boat titles...unless immediate family
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Any way to stimulate movement on the waiting list for Newport residents who have boats suitable for moorings is a good idea.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Should also include wording to make it fraudulent to 'park' a deadbeat vessel simply to satisfy occupancy requirement.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I think its a FAIR proposed change. Personally, I will spend the entire summer in Newport when I have a mooring.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	as a local i would like some consideration with permission of HM should i be between boat purchases etc.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Obviously drastic change is needed. There were a lot of misinformed "whiners" at that meeting
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	I Agree with the current issue of moorings being monopolize by owners who never use them.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I see vacant moorings all the time and thought you needed to have a boat on it, Not so,
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	believe there should be use during season, but do not like the word "consecutive"
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	There for a reason, if someone's not using it they don't deserve it.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If a mooring is not being used, then let others use it, one way or another.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	25 years taxpayer here I feel I should have priority over non Newporters.

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Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Tax paying residents should have first consideration. 100% first choice
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	There are a ton of unused moorings in the harbor. It is NOT right.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Process needs to be more transparent
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	For summer season only?
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Use it or lose it.
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	Negatively	I completely support the intention behind this rule. The rule itself is too restrictive. I would support a 1/3 use + 2/3 surrender rule, and/or a 2/3 use, no-surrender rule. By "surrender" I mean "required to yield mooring to the city to be rented to transients during extended vacancy"
Current holder	In favor	Negatively	Assumption is this applies during the Summer only, and provision can be made if a yacht is to be away for more than 30 consecutive days for a cruise or race, e.g. in Maine.
Current holder	In favor	Negatively	Permit holders should be allowed to have others utilize their mooring when they are away
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Allow present mooring owners, 45 yrs. of age and older, to pass their mooring ownership on only one time to a resident or non-resident. Then, new mooring owners, even if over 45 yrs. old, as well as present mooring owners under 45 yrs of age, should not be able to transfer ownership again, ever. People, 45 yrs. of age or older, who own multiple moorings could designate which mooring they choose to transfer. The other moorings would not be eligible for transfer. A mooring assignment committee should control assignments and should be made up of residents and non residents to prevent people in power positions from obtaining a mooring while not on a list or out of sequence on a list. It is also necessary to review the ratio of commercial moorings v/s private moorings. (Yacht clubs, shipyards and private ventures). Ratio to be determined by Harbor Commission.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	The city needs to consider exceptions/exemptions when enforcing a use it or lose it rule. Example A – mooring owner sails boat to distant waters for an extended cruise and can't meet the 30 day requirement in Npt. Example B: mooring owner sells boat to upgrade to new boat and there is a gap between boats that coincides with summer and this owner can't meet 30 day requirement. These are cases in which mooring owner should be allowed an exemption with approval from harbor master.

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Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I am very much in favor of general use requirements, but I do not think the way the rule is phrased/applied currently is correct. I understand that the harbor master is given discretion to permit more than 30 day absence. I think that discretion should be removed, or at least made permissive as a catch-all. Certain enumerated activities should be incorporated into the ordinance that permit people to go longer than 30 days w/o use, i.e. on an extended cruise, necessary refit, etc.
No, but interested	In favor	No impact	The Waterfront Commission needs to present to the Council its recommendations for long term objectives (5 to 10 years) for the harbor. (details re moorings, docks, dredging, new piers etc.). Laying out the details now gives Newporters a chance to comment on how they want to see the harbor develop and the Council to make appropriate changes. Without details unforeseen consequences will surely arise.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	like many changes put forth there is a great deal of confusion over this one - half the people think its "must be on the mooring 30 consecutive days during the season" - there should be more clarity especially with people who write articles on this stuff - If the changes truly is, "at least once in a 30 consecutive day period" - then I am in agreement on that new rule absolutely.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	My understanding has been that if one were to have one's vessel away from the mooring for an extended period of time that one would inform the Harbor Master of this with specific dates so that the mooring might be used by him for city purposes at his discretion. I continue to be in favor of such an arrangement although I am rarely away from my mooring for more than a few hours.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Method of enforcement of this provision should be clarified. Will yacht club members, or commercial slip renters, who must have a mooring to go to in case of a major storm need yearly approval from Harbormaster to leave mooring empty. Absent Harbormaster approval will such persons be required to move boat to the mooring during the 30 day period.

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Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I want to make sure I'm reading this correctly: the boat that is assigned to the mooring should be on the mooring 1 time in a 30 day period. If so - then yes, i agree. EXCEPTION: someone is going on a long-term sailing trip they could write in and request to be excused from this.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	AS written the clause is difficult to understand. I agree that if you are not going to use the mooring you should not have it. But boat owners should be allowed to take a trip of more than 30 days and not be worried about losing the mooring
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	If I die leaving my boating spouse I would like to know that she would have the option to continue boating and wouldn't lose the mooring. Do we have to gamble/guess as to who will die first and get the mooring and boat into the other's name?
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Those of us who have owned homes in Newport for decades acquired our permits when working out of state should retain resident status as far as the moorings are concerned even if we're only spring, summer, fall residents.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Losing your mooring if out cruising 30 days seems pretty harsh and a low standard. If the standard is that harbormaster just has to be notified of temporary vacancy; and therefore, no default, then I am fine with it.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Perhaps it should be 1 time in each calendar month from June to September ... I'm thinking about how the harbor master can actually police this if it is a constant rolling 30 day period for every single mooring
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	It is key that if a person found the time to take an extended cruise they are allowed to clear the absence with the harbor master who could then potentially rent the mooring during the absence period only
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	We are second homeowners and have been for almost 20 years. We put ourselves on this list with the hope of getting a mooring at some point so we could purchase a boat. We still have that in our plans.

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Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I think it should be much more than just once during a 30 consecutive day period. Either you need the mooring in the harbour, or you don't. If it is just one day a month, you don't really need it.
No, but interested	In favor	No impact	May be a difficult task for the Harbormaster team to administrator. As a non resident, I would consider putting my name in if I knew there was a better shot at a permit.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Would have to understand dates this includes apr through oct? We may be dead before we get a mooring so getting a boat in in time may b E an issue
Current holder	In favor	No impact	The fact that "extenuating" circumstances affecting ones use of their mooring can be cleared with the Harbormaster makes this a reasonable change.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	You must audit the current morning holders as part of these proposed changes. There is a lot of fraud going with the current holders of moorings
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	You should not loose it if you going on a longer cruise, but let the harbor master know that the mooring will be empty for a period of time.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	In fairness, the process of getting "clearance" should not be difficult. People may be cruising, their boat may be in need of repair, etc.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	"Unless cleared by the HM is a bit nebulous - need to set some parameters for what is an acceptable excuse, and what is not.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Clearance by Harbormaster should not be unreasonably denied for extended absences. Criteria for clearance is not defined.
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	a bit concerned if an extended "cruise" is taken. Would like to see special circumstances considered if that is the case
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Good change as long as there is a reasonable policy for exceptions (health issue, need for boat maintenance, etc.)
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I would prefer some way to measure "habitual use of the mooring". Difficult but should be the goal.

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Current holder	In favor	No impact	The statute should state "the intent of this rule is that no mooring be vacant all summer"
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Lots of full time empty moorings being held but not used. I support use it or lose it
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Clear regulations/policies for those taking long term cruises, ie to other continents.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Every year there are multiple moorings near me that have never had a boat on them!
Current holder	In favor	No impact	These moorings are wonderful and should be used by those who appreciate them
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	There should be exceptions for if the boat becomes damaged unexpectedly
Current holder	In favor	No impact	the wording of the City's proposed change needs to be clarified
Former holder	In favor	No impact	I don't understand how the NHM would enforce this rule however.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	If vessel is being repaired mooring should not be taken away.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Identify means to verify
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Makes good sense
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Cost to monitor?
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	We have been on our friend's boat in Brenton Cove many times over the last 10 years and can attest to the fact that we have seen moorings that have never been used. The are dropped in every year but don't even have any tackle for pick up. Its unacceptable !! Things like that are the reason that we can't get a mooring....and we live here and pay taxes. Why are those moorings allowed to be dropped at all.....? I'm sure the harbor master knows exactly which ones they are as we have seen the harbor master quickly know if someone is rafted up....and they go past those balls all the time knowing there is never anyone on them.

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Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Even with active racing, cruising, or fishing around southern New England, the threshold should be higher than 1 day, which would lend itself to gamesmanship
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	i think the ability to allow friends/family to use the mooring while away, say on a cruise up to Maine, would be a good use of mooring while away.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Newport Residence pay tremendous taxes and should be afforded a better standing in terms of resident to non resident ratios on any mooring lists
No, but interested	In favor	Positively	This is the wrong issue to be discussed. The correct issue is how much money the city loses by giving these things away
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Should be able to get an occasional work around for a long cruise, etc.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	Vessels should be able to cruise at their leisure for whatever period of time they choose with the confidence that when they return, an empty mooring will be waiting for them. If the owner gives the Harbor Master notice that they will be off mooring for a significant period of time, can that mooring be made available temporarily to the next person on the waiting list?
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	Accommodations should be made if someone's boat is being worked on & the yard can't get it back in the water in 30 days. Or if someone takes a cruise thinking it will only be 2-4 weeks but runs into weather that prohibits them from returning in the 30 days. As long as they were on the mooring to start & let the harbormaster know, I don't think they should lose it.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	It's my opinion that mooring holders who do not use them should lose them. There's lots of people on the waiting list who would use them.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	Our mooring is in Brenton Cove and we see empty moorings all season and wonder who owns them and doesn't use them.
Former holder	In favor	N/A	Residents should only have one mooring.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	Is this from June-October?
Waiting list	Don't care	Favorably	There should be allowances for special circumstances so that it would be okay to miss this for one year, but not two years within a 5 year period (or something like that).

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	Don't care	Negatively	Harbor Master has indicated that this ordinance would be difficult to enforce. Enforcement needs to be uniform for all holding a mooring permit; this should not be administered on a partial basis.
Current holder	Don't care	Negatively	I agree with the intent. I think there needs to be some definition of what are acceptable reasons to be off the mooring. If I cruise to Maine for five weeks do I lose my permit?
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	What if my engine failed in July and I had to haul and repower? What if I wanted to take a 5 week cruise to Maine and back? I would lose my mooring?? Seems unreasonable. Why not a rule that the harbor master has to be informed if you're temporarily not using your mooring and then harbor master can rent it. Solves problem of so many empty moorings all summer. Works in Edgartown MA.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I am in favor of the idea generally, but someone who actually utilizes their boat and goes cruising for extended periods should NOT be penalized. There must be an accompanying process to clear the absence, ensure it's not excessive (i.e. boat on the mooring one week a season isn't acceptable but even if they cruise elsewhere for two straight months, this MUST be allowed.)
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	It puts a lot of discretion in the hands of the Harbormaster. If the Harbormaster does not recognize a hardship or special circumstance (such as an accident or repair taking longer than expected) removal of the permit would be inappropriate and unfair given it may have taken 10-20 years to get the permit. There should be some type of allowance or appeal mechanism.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I'm all for anything that makes the wait shorter but the 30 day requirement could become a problem for out of town permit holders. As an example, if a permit holders has a major mechanical issue taking an extended time to get repaired they risk losing their permit. Another example could be an extended illness.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Spell out process for getting waiver. Perhaps list several acceptable reasons waiver would apply. Make it clear what would be consequences if use does not occur. How many times you are allowed to breach this requirement. Should be more than one time. Perhaps require a penalty for cost of the next years renewal

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Current holder	Don't care	No impact	How would this be monitored? What is the penalty? Hard to say yes or no based on this info. What conditions would Harbor Master accept - what about if broke your leg and can't use the boat for the summer? What is threshold to accept?
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	30 days is too short. Overall time frame is needed - May 1 to October 31, for example. What if someone only has their boat on their mooring in July? Can the harbormaster rent the mooring to transients when the owner isn't on it?
No, but interested	Don't care	No impact	I fear this could be difficult to enforce and create situation where absentee owners leave boats on mooring just to comply. This would cause headache for harbormaster and waterfront community during storm events.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	There is no proposed way to enforce this change. The mooring owner should email the Harbormasters office to tell him when the boat is on the mooring. Also, how long (hours) constitutes a use?
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	This does not address issue of people using Npt mooring as a secondary mooring, which should not be allowed. Should be some provision that the boat doesn't have an alternate mooring/dock.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Permit owners may have legitimate necessity, i.e. sickness, family pressures, employment responsibilities. Nobody knows how often disuse occurs. So Boring owners should receive warning.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	even with changes, the mooring wait list will not be reduce substantially. I propose a mooring Share Program to utilize unused moorings/ reduce waitlist
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Many people go on cruises. Sometimes longer than a month. As long as harbormaster is willing to allow this. It is often the reason people own a boat.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	As long as I could get clearance from the Harbormaster if I ever was off the morning for that long, then this is fine with me.

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Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I honestly don't know.... I feel like I would need to understand the issue better. I need to do more research.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Make sure the season is long enough so if a cruise down east is done there is still time to get the 30 days
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	There need to be enumerated criteria that permit people to be gone- i.e. cruise, refit, accident, etc.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Take care of all the derelict mornings straighten the morning field out
waiting list, Former holder	Don't care	No impact	Need a provision for extended cruising
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	I assume you mean during the season?
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	should be limited to June - August
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I think this is a fair compromise
waiting list, Former holder	Don't care	No impact	not very clear, only in summer?
Waiting list	Don't care	N/A	Once every ten years (or about) right to not use mooring. I.e.... out of country. Boat undergoing major renovation.
Waiting list	Opposed	Favorably	Maybe change to 45 or 60 days with a warning given to the mooring holder that they are in jeopardy of. losing their mooring.
Waiting list	Opposed	Favorably	Too strict. Would prevent people to take an extended cruise, which is the point of owning a cruising boat.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	I think this is unenforceable and a horrible idea. There is no definition of "use". My idea of use may be completely different than somebody else's. Just because a mooring is "unoccupied" (which is what I believe, you're trying to convey) does not mean that a mooring is not being used. A Newport mooring "used" as a destination by a non-resident once or twice a season is still use. Also residents who keep their boats on a dock might want to "use" a mooring if a west or north wind is predicted. Both acceptable "uses" that leave a mooring predominately "unoccupied". The city should not be in the business of determining acceptable uses which may mean leaving a mooring unoccupied for any length of time. Also, how will the city enforce this?

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Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	There is no reason whatsoever to demand from the mooring holder the need have the boat on it at least once in a 30 day period. This is a very childish proposal. I'm an offshore sailor and what happens if I don't come back to my mooring within 30 days but I still need it when I'm back in the harbor. Why would anyone else have the rights to take it away from me. It makes no sense. The city should protect its citizens. If anything take it away from those from out of town but no from Newporters whom pay taxes and live here all year round.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	some people put their boat in later in the season. What if you take your boat out early September? In the recent years I have had my boat on a morning almost the entire season and have been able to use the boat a lot. Previously It would be on a mooring only 2 months due to work circumstances. We never know how our summer schedules will be. Some summers works takes over and others we are able to enjoy the water.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	There is too much gray area as to whether one's situation would be approved by Harbor Master, leaving room for favoritism. There needs to be clarification as to what circumstances would apply... (vessel transported to another harbor for races / vacation, vessel in disrepair, sold vessel and still searching for new purchase, etc.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Boats can very often been laid up for more than 30 days or late in spring commission or cruising. Difficult to enforce, will be applied selectively making personal exceptions (for ex for Courageous, Mariner, Pam and other vessels owned by notables) while the ordinary man will be at the mercy of the Harbormaster
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	What does "once" mean? For 24 hours or for 5 minutes? Who is responsible for confirming attendance? How is it proven? Is that once in any one 30 day period? If so, then that is just once. Or does it mean once in each rolling 30 day period? If so, when do the periods start? Surely not January 1st.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Why. If you get the mooring legitimately, it 's up to you if you want to put your boat there or not. I have a slip at the Newport Yacht Club and will use the mooring for hurricanes only. Why should I have to go thru the rigmarole to satisfy the ordinance?

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Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	How much discretion does the Harbormaster have? During the 35 years I've had a permit, I have sometimes not had my boat ready to launch until late July or early August. Could the Harbormaster pull my permit in such a case?
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	There are many reasons why a boat may be off of a mooring. Some reasons could be: vessel off for repairs owners on a cruise purchasing a new boat This will cause too many problems, DEM registration should be enough.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	We return to Newport in May and leave in November. Over those 5/6 months we might be in Maine for a month and stop off in Nantucket for 2 weeks resulting in our being off the mooring for 6 consecutive weeks.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	If you have a maintenance problem or go on extended cruise dine you pay for the mooring to the city and the maintenance you should have the right. To decide what to do with your mooring not someone else.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Families have periods in their lives that may render them unable to use their vessel. Illness, the birth of new children, physical impairments, etc. I think your policy would be discriminatory at best.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Seems like a lot of policing would be needed to track it - turning the HM into a mooring monitor. Must be a simpler way to accomplish whatever this addresses. 30 yrs. ago the wait was also 12 years....
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	The wording is unreasonable. Boats are vessels of transportation, recreation, and often work. More reasonable would be to be on mooring 15 or 20 days from June 1 through September 30th
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Need the mooring on unpredictable occasions and in case of a storm and I need to vacate my slip at the yacht club. I waited for the mooring and choose to use it as I desire.
No, but interested	Opposed	Negatively	Statement that harbormaster would have power to arbitrarily excuse compliance with this requirement is concerning.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	This will create more work and policing for the Harbor Master the result will be higher fees.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	not fair to older users who may need more time to put in or set up mooring and or repair boat
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	I paid for the tackle 25 years ago. I enjoy using the mooring weekends after leaving my dock

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Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Among several factors, weather conditions impact the frequency of my use of my mooring
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	No free parking available in Newport which prohibits keeping the boat there.
Current holder, Former holder	Opposed	Negatively	Support the concept, but 30 days is arbitrary and unreasonable
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Pass down if child so should spouse or domestic partner.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Would severely impact me
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	This change would negatively effect people who cruise for a month or more in the summer. In addition it would negatively effect those who keep their boats at a dock and have a mooring only for storm purposes. So if you have a hurricane mooring in Brenton's Cove and a boat at a dock in town you'd be forced to motor over to Brenton's Cove and call the harbormaster to verify?!
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	I believe the harbormaster office has enough on their plate in the summer without having to monitor moorings, what if i come in for an hour and lave again, and they are in the middle of a call, i am sure the last thing they would want to hear is my calling them and i do what the requirement says to do... not well thought through
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	I do a fair amount of cruising and every other year would be away for over 30 days. I would suggest that the boat registered to the mooring needed to be on it at least 30 days over the course of the season. Perhaps in week long increments with harbor master notice to make it easier to monitor.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	How are boat repairs, winter storage, or other related situations impacted by the proposed rule. Those who finally obtain a mooring off of the waiting list may have 30 days to purchase a boat before losing the privilege if no boat is in their possession.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	How will this impact the fuel budget and labor budget for the Harbor Master? For this to work they will have to check every mooring every day. Seems silly, I gwest a drone could handle the task.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Former holder	Opposed	No impact	Thirty days is too short! If someone is ill, away on a voyage on the boat, or having work done on the vessel, it is easy to envision that the vessel would not be on the mooring.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	When we are boating out of state we let friends use the mooring. Please take this into account on your 30 day requirement.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	What are the criteria by which Harbormaster would clear a holder not having vessel on mooring for more than 30 days?
Former holder	Opposed	No impact	They did that to my father in 1972 when he sailed Black Pearl to Europe, Oldport Marine stole his mooring..
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Hard to police- if you use your boat every weekend and go cruising does that count towards 30 days????
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Verbiage that would allow a vessel to be off for a number of days for cruising related trips.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Some boaters may go cruising to other ports for periods longer than 30 days.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	This could impact someone cruising for more than a month at a time.
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	*****! This isn't fair to persons that have waited 15 years or more on a list that finally have moorings, and suddenly their boat breaks down , /has to be hauled out, and needs time to be repaired, possibly can't go back in all season onto the mooring- Persons once with a mooring for years, having already waited years for a mooring, should not have to wait again on the list if they wanted to give up their mooring for a year or two. They should be put on a fast list and contacted/ call each year by a certain date , to see if they want a mooring back . Especially local residents faith boats. Thus more moorings would be in use always.”- Better yet, persons with moorings should be able to temporarily sublet their mooring, just like an apartment , thus keeping up the mooring, paying for it, and it would always be in use if the mooring owner had a problem with their boat, or went away during the summer with their boat. With the bad monthly occupancy proposal , if you wanted to go to Nantucket or over extended you trip up the coast, you would loose your mooring, and possibly never have a mooring in our home for the rest of your life. Not fair. Also persons with dock space need to have a storm mooring in emergencies,

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	you could be on a trip with your boat for months! Then you have to come back to Newport? Its crazy. I understand the reason but in reality its nonsense. I'm to old to have to get a permission slip. Is this grade school!
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	There are so many considerations to take into account. Late launch dates, damaged or inoperable boat, seasonal cruising, etc.. that I don't think 30 days is appropriate. I think it should be monitored per season.
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	As long as the city gets their mooring fees, why does it matter if there is a boat on the mooring or not?
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	What if I don't get my boat in the water until late June or early July?
Waiting list	N/A	Favorably	This would likely cause turnover in moorings and therefore get me up the waitlist faster, but I want the flexibility to then use the mooring as I need. At times, my boat could potentially be in another location for more than 30 days due to racing schedule.
Waiting list	N/A	Favorably	30 days doesn't seem reasonable. Perhaps 60? And what if someone takes their boat out for an extended sail to the Caribbean? Not really fair without a documented exception process.
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	I live in Middletown but am considered a non-resident. That is highly restrictive as Newport Harbor is the main harbor serving the island. Over the years, the rules have been changed multiple times always to my disadvantage. Stop changing the rules or grandfather people. When I signed up 18 years ago, the outlook was pretty good for me to get a mooring. Now it looks like I will be dead or very old by the time my number comes up, and the new rule would not let me transfer it to my child (and if my child signs up now at the bottom of the list, their prospects are not good either). I owned a home in Newport for many years and paid large sums in property taxes (not to mention fees to stay on the wait list) but was treated as a non-resident and precluded from this city service. I feel like I have been screwed several times since I signed up on the wait list in good faith. The proposed change is just a new chapter in this bad book.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Window is way too small. What if your boat is damaged, or you go off on an extended cruise. Many of the boats on the moorings are large and expensive, and their owners often want to use them in places other than Newport Harbour. I believe a standard that requires an owner to demonstrate a need every other year recognizes the investment. Also, I believe that there should be a standard provision that treats boats chartered the same as boats owned.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	There has been a written or unwritten rule, I honestly don't know which, that if for one season you don't own a boat, for whatever reason you would not lose your mooring. For example if you had sold one boat and were buying another. Or for one season you had sailed in another area but were coming back. This should remain the rule.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Too strict. Require holders to advise HMaster if no boat, he can rent it. "Lose it" in June of following season if no boat for a full season. People sometimes have boat issues! Too draconian.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	What if I use my boat away from Newport for more that 30 days? I go to Block Island or the Bahamas even and I have to sail back to hold the mooring and then sail back, ridiculous and expensive.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	leaving to the discretion of the harbor master basically means that a boater could never go on a summer cruise without risk of losing their mooring.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	what kind of provision is there for a cruise to Maine for instance? also does this provide for derelict placeholders and their subsequent issues?
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	What about when the boat needs to be repaired? I had this happen to our boat and this change wouldn't be fair.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	There are way too many moorings that have no one on them all year long. Need to police those first. We don't need to spend manpower to enforce a once in 30 day rule. Also, How soon would that start. Often, we don't get our boat onto the mooring until mid June and sometimes we are off the mooring by labor day depending on the season. Would this be enforced from April 1 to Nov 1st? Many boats would not comply

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Does this mean if you are going for a 5-week sail you can lose your mooring, or does this mean you have to allow it to be loaned out during that period? What happens if you plan a 3-week sail and decide to stay out longer?
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Boaters often "cruise" and this ordinance would dictate how long you could go cruising for. I am in complete favor of the city requiring mooring holders to maintain a seaworthy vessel on their moorings.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Will the harbor master give exemptions if, for example, I decide to keep the boat in Maine for a season and then return to my home in Newport?
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Does not allow for boats that need unexpected extensive repairs during the summer
Current holder	N/A	No impact	"unless cleared by the Harbor Master" there is the loop hole.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I disagree 100 percent, I just took over my grandfather's mooring a few years ago. It has been in the family for many generations and you now have stopped the passing down of the moorings through families. My family has always lived in Newport/Middletown area for generations and all you guys care about is giving moorings to rich out of towners. When you should be trying to help the residents of Aquidneck Island that have had the moorings in their families for generations. Now you want to put a 30 day rule. This is absolutely ridiculous. I am a merchant mariner and work on an oil tanker 6 or more months a year, I'm not always home at certain times to put my boat on the mooring right away, sometimes I'm not home at all in the summer. For over 40 years we have had the same mooring. We have had the mooring before we had to start paying for it, so yes this new rule is absolutely absurd.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This change should be made prospectively only for new permit holders. Many current long term permit holders have paid a great deal of money over the years for mooring/inspection fees and gear as a safety measure of last resort in the event of a hurricane. Also, some may require the ability to use the mooring sporadically according to their personal cruising schedules which may be dictated by demands not within their control, such as a job or medical issues. I would respectfully suggest that a better solution maximize use would be to require a permit holder to notify the harbor master of any expected period of non-use greater than, say, 30 days, during which time, the City could rent it out, with, perhaps preference given to residents, or, otherwise, use it as it sees fit.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This requirement as proposed here does not specify non use during off season months. I am assuming that you are referring to boating season months. If our vessel is removed for a period of time for repairs, vacationing elsewhere, etc. this would require approval from the harbor master or there would be a threat of losing our mooring? Seems excessive. What is the process for the threat of losing the mooring? Is this strictly up to the harbor master? Is there a board of appeals, warning system, etc.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Non resident only because live in Jamestown, consider myself life long Newporter. Use it or lose it should have at least one year grace period. Have been seasons where boat sailed to Maine in Fall and cruised in Maine following season. This should continued to be allowed. Also, since no sales tax on boats in RI will be an active market in ownership transfers for the sole purpose of having an owner boat on the mooring in a given season.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	The question arises of what the parameters are for clearance by the Harbormaster: Refit? Out cruising where vessel may be gone more than 30 days? Medical reasons prevent launch for a season? 'Between' vessels?. Etc... Much power for harbormaster. Are all the moorings used by Bareboat Sailing Charters, out of Connecticut, commercial? That's 5 or 6 mooring allotments denied to Newport residents for an out of city/ out of state owner.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	-Not fair to persons that have waited 10-20 years for a mooring, then the boat breaks down and needs to be hauled out for the season or even two. -Not fair if you want to go to Nantucket or up the coast for over 30 days, or wherever. Also (the Harbormasters could be notified and the city could rent it for a time, or the mooring rental owner should be able to sublet it or let a friend stay on it for a month or two
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Because of my summer work load, I may not use it for a period greater than 30 days. I may use it a lot in June, perhaps not as much in July and August and then pick up the use in September. Also what is considered use, if you go out to sit on your boat and to relax does this qualify? How does one fairly monitor and enforce this directive????
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I do not think this is a good idea. If a person has a mooring for the summer season and chooses to take their boat someplace else for over a month they should not be penalized and lose their morning that they may have waited 10 to 15 years to get. I think this is a bad idea.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I think the whole process has been poorly managed. This idea is absurd, are we now going assign the harbormasters the job of checking that every mooring has a vessel on it every thirty days? This might work with parking meters but is a quite impractical.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Monitoring and enforcement will impose an unreasonable administrative burden on the city's limited resources and direct those resources away from otherwise necessary patrols for marine safety, including environmental regulation enforcement.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Serial intermittent use is not in the equation. The Newport Daily News also stated that the vessel on the mooring (during the 30 consecutive days) could not be vacant- for what period? I both work for a living and don't live aboard my boat.
Waiting list, Former holder	N/A	N/A	This could impact people that get their boat in late or take it out early. Additionally a boat may need to be pulled for repairs. After waiting 19 years for a mooring I would like at least a year to locate and purchase the right boat
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This would be unfriendly to cruising sailors who may sail harbor to harbor, e.g., Westport then Cuttyhunk then MV leaving the boat moored in each of these harbors for a week or so before returning home. We try to do this every year.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This eliminates the possibility of taking a longer cruise to Maine or Nova Scotia during the summer months. I would be glad to let the harbor use my mooring while away, but I would like to be able to be away for more than 30 days.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I use my mooring multiple times weekly during the boating season, but rare does she stay on it consecutive days unless there is a storm. The change is too restrictive. Consider 30 days a boating season.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	We use the mooring 5.5 months a year. For example we had a mechanical breakdown last summer and for 6 weeks we were laid up getting repaired. Thus this requirement is problematic for unexpected issues.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I believe if a mooring goes unused for the bulk of the summer, the mooring should be able to be rented at least one year; if it is an annual issue, then the mooring should be forfeited.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I use my boat to go to the Elizabeth Islands or to Maine often for 4 - 6 weeks in the summer ? Maybe the Harbor master could rent my mooring out and reimburse me ? \$\$\$ for all.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Just does not make sense. Is there going to be an appeal process. Sometimes boat repair takes longer than 30 days, like an engine overhaul. What is the list of reasons?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Owners may be between boats, having repairs or on an extended cruise. Showing proof of ownership and valid state registration should be sufficient
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I rent a slip and keep a mooring for storm purposes. If I own a home in Newport and decide not to live in it, should the city take the house.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	All conditions stated as granted by harbor master have the cred that a future harbor master may not be flexible/understanding.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Who is in support of these measures? The meeting made it clear that the community (people who actually live here) are opposed.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	My mooring is used for weekends in Newport and for nightly stops on my way in and out of the bay from dockage in Portsmouth
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This opens the flood gates for derelict vessels securing moorings adding to the overcrowding and negatively impacting safety
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I like to cruise long term and long range in the summer. I use my mooring most of the time in the winter months.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This requirement is ridiculous and unenforceable. Granted moorings should be used but this is too strict.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I seem the changes would all but guarantee that I will never get a mooring after a reasonable wait.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I could imagine having a vessel needing repairs mid season. Losing a mooring over this would be lame.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I have two moorings in RI and alternate between them. This would be unreasonable burden on me.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Make it easier to have the permit holder to designate alternate boats to occupy the mooring.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Just confused over how people who have paid monies for years are suddenly under pressure.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Check the people with one boat who have more then one mooring and some times rent them .
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	1.5 years. this would mean you can't go away. Miss one season and part of another.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No discussion about more dingy docking space? Has been issue for years.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	too many commercial ownership by Old Port and New York Yacht Club.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I believe there are other ways to explore the use of a mooring.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Need to more clearly explain this rule.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	we would enjoy weekends on the mooring
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Can cruise for longer times
Current holder	N/A	N/A	once a season

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Access to the harbor should not become a family heirloom. If there is the "right" to pass the mooring on to a spouse or partner, then it would be ideal to limit the number of moorings that can be allocated to a family. I note several people showing up the list consecutively for a mooring. I think it would be wise to stagger one person's ability to get a mooring. I am pleased to see that nobody has put themselves down for 10 moorings, but even two seem excessive for those further down the waiting list.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	No	It would seem that if a vessel for which a particular mooring is registered was bequeathed to a spouse or domestic partner upon the passing of the original mooring holder that the transfer would be automatic. Perhaps, once to an offspring might be considered.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Although after I'm on a mooring and off the list and would like to pass the mooring on to my children, I feel there is too much demand to hold onto something so limited in supply. My children can apply for their own if they'd like.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	N/A	This seems fair. Children of parents with moorings should be able to apply and obtain their own mooring, which the parent can transfer their vessel to if they desire (as partial owner of said vessel).
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	This should increase turn-over. However, it should go into effect immediately (to avoid the last minute rush), plus it should be tied to the "insured owner" of the "insured designated vessel".
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	Again, proof of ownership/documentation and registration. Uncles, aunts, nephews, friends need to wait their turn. No cutting in the line. No fake ownership papers/registration.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	Don't think you should be able to pass down as it slows the process. Kids family of mooring holders could have signed up when they were 18 like the rest of us
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Would impact me favorably if it reduced the time I need to wait for a city mooring. It is unfair to have hereditary inheritance of a public asset.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	Yes	often properties are transferred to an immediate family member or to a spouse, so the mooring should be able to be transferred as well
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Why allow a transfer at all? How to control / police who is the true owner of a vessel on a city permitted mooring?

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	These people were given the use of a Mooring. Some act like it's a deeded property right, which is wrong.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Immediate family members that are negatively impacted by this change can be added to the waitlist.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	I would imagine that people "might" be selling their permits. This would also be a fair change.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	I need a change like this in order to get a mooring before I head to Davey Jones' Locker
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	consider providing residents with this right - and provided the spouse is a resident.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	It should stay transferable to your kids and or immediate family or passed on.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Yes	Children should simply go onto the waiting list as well.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	I hope I live to see the day I get a city mooring!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No	No reason for nepotism in allotting moorings.
Current holder	In favor	Negatively	Yes	I am paying the city for the right to moor my boat and I own the tackle/buoy. Why should I be allowed to pass the mooring permit on thus creating a legacy when we have 600 people on a waiting list? I feel the waitlist should be served.
Waiting list	In favor	Negatively	Yes	I would mandate every mooring owner to send it all the requirements under the mandate- insurance, boat ownership, city residency etc.
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	Negatively	N/A	Would hope that a surviving spouse/partner would be able to continue boating if desired by not losing the mooring
Current holder	In favor	Negatively	Yes	These are not a legacy or a property ownership. We rent them
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	No	I think there should be NO transfer option whatsoever to anyone. If another individual wants a mooring they should put their name on the list like the others who are waiting. The mooring is NOT personal property. It is not like handing down your auto to a family member or partner. Many are on the wait list and have paid in both time and fees so those people should have higher priority consideration.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
No, but interested	In favor	No impact	N/A	The Waterfront Commission needs to present to the Council its recommendations for long term objectives (5 to 10 years) for the harbor. (details re moorings, docks, dredging, new piers etc). Laying out the details now gives Newporters a chance to comment on how they want to see the harbor develop and the Council to make appropriate changes. Without details unforeseen consequences will surely arise.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	No	This seems to be a reasonable change, this is a city mooring and not family property to be passed down through generations. It would be like children cutting inline in front of those who have been waiting for a mooring for years. If someone wants their son or daughter to have a mooring in the future when they become an adult, they should put their name on the mooring wait list.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Yes	I do not think any one has the "right" to transfer a mooring permit on to any family member. The mooring belongs to the city, not a particular family -- when the current owner dies/gives it up then it returns to the city. The "right to transfer" has been part of the problem.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Yes	If moorings turned over more frequently then everyone gets a chance to use one. Right now I know a man who is close to getting a mooring. The mans wife is also on the list as is both his kids - beginning when they were 10years old. Do away with this,
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Yes	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation. Newport will be non-compliant with the harbor management when 3 to 1 ratio is exceeded.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	No	Transfers are unfair to the people on the list. While I've just joined the list there are people waiting a decade or more. If a future generation family member wants a mooring they should get on the list. seems fair.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Yes	Allow transfers to anyone not a spouse or partner, but charge a transfer fee equal to 75% of the market price. This would allow change and make money for the city.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Yes	If the transferee is a Newport resident and a relative, than I am fine with the transfer. Transfer to non-residents should not be permitted.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	No	It is ridiculous for someone to pass a mooring to a grandchild or something along those lines. One time to a spouse is reasonable.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Yes	"Spouse or domestic partner".....but only if that person is a Newport taxpayer, and also subject to the "use it or lose it"
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Yes	A change to only spouse/partner should be only in the situation of a surviving spouse/partner when permit holder dies
Current holder	In favor	No impact	No	I would prefer to see no transfer, but a year grace per period with limited transfer is fair.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	No	I think the permit should be nontransferable because it is not a property right but a license
Current holder	In favor	No impact	No	Children could be allowed to enter the waiting list at an earlier age.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	No	I would suggest that the only caveat to this would be that in the event of the death of the mooring permit holder, the right would transfer to an immediate (spouse, domestic partner or child - not cousins or grandchildren) family member ONLY if ownership of the vessel owned by the deceased is also transferred to that individual and if that vessel is the only one to use the mooring. After 5 years we could allow a change of vessel. That way we keep locals in the harbor but not allow for fraud.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	N/A	"family" is a designation that is often difficult to enforce, therefore, passing it on to a family member is likely to be abused. I see no problem with families planning for their future access, just like other individuals. If a son/daughter wants a mooring, they can get on the list well in advance of needing one. Or the spouse can secure the mooring and let their children use it.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Yes	I am in favor of the IF AND ONLY IF the primary beneficiaries of this change are Newport residents.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	No	My father owns a mooring and plans on passing it to me, so this affects me negatively, but it is much more equitable to permit residents and those who would use permits to have them, not grant people special dispensation simply because their parents were lucky enough to grab them when they were less popular.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	No	Although this would impact me negatively, as my father currently holds a mooring and plans to pass it to me, this is a correct and necessary step to get moorings into the hands of those who would use them most.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Current holder	In favor	N/A	Yes	Should be eliminated entirely - no passing on at all.
Former holder	In favor	N/A	Yes	Residents should only have one mooring.
Waiting list	Don't care	Favorably	Yes	PERHAPS ALLOW ONE TIME TRANSFER TO ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER IN OLD AGE WHEN NO LONGER EVEN HAS THE BOAT
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Yes	There has been quite a bit of back and forth on this issue so I'm not clear on where some of the nuances of it stand. If moorings granted after Jan 2019 will never be able to be handed down no matter how this plays out, then I am in favor of this change, since I don't have one and it may help move the list. If those granted a mooring after 2019 could still be included in the ability to hand it down, then I'm opposed to it. This is a bit self centered I know, but after being on the waiting list for 20 plus years the thought of handing it down, if I ever did get one, has grown on me quite a bit.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Yes	I'm not sure this is fair for those that do not have a spouse. Also wonder if moorings will be transferred ahead of the deadline to next generation, thus tying them up for another 20+ years. If you believe this rule is appropriate would it be better (fairer and less controversial) to grandfather those with moorings already and apply this rule going forward?
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Yes	I for one miss the vibrant Commercial fishing industry of the 1970's & 80's and would like to see opportunities for residents who are working fishermen to have priority. If a family has a mooring & a son, daughter, niece, nephew with proper licenses wants the mooring I'm in favor of that lateral transfer.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Yes	Sailing is a family past time, so while this would get me in the harbor sooner I'm not sure I support it. How many people use family pass downs?
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Yes	Believe should include children and sailing for many is a family event. Also, discriminated against those that are single / unmarried.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	No	After so many passes I think it should be time for new families to be able to be able to experience the area.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Yes	We would like to pass on the rights to our children as long as they keep the house in the family

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Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Yes	To allow transfer by one generation if no living partner/ spouse no generation skipping
No, but interested	Don't care	No impact	Yes	I think it is fairest measure to open up moorings to those on waitlist.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	No	It should require the family member to be local resident.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	No	As a bachelor I don't give a crap about this.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	No	No Kids, only a spouse so no affect.
Current holder	Don't care	N/A	No	As noted, always been a long wait for a mooring. Empty moorings in the summer used to be rented out by Oldport to transients which is a good idea. The city can share in the proceeds .
Waiting list	Don't care	N/A	Yes	Should allow a transition period post death 1-2 seasons?) so family is not forced off abruptly. Also, the 18-month window will cause a rush of transfers before the window closes.
Waiting list	Opposed	Favorably	No	I think moorings should be able to be passed on to a child even though it means I'll be on the waiting list longer. I think it's an important component of families lives and a good way to foster the marine and boating industry. We shouldn't be making it even harder for young people to get into boating. However, perhaps there should be a maximum age after which the transfer is invalid, say 35. This allows the offspring to get into the mooring list themselves and would prohibit legacy transfers to older adult children who are too disinterested to actually put their name on the list themselves.
No, but interested	Opposed	Favorably	Yes	I feel that it's a good thing for a Newport resident to have the option to pass down one's permit to an immediate family member.
Waiting list	Opposed	Favorably	No	Is access and inheritable right?
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	Being number 3 on the wait list, but not currently a Newport resident (Aquidneck island resident), and given the current method of giving out moorings I have no expectation of ever getting a mooring before I die. However if I did I'd like to be able to transfer to my child. Note here. I have been at the same commercial mooring for 27 years and use the mooring every weekend in the summer.

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Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	many families who are boating families want to leave the mooring to their children since Newport has become too costly for our children to live here but want to participate in boating which they have done all their lives. Many families have the mooring for very long time and paid all fees and did what they are supposed to.. we should be able to leave to children.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	If my child was aware the he was able to receive my mooring he would have put his name on the mooring a long time ago. This is a clear disadvantage and unfair to them, I question if he attempted put his name on the list let say 15 years ago would he, be consider duplicate request, since his father had a mooring and we are talking about the same boat.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	My father has a mooring that he is hoping to pass along to either myself or siblings. It is an important connection to the harbor front for our family. My dad is a widow so he does not have a spouse to pass along his mooring to.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	No	If a person doesn't have a spouse, they should be able to bequeath to a next of kin. If next of kin declines, then mooring would go back in the pool.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	This is the worst suggestion of all. Not everyone has a spouse. Family bonds with children are, I would argue more of a relation.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	would like to see families be able to continue mooring use. Not sure this change would shorten mooring list.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	N/A	this would trigger transfers to a younger family member immediately before implementation
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	The transferee should not be designated as a family member. See my previous comments.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	Unfair to single persons-especially those with children. Discriminatory
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	How often does this happen? If frequently, I might be more in favor.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	Spouse or Domestic partners should be absolutely be transferable.

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Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	let me pass my spot on the point to my sons, after my death, please
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	N/A	I think you are going to run into a lot of opposition to this..
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	More likely I would like to pass it on to a child.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	We have grand children who may be interested
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	My son is a part owner of our family sailboat
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	I might get my permit posthumously!!!!
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	I may have a partner on the boat
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Yes	Opposed to this change.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Yes	CRMC's Harbor Management guidelines specifically state "(m) Develop a mooring allocation policy that limits the transfer of a private mooring permit to an immediate family member (brother, sister, mother, father, spouse, children or grandchildren) to a one time basis and prohibits the mooring permit transferee from subsequently transferring that private mooring permit under any circumstance. All private mooring permits that are forfeited by or not renewed by the transferee shall be made available to individuals on the waiting list." Limiting it to a spouse or "domestic partner" further restricts CRMC language. Why should a widow/widower all of the sudden not be allowed to transfer to a brother, sister, son. and/or daughter? The city will be sued over this. DO NOT do it. Permit holders currently have this right and taking it away summarily will lead to a Constitutional violations. Also, there is no Rhode Island statutory definition for "domestic partner" except for employee benefits. Who qualifies as a domestic partner and how will that be incorporated into the new ordinance? If the intent is to move people off the wait list and onto the water, why not allow to transfers to persons currently on the wait list as well as immediate family? The wait list people would receive a mooring sooner and give up the ability to transfer it later on. By getting rid of the "transferability" mooring will open up more frequently.

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Current holder	Opposed	No impact	No	Newport has a strong sailing community, supported by generations within families of sailors. To cut off the transfer of a mooring to a child (or even a grandchild) is essentially saying, "We raised you as a sailor in Newport, now go move someplace else where you can actually keep a boat.". In a time where it is already difficult to keep younger people in Newport, this change would take a strong incentive to stay, and diminish Newport's legacy of raising some of the world's greatest sailors. Additionally, because a person cannot apply to be on the mooring waiting list until they are 18, it places a potential void between the ages of 18 and 35 where no one in that age group can realistically have a mooring. Is that really the result that the Waterfront Commission and City Council wants?
Former holder	Opposed	No impact	No	No passing in mooring to any family member. Get on the waiting list like everyone else. In my opinion no one should be allowed to own a mooring except the town and Oldport., and commercial mooring co.'s. People in Newport have owned a mooring for 20 years with no boat on it, just because they are friends with the harbor master or town council member or waterfront commission member. It IS BULL!!!.
Former holder	Opposed	No impact	Yes	The legal right for a spouse or partner can change over time. An immediate family member will always be just that. Next thing you know, the mooring will be a property right in a divorce, this is an unfair change to a family that may have waited for a very long time to get a mooring.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Yes	If the son or daughter has a boat that fits and works with the mooring it should be transferable. If not, then it should go back to people on the waiting list
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Yes	Family should stay defined as it is currently. Doesn't affect me since I have a commercial /rental mooring.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	No	Often boats are owned by 2 family members or spouses
Waiting list, Former holder	Opposed	No impact	Yes	I think moorings should be able to pass to children

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Current holder	Opposed	No impact	No	Should be phased in over a longer period of time.
waiting list, Former holder	Opposed	N/A	Yes	I would oppose this in that a mooring for me is a prerequisite to owning a boat and I would like to leave it as a package to my sons as my wife in an advanced age would not want to be responsible for maintenance
Waiting list	Opposed	N/A	Yes	I think this should be enforced for individuals who reside in Newport for less than nine months per year. Residents should be able to pass it on as it stands.
Waiting list	N/A	Favorably	No	You must audit the current mooring holders. There is actually a morning holder in the name of a dog
Current holder	N/A	Favorably	N/A	This is terrible. Direct next of kin is the law of the land.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	N/A	once again I strongly disagree, as I have just got the family mooring passed on to me from my grandfather a few years ago. This mooring has been in my family for over 40 years, way before they started making us pay for it. All of these new rules you are trying to pass are absurd. Newport needs to start caring about these families that have used it year after year and still reside on aquidneck island and less about out of towners. Now hopefully I live a long life because your new rule of only one family pass down went through. I work a dangerous job and say I do pass on young in life my family won't be able to enjoy the mooring anymore. the same mooring my grandfather, my mother, her siblings, my brother and myself have enjoyed for so many years. What about my kids and my nieces. I want them to continue to use it and have the boating experience be part of there lively hood as it was with all my family. My grandmother has just passed and say this rule had gone through, my family would have been out of a mooring that has been in our family for so long just because you want to only have spouse transfers. not all spouse like boats or know how to boat, but usually someone in the immediate family knows and loves it. Thankfully all my family loves boating, but I'm the youngest so he transferred it to me so we can try to keep it in the family the longest. Also I am currently the only one that has a boat now so I can put it on the mooring for the family to use.

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Former holder	N/A	Negatively	Yes	Mooring owners should be grandfathered in and set the new rules to new mooring owners. The rule change should not be carried on the backs of private mooring owners. Commercial mooring are necessary in the harbor for boats to use in the summer however many commercial moorings are owned by private citizens and they need to go by the same rules as private moorings. All companies that own moorings should be Newport based companies. Last year a commercial mooring sold for 65 K . Yes we should be angry because we cannot hand down a mooring and commercial mooring are sold. Boating is a family activity that is why mooring holders want to continue the pass down. Children of boat owners did not put their names on the waiting list at 18 because they planned to get the pass down. Moorings should go to full time residents of Newport first not just tax payers. Has anyone normalized the waiting list to see the real number on the list.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Yes	After 14 years on the waiting list, we have finally been given a mooring and summer 2019 will be our first use. While I do have a spouse, my husband and I are older and have 1 teenage child. It's very disappointing to us to imagine that the mooring could not be passed on at least 1 generation. I also feel it's unfair that non-married mooring holders could not pass on their mooring to another family member, in the absence of a spouse.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Yes	I believe the concept of passing it on to a blood relative or spouse is more consistent with the family concept of our community.
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	N/A	The person who obtains the transfer must be a tax paying resident. Not a family member who lives in Wyoming.
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	Yes	Privilege to pass mooring to immediate family member is a one-time privilege
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Yes	should be able to transfer to any family member - lets not micromanage this
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Yes	Transfer to children should be an alternative.

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Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Yes	Given the length of the waiting list, one's spouse would likely be dead/unable to use the mooring. The "only once" ability to pass on to an immediate family member is therefore good. My 10th great grandfather was Roger Williams, so i wouldn't be filling out this form if there weren't good proposals like yours to keep the harbor turning over actively for the collective benefit of Newport, Aquidneck Island, and the State...
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	No	Many local (island) working class families boat/sail as a family activity. I grew up boating on my uncle's boat and think it would be terrible if his son, my cousin would have to find a way to pay for a dock or be forced to sell the family boat because of this ordinance. Many locals can not afford the cost of docking their boats in Newport. Moorings level the playing field.
Current holder, Waiting list	N/A	No impact	No	I think a direct descendant of a mooring holder, who has been on the wait list for a set number of years (like 5), should be allowed to inherit a parent's permit as long as the boat goes with it for at least 5 years. Rationale: a family boat should be able to stay in the family without causing a financial hardship beyond boat ownership itself.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Yes	If there is a provision for spousal or domestic partner transfer, but no partner or spouse, then there should be one transfer allowed to a child of mooring holder in lieu of partner/spouse, but only one transfer within a family so families don't hold moorings for generations.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	No	People do pass boats on to kids or nephews if they don't have kids. They should be able to keep their mooring for the boat. You should be older than 18 to get on the list to avoid people applying for children.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	No	I think only Newport year round residents should be able to transfer a mooring to a sibling. Non residents should only be able to pass it to a spouse.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Yes	Boating at its best is a family activity. Boats and traditions of the sea are passed from generation to generation. This regular should be preserved.

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Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Yes	A limitation to transfer to an immediate family member, including a sibling, child or grandchild would be reasonable.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	No	It should read to say any immediate family member or domestic spouse, or boat ownership partner.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	No	Both. It should read to be able to transfer to any family member ,spouse, or domestic partner
Current holder	N/A	No impact	No	The proposed change would be unreasonably restrictive
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	See previous note. After 18 years, I am # 5 on the Brenton Cove list. I think I was #3 on the Ida Lewis list before you merged the lists and knocked me down. Things have completely stalled since rules changed concerning non-residents. If my number manages to come up in my lifetime, I will probably be so old it will be practically useless. Being able to pass it onto my spouse is absurd as she is the same age as me. For people who have been on the list for many years and have been harmed by the various rule changes, it would be fair to at least grant the ability to pass the mooring to a child or allow a child to take over one's spot on the wait list. If my son signs up now, he will be starting at the bottom of the list and face the same absurdity I am. Let him take my place on the list now (or later) because with the rule change as proposed, I don't think I will see a mooring in my lifetime.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	Absolutely opposed. And I am a permit holder that doesn't current hold the right to pass it along anyway. This is a very exclusionary and discriminatory ordinance. Single individuals with no spouse or significant other, or widowers, don't have a right to pass this on to an immediate family member? That is unacceptable. Newport residents would value water access and usage, who have a vested interest in the preservation of our bay and harbor should be able to pass their permits on to their immediate family members in the event they don't marry, lose a spouse, etc. I have immediate family members living in Newport that enjoy the mooring with me. It's ridiculous that they would not be able to take over permit rights if I were to pass. Unacceptable.

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	I think this is the worst proposal of them all. Keep in mind that most people are waiting close to 10 or more years to receive their mooring. Some mooring holders do not have a spouse or their spouse predeceases them, therefore they would forfeit their mooring if they did not have a spouse. I am for limiting the transfer of a mooring to a single time. The mooring should be allowed to be transferred to either a spouse if the holder is married, to children, or parents if the mooring holder predeceases their parents and they have no children. I do not think the mooring should not be allowed to be transferred to either friends, uncles and aunt's, or any other individual.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes I am in a family that has passed a mooring down to me, and my goal is to pass to my child when she is old enough. This is something that should be grandfathered in, such that I can pass down once, whether to my kid or grandkids. We will not live in Newport if we lose this mooring. It is why I live here now! I should not be held to only passing to a spouse, as I am now single after decades of marriage, so then I'll have to remarry just to hand down mooring? Let me pass it along as a heritage of sailing to my kids or grandkids.. We are taxpaying Newporters, why kick my bloodline off the mooring so an outsider can get it? Who do you serve?
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	N/A	This is a terrible idea. This is the worst idea of all the proposed changes. People wait close to 10 to 15 years to get there mooring and they should have the right to pass it on to a spouse, a child, or if neither exist maybe pass it back to a parent. I do agree this needs to be some limitations. I do agree with the current rule that it cannot be passed more than once. There should be some limitations but it should not be limited to only a spouse because there are many people that are not married. Finally, the mooring should only pass to a legal adult and not to a child that is under the age of 18 under any circumstances.

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Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	While it may never come to pass I would like one of my two children to return to Newport and make Newport their home. Along with that I would like one of them to carry on the boating (racing and pleasure sailing) with the family boat. Some provision should be made to encourage local residents who have children to maintain a link to the sea. and keep them in Newport. Being able to have a mooring is a substantial encouragement. Maybe this clause should be written which would allow me to transfer my mooring to one of my children so long as she is a Newport resident or owns property in Newport.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	N/A	I grew up in Newport and we had to move as there are no jobs in the area in my husband's line of work. We are renting to military families and we are looking forward to getting back to the 5th ward some day! We are on the waiting list knowing that by the time we can actually be living there our name might just be coming off the wait list. We are hoping to be able to give the house and mooring to our children some day.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	I've been on the wait list for 15 years. My youngest son was born and raised boating with pleasing trips to Newport. 15 Years is a long time but I've kept with it in hopes that I and my wife would have the opportunity to moor at RI's boating capital Newport. We live in Warwick and continue our at the minimum by-weekly sails to Newport. I am hopeful that my time invested can continue within my sailing family.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	N/A	My children have expressed interest in keeping our "family" moorings in the family. Because of our presence in the harbor all of my life, and then theirs, it would seem that we might lose that family tradition with this proposed change. I feel that so long as our family remains active in the Newport Harbor community, we should be allowed to remain there.

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Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	The expected new waiting period for a non-resident will probably exceed 20 years and in my case, I may be getting too old to use the mooring at that point. However, my son will be young enough to make use of it at that time so I oppose this change. I suggest you "Grandfather" those on the list currently and have the change impact only those newly added.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Passing the mooring to my spouse would be meaningless. Passing it on once to my son would mean something. Being able to pass it on for a period of the next few months is meaningless, because in order to have a mooring for my boat, I would have to transfer ownership to my son. I would like to see the ability to pass to a child at least once. time.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I'm not a fan of this at all. If this change is approved I feel it should be grandfathered. The rule should only apply to those who obtain moorings on or after the effect date of change. What problem is this trying to solve? I would like my three children, who all sail, to be able to enjoy the mooring and the sail boat they grew up with.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	Please include children or grandchildren After waiting so long (anticipated) since it may be 20 years before we get a mooring to only have the option to transfer to spouse is unfair. Neither of us is in particularly good health we aren't currently full time residents but are there 3-4 days a week and hope someday to be full time
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	My son has been sailing with us since he was a baby. This is our mooring which I would very much like to pass down to him. He also lives in Newport. This change is a future problem for my family as my son isn't on any wait list for a mooring since we didn't think he needed to be. These changes are not favoring Newport families.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This creates estate planning issues. The need to pass on ownership of an expensive boat to one of several children so they can have a vessel on the mooring is a problem. The length of time to facilitate this transfer should be increased to 5 years as I understand the timeframe that the Commission originally proposed.

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Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	This is nonsense. As long as the receiver is a family member who intends to use the mooring I've no issue . Why punish a family member who is a Newport resident? The problem, again, is poor or no oversight by the city of the moorings / process with too many out of town people who pay to play owing moorings.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I was a Newport resident for 50 years now s non resident but still own home in Newport. I think if ones owns property paying already high taxes one should be allowed to be able to transfer rights to any of my children who own Newport property but non resident and are members of the local yacht club (ILYC).
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	N/A	I am not married. I have never been married. This is marital discrimination Also why should it be shortened? I think long time mooring holders have a right to keep passing it on....there should be something said about long time roots in Newport. The 'new' residents wishes should not supersede.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Passing it down one generation is fair. Especially considering people wait years to get a mooring and don't get it until they're old and have limited time left to use it. It's Totally unfair to those who've waited 10-15 years for a mooring on those terms. They would have to be grandfathered in.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	We decided to buy a home in Newport and wanted to keep our boat there. we waited 12 years to get a mooring and fully intended to hand this down to our son. Changing the regulations is unfair to the people who have already have one. This change should only be for new mooring holders.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I was fortunate to receive a mooring permit through this type of transfer about 6 years ago. Of course I would like the opportunity to offer the mooring to one of my kids, but understand the position of the younger meeting attendees that this should not be a blood right.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	It takes so long to get a mooring and create a family experience and lifestyle. The city wants to take that away when the mooring holder passes away. This is a time when the family should enjoy the mooring and the memories. Not loose the space.

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Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	A. Murphy's comment on this was spot on - not supportive of people with children and no spouse. What is the pass down/turnover process for commercial moorings - why are 1/3+ of the mooring ignored in the "make moorings available" process.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	With the use it or lose it, i think that we should be able to pass this on to children. Our home is here, if our boat is here and the family enjoy the boat and the parents move on, the children should be able to continue their way of life.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Stone Pier storage needs to be for dinghies only. There are many 14-16' boats that are the primary boats of the owner and do not tend to larger vessels. Also, I would gladly pay a seasonal fee for storage on the dock or in the water
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	My mooring has been located in the same approximate position in Brenton Cove of one put down by my grandfather in 1928. Would like my children and grandchildren to have the same opportunity if otherwise complying with Regulations.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	This is so terribly limiting and disrespectful to non-traditional families. What about children or grandchildren? What about single people with kids or widows? Would this not just encourage sham marriages? How do you monitor this?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	My mooring has been in my name for many years. It is an older day sailor that I use frequently. After 29 years, I got divorced in December 2018. So can I pass it to my adult daughter before the law changes? How would I do this?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	N/A	The city should not attempt to take away the right of use of a mooring holder , and no individual who is not a mooring holder should have the authority to make any decisions about the use or restrictions moorings.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Children should be included in the transfer. Children grow up on the boat moored and have enjoyed it just as much. If a parent passes away, the boat may become theirs and should be able to stay on the mooring.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	many mooring holders have literally arranged their lives by buying property and investing in being responsible boaters for a lifetime in Newport, including having their children plan to be so as well.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	Set out specific number of years after transfer to family member, for example ten years. After that the mooring occupants annual fee would increase 15% (or similar) a year for an additional ten years.

“Pass it on” - Change in the previous right to transfer a mooring permit to any immediate family member to the right to transfer only to a spouse or domestic partner

Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	Due to an extremely long wait list I think residents should be able to pass it on to a child or spouse once. People with multiple moorings should be limited to pass on one mooring not multiple.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	The spouse/domestic partner are already sharing rights to the mooring space. This is a nasty little change. It should always be able to stay in the family and pass from generation to generation.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	N/A	The strengths of Rhode Island are its locals and its heritage. As a property owner I can give my property to children. I would like the option to give my mooring to a family member of my choice
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	Yes	Unless the permit holder invests money to improve the thing that is permitted for example a real estate development, the permit holder has no rights to pass on to anyone. This is farce
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	The waiting list won't go away no matter what the city does. None of the changes deal with people like my neighbor who stores a boat on his mooring but never uses it.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Do this for new mooring holders but grandfather in the existing ones as they may have planned on it, Or make the time they have to do this something like 4 years
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Consider grandfathering existing mooring holders and implementing on all new permits. Extend period for implementation to 3 years for existing permit holders.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	No	This is COMPLETELY unfair. How dare you even propose this?? It is so insensitive. People are widowed but may have a child. this is a ridiculous proposal.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Should make a distinction here between lottery-granted and commercial moorings. I have the latter, a property, and should be able to pass it on.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I'm a recent widower, I have a large sailing family and for decades have been telling that one of my children will be taking over the mooring.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	I have been on the mooring list for 12 years with no end in sight. I would like to pass this down to my boating children when they are older.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Grandfather existing Newport resident mooring owners. Also consider it took well over a generation from application to mooring realization!

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	If you do this, there should be an exception to transfer it to a family member, such as a child, if the recipient is a Newport resident.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	The mooring permit is a quality of life issue for the holders. Our family has been excellent keepers of this privilege for many decades.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	My wife has no interest in our mooring but my son and daughter both have strong interests in boating and they both live here in Newport.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	I love the idea of a family mooring. I have friends that have a mooring for generations. Don't take this away from loyal LOCAL families
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	No one should be able to pass it on. That ought to speed up the process of getting a mooring, and also stop all the special lobbying!
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	Family members have the right to put their names on the waiting list. Everyone needs to "earn" the right to enjoy a mooring.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I have kept my boat Florida during the summer on occasion. If this regulation were enacted, I would have lost my mooring.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Keep it the same, You are talking about Newport family's that would be utilizing the mooring as it relates to residents
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Please let me know when you are going to implement this so I can put the mooring in my son's name before the deadline.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	N/A	I'm looking forward to handing down my mooring to my children in remembrance of our days sailing Narraganset bay and NE
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This change would discourage Newport families who would like to continue the boating tradition within the family.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This subject is ripe for legal contestation based on individual's family circumstances. Widowers, divorcees etc.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Strongly opposed and, as evidenced from the meeting, this change has virtually no support from the community.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Passing it to Newport resident child should be allowed regardless. Not sure about if not a Newport resident.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	My spouse is deceased. Should be able to transfer to children as they are the ones who will inherit the boat.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	It is such a long wait to get a mooring you should be able to pass it to your children if they are interested

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	RI values it's locals and it's heritage. What about grandfathering the existing and changing going forward
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	My children have enjoyed the mooring their entire lives. I would hate to see them loose this enjoyment.
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	Yes	I would like to see it passed on to family member who lives in Newport, is over 18 and has a boat on it.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Sons and daughters want to maintain boat and mooring. We waited a very long time to get the mooring.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	For those of us without a partner/spouse should have same right to pass on to a primary family member
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Do not support this. It discriminates against single people. Would support keeping original wording.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	When I pass on My sons will own my boat so I'd like them to continue to have access to my mooring
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I should have the right to transfer my mooring to my children, as it is their mooring too...!
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	There should be a one time only provision to pass the mooring permit on to the owners child
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	I got my mooring from my Dad and was able to keep the boat and mooring in the family.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	must be able to pass to younger family members and should not be limited to one time

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Children	Response
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This proposal discriminates against people who are single, divorced, or widowed.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	This should be left alone. This is an attack on the family. Leave it alone.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Yes	I think that one should be able to pass along once to child or spouse
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I am single and I feel that this very discriminatory towards me.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Does this take into consideration the moorings on the Ocean Drive?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Too strict. Moorings should be transferable to family members.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I have planned for 20 years or so to pass my mooring to my son
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This is a terrible suggestion if you are widowed as I am.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	I would like to be able to pass my mooring on to my son.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	This should apply to non-residents of Newport only
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Should grandfather in current mooring holders
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Yes	Should be able to transfer to children
Current holder	N/A	N/A	No	I don't have a spouse.

“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit

Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	This is the issue that's at the root of everything. Its the very reason why there's an "imbalance on the water", its the only explanation, "residents" that were granted a mooring and then moved and subsequently were counted as "non-residents". I think its a little unfortunate that in all the meetings, and heated debate, this is not clearly explained especially to current Newport residents. Non-residents didn't cause the imbalance, residents did.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	A longtime resident, taxpayer since 1983 should not have to wait a lifetime to get a permit. We pay high taxes in this town. Why should someone who pays 0 have this benefit? This is unjust. Why should a longtime holder make a profit, while residents are waiting in line for years.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If persons leaving Newport must then register as a new Non-Resident and then join the wait list as a new Non-Resident ...I'd be all for it. This and having to place their boat on the mooring would be a better utilization of the moorings.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If someone has a Newport resident mooring they should ALWAYS be a Newport resident, full time or seasonal. People should not be allowed to receive a Newport resident mooring and then no longer be Newport residents.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Where other aspects of this city shuns the local families for the quick dollar of the tourism influx, if the harbor has a chance to make things just a little more in favor of locals I'm in favor.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Perhaps take into consideration time already a resident of Newport? I only got on the list last year but have lived here for almost 5 years.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	It seems reasonable to allow people who move to Middletown to keep their moorings. Essentially Newport Harbor will still be their home port.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Should be a tiered system! 1. Newport residents 2. Residents of Rhode Island 3. Everyone else *Residents of RI pay state, local taxes!!!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If you don't live here you should not be allowed to own a mooring. You should have to use transient moorings or private dockage.
No, but interested	In favor	Favorably	My views on residency are draconian and might exclude too many part time residents, but this is a step in the right direction.

“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit

Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I am a big fan of keeping city resources primarily for city residents. I own a home and reside full time in Newport.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Residents, either weekend or full time, should take priority. Mooring permit holders should be invested in Newport.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	Newport residents should have first choice, their tax dollars fund the operation of the harbor and salaries.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	There is a major issue with people gaming the system- Those people were mostly not at the meeting.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Once again, would impact me favorably if it reduced the time I need to wait for a city mooring.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	How to reliably ensure the "Newport Residency" - unless Federal Tax Returns are used for proof.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I am in favor of keeping City resources primarily for City residents.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Non-residents should all be treated in a similar fashion.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	2 or 3 years might be better for unplanned changes
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I am in favor but is this easy to monitor?
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Newport residents should come first!
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Per the two "considerations " above: the first one is addressed by the proposed change and I support it. The second consideration stated can honestly happen and is unfair to loose the permit, especially if that person had been a resident for a large number of years before getting a permit as a resident and now having to move and become a non-resident and loose the permit. Could both be addressed with as example: "when receiving a mooring as a resident, you have to maintain at least ten years of residency status either before, after or a combination of both, from the date of getting a permit to not forfeit the permit."

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Perhaps there should only be the option to transfer to non resident if the ratio permits it! So no transfers for the immediate future -possible more the 5 years but possibly less -but in each case they can only keep the mooring if there is room in the non resident quota for them to become a nonresident permit holder
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I think it should be forever, but with these provisions: 1) After 5 years, you can be a non-resident temporarily (say 3 of any 6 years), 2) Any resident who joins the military *after* they went on the wait list or got the permit should be treated as local while they are on active duty orders,
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Review on case by case basis. Need more data on how often this occurs to have better insight. Perhaps putting strong guidelines in place. If a 'resident' has to sell and change residency then after (X) years, mooring has to be given up....
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	You should have to verify residency every year. Also the list should be numbered, and it should be clear who is claiming residency and who isn't. It will self police itself if it is transparent.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	1. I think this is our community and 3:1 ratio is too low for newporters. Should be more like 5:1 , and those non newporters should be RI or live within a certain mile radius of Newport.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	It's Newport Harbor and preference should be given to those that live and pay taxes here. It would help to give more of a sense of ownership and community for the harbor in general
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I would be in favor of shortening the period from 5 to 1 year, plus providing the harbor master with discretionary privileges and the right to decide on a case by case basis -
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I think they should surrender if at any time they lose residency. Define residence does a second home count? I think it should not.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I actually do not understand why non-residents should be able to keep mooring. (Maybe Acquidneck Island should be exempt)
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Seems wrong for someone to get a mooring as a resident (for a short time) and keep the resident mooring status forever.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	In favor	No impact	What if a permit holder moves out of Newport and then returns within the proposed 5 year limit?
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I don't see why this rule would pertain to residents after the first year of non-residency
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I don't have a mooring now but feel that it should really be for Newport residents
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Am not opposed to this. This is a reasonable requirement.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Seems useful on first review
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Reduce from 5 to 3 years.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Many considerations...
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	This is a must. We can't keep letting people game the system.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Does it count if I reside in a Newport cemetery?
No, but interested	In favor	Positively	If they move they loose the mooring. Simple.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	I do think some consideration has to be made as to when the resident, or non-resident 'property owner' went onto the waiting list for a mooring.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	Agree to this provision but oppose the punitive 8:1 rule. Non-residents who have boats in Newport are great for the economy.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	I think there should be a 1 Year grace period.
Waiting list	Don't care	Favorably	People that can afford a second home in Newport would be unaffected, thereby allowing some to "buy" their residency as opposed to "live" their residency. I think the point of the 3:1 rule is for people that live year round in Newport to be given expedited "home town" consideration, right? Just have people produce their W2 or tax address for every year after getting a "Local" mooring.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	My guess is that one of the reasons so many of the moorings are held by non-residents is that many folks LEAVE Newport, though they may stay in Newport County. There are countless examples of families who bail out of Newport once their kids are school age (e.g. for a more suburban setting in which to raise their kids, perceptions that Newport schools are not as good as Middletown and Portsmouth, etc). You can't handcuff these families into staying in Newport just for the mooring. Let them keep their mooring, but charge them the non-resident fee. And RAISE the non-resident fee !!
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	There may be necessary reasons for a person to have to move, but if he is still in the area, he would probably still keep his boat where it is. I have been a Newport resident for more that 50 years, but recently downsized and moved to Middletown. I still use my mooring every summer.
Former holder	Don't care	No impact	Give moorings to full time residents. Live here 6 months and a day pay state. Again why do these rule only apply to private mooring holders. What about commercial mooring holders who live out of State.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Though there should be some way to appeal. Maybe military people get a pass. The real goal is to have the mooring used. Maybe do it until you get 3:1 which I think you are very close to.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	I think the 30 day use it or lose it does not promote use of a family vessel for cruising. Great mistake and makes the City look petty and unfriendly. Sort of like the parking issue!
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I don't see how this could be enforced. Would the harbor master (and staff) have the bandwidth to confirm residency each and every year for hundreds of moorings?
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	It makes sense that if the resident wait is shorter, you shouldn't be able to become a non-resident immediately after collecting without repercussions.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	IF A NON RESIDENT -ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAY A NON RESIDENT; BUT YES IF A RESIDENT THEN STAY A RESIDENT OR FORFI]EIT THE MOORING BACK TO THE POOL.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	The city should use the newer type of moorings that screw in the bottom go make more efficient use of the existing mooring field.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	This seems a bit of a small issue - how many people actually don't move till they get a mooring permit - seems silly
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Maybe give the family two years to regain Newport residency so this would take care of emergency situations,
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	again putting another burden on our city employees, tracking takes away from more important business
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Again a new rule for a new permit holder. They are accepting the permit on that basis.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	This might be a good idea but I think the timeframe is to long. Perhaps 24 to 36 mo.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Nice idea but life doesn't always allow for such nice neat arrangements...
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	grandfather and change going forward
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	I really think it is unfair that Newport property owners get absolutely NO benefit for moorings. We own a house in Newport and pay Newport taxes. However, due to our jobs, we are only able to use the house/live in Newport during the summer months (I was born and raised in Newport). My dream is to be able to live back in Newport year round someday, but the chance of me moving up the mooring waitlist as a non-resident is going to take forever under the rules now. It seems that there should be SOME benefit to paying Newport property taxes and being a Newport homeowner! Does NOT seem fair to be lumped in with everyone else. Maybe another ratio needs to be created for property owning, non-residents.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	I joined the list as a Middletown resident before the most recent set of changes were created. It is a shame that the town of Newport does not recognize being a member of the local community (Jamestown, Middletown) as being inclusive as a "resident."
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	First: need a grandfather clause as I was awarded a resident mooring in August and moved to Portsmouth in December after purchasing all mooring gear, etc. Second: punishes those who NEED to change while going after fraudsters.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Extend beyond 14 days the period a non-commercial mooring permit holder can loan his mooring. This would open current mooring use to more local and visiting vessels.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	We pay our taxes the same as full time residents. I feel we have a right to a mooring at the current ratio of resident to non-resident
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	This divide between residents and non-residents is akin to how the Breakers Visitor Center divided the town. This arbitrary 3:1 ratio makes no sense when the seasonal residents probably pay a majority of the residential property taxes and support the local non-profits. The nature of Newport is that it is a summer town. My legal residence is not in RI, but I spend almost 6 months in Newport and spend 3/4 of my disposable income there. The root of this problem is not that people are making large financial decisions such as selling their home or not based on their position on a mooring list. It's the nature of the 3:1 allocation that encourages "waiting it out" if you happen to be near the top of the list. The scarcity of moorings will not be fixed with the 5 year residence penalty.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	This is completely unconstitutional (both federal and state) and will surely be overturned. DO NOT do this. It is effectively a punishment for moving, i.e. freedom of movement. It's also completely arbitrary. Why five years? It might work if ONLY Newport residents were allowed to have moorings and 100% of the moorings were occupied by residents. However, this is not the case and will never be the case. Aside from being completely illegal, it makes 0 sense. The city is effectively rewarding non-residents who may not have ever paid a dime to the city (mooring fees excluded) in that they can move any where they please. Yet, if a long-time resident is forced to move after FINALLY receiving a mooring, they're punished. That's completely stupid.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Concerning the last change(C:) would that person be able to keep the mooring at the higher rate, if they moved to say Middletown? If I bought a boat after waiting for a mooring and then moved to Middletown after 4 years because I had another child, and couldn't find a house that met my needs in Newport or preferred the Middletown school system, I wouldn't be too happy with Newport. I believe that you have to claim Newport as your primary residence to get the Newport rate. I can't believe this happens too often so why complicate the issue.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	If a Newport resident has been on the waiting list for years and finally gets a permit. they've paid their dues. If they move out of town (obviously nearby though) they should pay the non-resident rate. Conversely if a non-resident who has a permit moves to Newport, they should pay the resident rate.

“Get a mooring - stay in Newport” - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit

Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	People's situations do change unexpectedly so I'm not sure this is the best policy. If the wait list was shorter then people might be more inclined to surrender their mooring and re-apply when they move back. Increasing the cost of moorings might be a more effective way to increase turnover.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	I know that I am currently not planning on moving out of Newport but if unplanned changes occur that force me to temporarily change my residency I would not want to loose a mooring I waited a long time for knowing I will definitely be returning to my home.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	mooring holders who own property in Newport but do are not considered "residents" based on the current definition are already unfairly treated. pls fix that and the % of "residents" will increase a lot.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Since it takes approximately 10 years to get a resident mooring, to require 5 yr. residency seems excessive. I like the concept, perhaps 2-3 yr requirement.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Un anticipated family or job circumstances could require someone to move. Sometimes temporarily. 5 seems hares. How about 3.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	I live in Middletown so this would not effect me. I think I'd be upset if I finally got a mooring and had to move.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Five years is a long time if you have a kid and career to stay put.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	This time period is too long. 2-3 years would be more reasonable.
Waiting list	Opposed	N/A	This is punitive, short sighted, unrealistic. Shall I continue? Assumes I am willing to let such rule control where I live. Nonsense. Perhaps double (or triple) annual fee assessment if relocation occurs within 5 years.
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	too stringent-people have to get jobs elsewhere but many come back for the summer-would not meet definition of resident. too Draconian
Waiting list	N/A	Favorably	2 or 3 years would be more fair. It should be for immediate usage. 5 years is a long time and no one can plan that far ahead.
Current holder	N/A	Favorably	Lives and conditions change.. If a Mooring holder moves outside of Newport they should pay the higher non resident fee.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	This is another proposal that is completely unfair. I have lived in Newport for close to 25 years but at some point my life may move to in joining town. If I was to do so after obtaining my mooring and it was within five years then I would lose the right to keep it. I think this is unfair because the waiting period is quite long and someone should not be penalized for moving to an adjoining town. Maybe there should be some limitation that one cannot move out of state or maybe Newport County. I am certainly for residents of Newport to get a priority over non-residents from obtaining the mooring initially. Once someone gets a mooring after the long waiting period they should not lose it simply because they move to a different jurisdiction.
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	This change could adversely affect the family's who desire to move to Middletown, Portsmouth or Jamestown for public schooling opportunities for their children, who then plan to move back to Newport after the schooling is done. I know of 7 on the mooring waiting list who are in this category. They may be forced to have a fuel household, with residency in one town for one spouse and the other for the other spouse.
Waiting list	N/A	Negatively	This does not appear to have been well thought out.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	I think this is ridiculous.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Too elitist.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	With a wait list of close to 20 years, I doubt there are a lot of people who are planning their residency around the mooring situation. The criteria should be either full time residency in Newport (with proof of a lease) or ownership of Newport property (after all those people are tax payers of the city) and after that it should based on use of the mooring. If someone has to change their residency for some reason (and we need to recognize that Newport is a very transient place), but still maintains ties with a house and can return to use the mooring regularly each summer, then I don't think that should be a problem.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	The mooring holder should get to keep the mooring even if they later become a non-resident. There are many reasons why someone might need to move. It seems unlikely that a person would pre-plan a change in residency to move soon after a mooring permit is received.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Former holder	N/A	No impact	I would change it to 3 years and instead of losing the permit, that a much larger non residency fee is charged. If the resident continues to be a non resident after an additional three years or something similar, THEN they would have to forfeit the permit.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation. Newport will be non-compliant with the harbor management when 3 to 1 ratio is exceeded.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	I lived in Newport for 10 years before I moved to Middletown to live in an old family home. I was on the wait list for the entire 10 years I lived in the city. Maybe moorings shouldn't be offered at all to people who live off Aquidneck Island.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	A retired resident who wants to move "legal residence" to a less expensive state should not be penalized. Some of these people will continue to own property in Newport, pay taxes and be actively involved in local boating activity.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	All for it. People wait for their mooring and once they get it, leave town and only do the summer routine. A resident should be taxpaying local and part of the year round community. Fake residents are not needed or wanted.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Consider also that many who have to leave Newport for work, health or other personal reasons often have the intention of returning and once again becoming full time residents when circumstances allow.
No, but interested	N/A	No impact	Don't agree. If you have a permit, you have agreed to put a boat on it that will be used according to the rules. If you become a non resident, so be it. List them as a non resident.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	This issue does not effect me however, I think it is hard to pre determine what changes happen in peoples lives. I'd hate to see someone punished due to hardship or otherwise.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Why? They were a resident. Got a mooring which they had to wait a long time, and then move to Middletown to independent living and lose their mooring? Not fair.

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Waiting list	N/A	No impact	What problem is this trying to fix? Do you really think someone is trying to game the system when it takes 20 years to get a public mooring?
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Again - why micro manage this - i was a Newport resident - and because of my mooring i am in Newport a lot and spend a lot of money
Current holder	N/A	No impact	I cannot imagine that someone would do such pre planning and in any case, if someone unexpectedly changes jobs etc
Current holder	N/A	No impact	It would have no impact on me until I'm required to move from Newport for one of many reasons that might arise.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Life happens and sometimes people need to move. That doesn't mean they aren't committed to sailing in Newport.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	CRMC guidelines aside, as long as the mooring is used, how does this impact other users or waiting listers?
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	If someone has waited years and finally gets a ball and must move, I think they should be able to keep it.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Life changes are unavoidable. Newport Harbor is an asset of the island and the state, not just the town
Current holder	N/A	No impact	People are not going to move based on moorings. Lives and careers change. This is just a bad idea.
Former holder	N/A	No impact	Yes. Knock of the favoritism, The mooring issue is as corrupt as the rest if R I .
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	As a self-described Newporter I do feel like we should get first dibs at most things in town.... and in a way maybe I am becoming an out-of-towner but I love Newport, am there many times per year, join many organizations and donate to the community. As a said in a previous answer, I grew up in Newport, left when after college to get a job, and am looking forward to moving back to the house we now rent to military. We are on the waitlist now so that by the time we are able to live there hopefully we will have a mooring.... and then give it to our kids.... like Gooseberry!!
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	This is also extremely unfair. Someone waits for 15-20 years to get a mooring, and then say, their job changes, they have to move to care for a family member, etc....they move to Middletown or to neighboring Massachusetts.....also: RIDICULOUS. They lived in Newport for the # of years it took them to get the mooring, isn't that enough?? They paid Newport taxes all those years!!!! And you're going to punish them? NOT RIGHT.

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Current holder	N/A	N/A	It is not clear how this would affect someone who is a property owner, pays Newport property taxes but are not considered Newport residents. As a non -resident, I waited for 15 years to receive my mooring. We spend much of our time, year round, in Newport, consider ourselves great community members and support the local businesses in Newport, charities, as well as the city itself with our taxes.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Right now I live in Newport but I'm looking for a new job that may take me elsewhere in NE. Why should I lose my mooring which I waited 17 years to get? I have been a resident for 20 years paid taxes and paid a large sum to stay on the list. If I get a better job offer and move I lose my mooring? Totally unfair and I would sue the city if it happened.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I am a Middletown resident and not going anywhere, but as noted before, Newport Harbor is the main harbor supporting Aquidneck Island. Excluding Middletown residents is highly prejudicial. If Newport ever seeks access to Middletown resources for its residents (such as schools), I will go to town counsel and oppose any such measure.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	My problem is how they define resident. We own a home in Newport, and pay all Newport City taxes. Our official residence is in another state, and we do not have RI drivers licenses. I believe we should be treated as residents for the purpose of allocating and keeping moorings. The standard should be property ownership.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Personally i don't think there should be any restriction for resident vs. non resident. We all pay taxes and the only reason we haven't become residents and still reside in MA is for caregiving purposes first for our parents. Now for grandchildren.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	This will only temporarily affect the balance so it is mostly pointless. My plan is to summer in Newport at the home that I restored/maintain/own. Will that count as residency?. Nobody uses their moorings in the winter....

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Current holder	N/A	N/A	How come you will not let our yacht club rent out our mooring when not being used by the owners. This would allow more boaters to use a moorings in the harbor. Club could provide launch service and use of club facilities
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Too strict. I was born and raised in Newport. My father got our mooring 50 years ago. I now have to work in CT but I am in Newport every weekend on my boat. The residency requirement is unnecessary and unfair.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I own property in Newport (Point area) and spend 6 months of the year in Newport during the mooring season. I pay Newport taxes. The definition of Resident is unfair. I should be considered a resident on list.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I am a non-resident permit holder (living in Middletown), however I base my yachting activity in Newport, support local marine businesses there, and am a member of two Newport yacht clubs.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	There are many Newport families who may not be able to afford to stay living in Newport, yet Connecticut based residencies who own property here would have more of a right to a mooring?
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I hate your favoriting residents. I own three properties in Newport & am a taxpayer, but it is not my permanent address. This is totally unfair & rude.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I would be concerned with this change as people's lives change in 5 years. I.e. military relocation, job change etc
Current holder	N/A	N/A	The Newport clause should be changed to Newport county. Not everyone can afford to live in Newport.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Things change. Loosing the mooring in this case is not right.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	One should live in Newport and be a taxpayer forever

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Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	My boat is 19 feet long, I have been waiting 15 years for my turn. Out of state permit holders should be banned. Residents first, Rhode Islanders next, property owners of Newport should be given priority over non tax payers.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Should be some provision to also prohibit 'derelict' boats from becoming 'mooring place holders'. I know of at least one sailboat that's parked on an inner harbor mooring all summer every year and doesn't even have a rudder
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I received a letter indicating that residence would be given a preference because the list was "out of balance" - How come there was not investigation into how the list got "out of balance"
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	This is definitely a fair change, since there is no need to keep a small boat, which is easily trailered, or kept at a dingy dock, on a mooring.
Current holder	In favor	Favorably	You might want to let people hold a mooring for one year with just a dinghy if they are in the process of looking for a new larger boat.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Given space limitations, moorings should be made available for vessels that actually require them.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Absolutely, moorings need to be used for proper boats- I would suggest even bigger than this!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Sensible. Maybe the length should even be longer than 14'.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	This may impact me favorably. I a not aware of the "abusers"
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I've seen 13' Center Console boats on moorings. Fair change.
No, but interested	In favor	Favorably	This should be in line with RI boat registration policy.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Minimum should be above 20', in my opinion.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	But 14 feet is too small! Should be 20'!!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I think 14 feet is too short. But ok.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Herreshoff 12 1/2 should be allowed
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	MAK A LOT OF SENSE
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	This makes sense

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Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	Negatively	With a minimum 14ft loa requirement for a Mooring and the restriction of using dinghy docks by boats under 14ft that are not servicing larger boats on moorings, the city should/must address how this isn't reducing the "public trust access to all" doctrine. I feel this could be fairly satisfied if the city established in protected and even shallower areas where ever possible, a number of small boat (14ft max loa) mooring areas for permits AND/OR city docks for this group used like a dinghy dock with bow tie up, spots rent by the city. At least worthy of review.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	The mooring layout needs to be revised. This was done in Marblehead so that the harbor could use the mooring field more efficiently. Vessels moorings were grouped together by size to use the mooring area more efficiently. I believe a 20% increase in moorings was achieved. With a greater number of moorings the turnover will increase by a similar percentage which will help reduce the wait list. It is time to do this.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	small/no draft boats have many options that deep keels do not. Putting a skiff on a mooring and letting it grow a garden on the bottom defeats the purpose and is unsightly, and unprofitable for the town. Larger boat with more people turning over create more revenues. A mooring field zone similar to Block, Edgartown, or Nantucket would help Newport revenues significantly.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I would actually increase the min. length requirement to 20', or with the permission of the HM (i.e. in the case of a 17' Typhoon which is not conducive to launching and hauling each use, or an owner who has an 18' powerboat but no ability to haul and launch with each use).
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	This makes sense, although the ordinance should have set specific criteria for overall length and weight and not be open to interpretation by the harbor master. Open to interpretation allows for the possibility of nepotism that could create animosity.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Fourteen feet seems reasonable. I would be opposed to making the requirement any larger size. Again the Harbormaster's discretion to make allowances is important to making this a fair requirement.
No, but interested	In favor	No impact	the size limit - 14'- should be higher as there is no reason a 14' boat should need a mooring in Newport Harbor, unless new mooring locations were made available in shallow areas in the harbor

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Current holder	In favor	No impact	There does need to be a harbor master exemption but easily trailerable boats in the 14-foot range should be kept on a trailer. Fort Adams should open up shore storage even beyond Sail Newport.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	14 ' is pretty small and is probably over a period of time is an abuse of the system. I think the allowance of someone between boats to have window of vacancy should be adequate.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	This rule makes sense for residents. For non-residents, the min. length should be that of livable cruising vessel with respective holding tank requirements, , e.g. 32 feet.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	You might do a keel condition as those are less movable. GTR than 20 if no keel. Boats less than 20 without a keel are easily trailed.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Unfortunate choice of Herreshoff 12.5 as everyone knows they are 16' LOA. Standard should be "easily transportable", not length.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	to maintain a mooring one must have a valid vessel registered to the mooring. Not a kayak, paddle board, or small skiff.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	14' is a highly reasonable size minimum. This size is easily trailed or can be put on the public dinghy dock.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	City should consider additional small boat racks at eastern end of King's Park as well as near Stone pier
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I thought they had to be a minimum of 16" now? 14" is the length of half the "dinghies" at stone pier-
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Please note: our Herreshoff 12.5 is in fact 15 feet LOA and needs a mooring due to its full fixed keel
Current holder, Waiting list	In favor	No impact	14' is too small unless the boat can clearly not be towed and trailer-launched with a class-I hitch.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	I am in favor of this change but not sure if 14' is the right length. Maybe 12' would suffice.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Good idea, but don't penalize the guy with the 14 ft skiff at the pier in the process.

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Current holder	In favor	No impact	Maybe a minimum % of mooring capacity so 50 ft max would need at least 25ft boat
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Why does the city feel they always have to change the existing regulations.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	It is reasonable to empower the harbor master to address appropriateness
Current holder	In favor	No impact	This addresses a scam of keeping a mooring for a relative cheap vessel.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Makes sense to keep 420s on the hard at Sail Newport, for example.
No, but interested	In favor	No impact	No brainer. But still doesn't address derelict placeholder boats.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Displacement should be a factor for considering this
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Seems reasonable
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Sensible rule
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Excellent!
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	There are some nice small boats in harbor. If they are basically "placeholders" then use might be a more useful criteria. I'm on my uncles' mooring a lot over the past 10 years and there is a small (~14 foot) sailboat that never leaves its mooring, and never even has its sails put on. But its there every year.
No, but interested	In favor	Positively	If we want to encourage sailing we should favor smaller boats owned by residents and charge larger boat non resident owners more
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	I am absolutely behind this measure. Once again, in favor of all rule changes that stop the gaming of our system and our harbor.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	The harbor master should no influence or favor one or the other. The rights to have a mooring should be equal to all big or small and the holder should be allowed to put whatever size boat he/she wants and make use of that mooring as pleases.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	This is an excellent idea.
Waiting list	In favor	N/A	Smart

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Waiting list, Former holder	Don't care	Favorably	Some small boats like maybe a beetle cat are transportable but better on a mooring. A broken down dinghy aka mooring keeper is usually obvious
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Limit area in mooring fields where small bot moorings are allowed thus effectively prohibiting a mooring reservation for a larger boat since it could not be moored there anyway. Require harbormaster to spell out any waivers in written publicly accessible record.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation. Newport will be non-compliant with the harbor management when 3 to 1 ratio is exceeded.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	fine with this, NOT ok with changing dinghy length to 12 feet. (13 ft Boston whaler is a very common tender for example, which would be banned from stone pier)
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	This may be a temporary situation while searching to purchase a larger boat. Should be discussed with harbor master office on a case by case basis.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	If there is a vessel ownership requirement this is reasonable, there is no need for a mooring for a man foot dinghy
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Again set of rules need to be publish, appeal process, having the Harbor Master being judge and jury is not good.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	My problem is big rental boats 48' long with people who don't know how to sail and have giant parties next to me.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I am not opposed to this change but I think the limit should be limited to a boat that is 10 feet or smaller.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	As long as it does not impact those that can actually use their mooring with a small boat.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	People who have permits already, i.e. Smaller boats should be exempt.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Does this also affect the dinghy racks?

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Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Would this only effect "NEW" mooring permits? How are you determining length? Would easily transportable boats be provided with a storage location at a comparable cost to a mooring, which is only a couple hundred dollars a year?
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	I believe that one should not lose one's right to a mooring if Newport residency is maintained and one downsizes one's vessel. This would apply within reason at the discretion of the Harbor Master.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	I do have 2 boats, a 38ft power boat and a 13ft BettleCat that I occasionally could put on mooring. Otherwise I would need a dock space as rigging boat and launching is not easy for one person.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	This seems totally unfair to those families or individuals who have smaller sail boats.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	This is economic discrimination which is not an issue with any of the other proposed changes. Strongly opposed. Any boats is 'big enough to need it' if you do not have ready access to a large vehicle and trailer
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	While in theory this is reasonable, it's completely undefined. What is not easily transportable? A 13' Boston Whaler? A sunfish? A 9' dinghy without a trailer? Why not just say 14" and/or a certain weight?
Former holder	Opposed	No impact	That is discrim8nation.Either you can get a mooring or you cant. My vote is Cant. Either you rent a mooring from the town or Oldport,, or you anchor in the federal anchorage.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	Will impact small boat owners.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Goodness! If someone's going to spend 2 decades on the Mooring waiting list, finally receive word they have a mooring and opt to stick a little boat on it, to "hold it" until they can arrange for a larger/better boat, why penalize them? If you know you're going to be waiting for a decade or more you're not going to go out and by "THE BOAT" and some may need more time than others to make those arrangements. You want to help the 'little guy" then keep the rules as they are.
Current holder	N/A	Negatively	Small boat owners should not be penalized.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Is this really a problem? I don't see too many small boats on moorings in Brenton Cove in the summer. This is a tricky one as friends who have tried to put their smaller boats at King's Park (with a permit) have always had their boats either damaged or stolen. What are they suppose to do? Of course there should be a length minimum, but 14 feet seems a bit arbitrary.

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Current holder	N/A	No impact	Again, you are making a law and then leaving the HM with power to make exception This will stir controversy and if history is a guide, will be used favorably for the [FAMILY NAMES WITHHELD TO COMPLY WITH PRIVACY GUIDELINES OF COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SURVEY RESEARCH ORGANIZATION] , the Newport Museum and will make people feel that the rules do not apply to everyone but that there are first class and second class taxpayers
Current holder	N/A	No impact	There should be a specified amount of time in which the smaller sized vessel can hold the mooring for. Not just absolute no. For example a family member passes on the mooring with no passage of actual vessel, the family member is able to place a smaller vessel immediately but requires time to find more appropriate vessel.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Really, does the harbormaster want to take this role to say what can or can't be on a mooring. Many boats are smaller than 14' and it puts an extra burden on someone to have to seek an exception. Will there be a process for that? Is this really worth it?
Current holder	N/A	No impact	A small boat, that might also be trailerable, can be the gateway to a larger boat, once they get a mooring. And why isn't every permit holder allowed to put whatever boat they want on their mooring if they're paying the fees?
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Think about it. A long time holder's boat sinks or is inoperable. He may be temporarily impecunious. Under the draconian rule of use it or lose it, that holder is forced to buy a substantial boat just to keep his mooring.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Vessel should be in accordance with mooring type. One should not have a dinghy moored just to keep a mooring, however I don't want the Harbor master it city dictating what type of boat I am able to use at a mooring.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	The harbor is full of large yachts owned that rarely seem to leave their moorings. People that own Bullseyes, Blue Jays, or have hand restored an antique yacht should not be penalized.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	please be careful not to punish small boat owners. Also during the course of a mooring permit the owner may have many different boats

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Waiting list	N/A	No impact	No sense in buying a boat without a mooring so there should be some time allowed to get a proper boat once the mooring is obtained
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Not to say that Tim isn't fair, he's great, but how would you ensure the harbormaster is NEVER arbitrary in his decision making?
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	As long as there is a boat on the mooring then let them have it. I don't have space to park a trailer at my residence in Newport.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Need to eliminate "discretion by the Harbor Master". Ordinances need to clear and strict enforcement required
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Would this actually free up a usable number of moorings? It would be nice to see stats on this.
No, but interested	N/A	No impact	The minimum requirement should be LOA - TO INCLUDE mounted engine when raised on powerboats.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	This proposal discriminates against mooring holders who cannot afford a large boat.
Former holder	N/A	No impact	When my children were small, they had a 12 foot sailing dinghy on a mooring.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	Maybe space moorings according to the size of the boats.
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	The Waterfront Commission needs to present to the Council its recommendations for long term objectives (5 to 10 years) for the harbor. (details re moorings, docks, dredging, new piers etc). Laying out the details now gives Newporters a chance to comment on how they want to see the harbor develop and the Council to make appropriate changes. Without details unforeseen consequences will surely arise.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Don't like the arbitrary nature of transportable - and letting the harbor master decide what is transportable. So moorings are really just for big boats? Is that what you want to say. Is there really anything wrong with a mooring holder placing a small transportable boat on a mooring - blue jay, Oday daysailer, etc..

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Waiting list	N/A	N/A	We purchased a new 13' vessel because we couldn't have anything larger at the stone pier. If I get a permit and now I have to buy a larger boat that wouldn't seem right. They force me to buy small while I wait, then force me to buy large when permitted? That's ridiculous.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	It hampers those who had a boat and then sold it for various reasons and now have to have permission and the correct size boat on the mooring! Moore rules and regulations. Yes that's what we need, give me a break!
Former holder	N/A	N/A	There should be no restriction on boat except maybe 14 feet. The other is discretionary and could be unfair to many people. It may cause people to buy Junkers and put on mooring just to cover this option.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	My small boat (23'), though heavy, is transportable by my boat trailer. I then use local crane service to lift to & from the water for launching, at season start & end. Not in favor of this exclusion.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	If someone has been waiting for a mooring for a decade or more, they should have the right to put anything that floats on that mooring. Too much discretion in the hands of the Harbormaster.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	You are taking away the freedom of someone to choose how they use their mooring. Many houses in Newport don't even have a driveway. Where will someone store a boat less then 14 feet?
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Again, what does the data look like? I can see putting a smaller boat on a mooring for a year or so if a boat owner is 'between boats' but 2 years maybe as a rule of thumb? Case by case
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Much power for harbormaster. Would a 13' 9" Laser qualify when the industry standard is rounding up to the whole foot when considering dockage, storage, etc?.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	If and when we do get a mooring our boat will be small since at that point we may be 80+ What does it matter about size as long as people pay their fees ?

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Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	Is a 4000 lb. Herreshoff 12.5 to small? I think that is to arbitrary / subjective. It will put the Harbormaster in a bad situation to be judge and jury.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	There are aesthetic advantages to having a Beetle Cat type of boat (12 1/2 feet length) of a mooring. Not everyone has storage space for their vessels.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Once again if you make a 30 day "use it or lose it, this may be the only option for good folks to hold their "spot" whilst fixing their main vessel.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	I have an 8" inflatable. I sold our big boat and looking at options,, but it may take another season or two to purchase a sizable boat again.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Suppose an owner looses boat to storm or it sinks. I don't think all options to hold the mooring should be eliminated.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Again, why complicate things. You'll have many a dispute on what is a boat, what is defined by 14", etc....
Current holder	N/A	N/A	A boat is a boat, leave the harbor master judgement out of the equation. Could become political.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	14 feet is too long and favors the rich. Make it 10 feet and I have no problem with it.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	I think if you have a mooring, you should be able to put what you want on it.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	These changes need more community process.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Should be at least 18 ft

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Having more than one mooring when there are so few is ridiculous. Pick the boat you want to moor and get a slip for the second Refund fees relating to those who have been waiting for a second and call it a day I was shocked to know that this was an option until i spoke with a neighbor who was complaining that she may not get a second my response. : I'll probably be dead before we get our first
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No one should have more than one permit. Max permit one per family. Should prove ownership with documentation and registration....registration must confirm with property tax records. Address on registration must match home address.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If someone owns multiple pleasure craft, they likely have the means to rent a commercial mooring, rather than using a disproportionate share of the moorings subsidized by the city. This is essentially subsidizing wealthy boat owners.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Would be even better if the second permit could not be transferred to spouse. It would free up more moorings for those who have been waiting a long time to enjoy the beauty of the Newport harbor and convenience of a Newport mooring.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Couples should only have one mooring between them, This is clearly gaming the system. Moorings are eligible between spouses- so unless they have a boat each??? then it should be one mooring per household.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	How about the 2nd mooring is charged at market value - not subsidized by city? Similarly, for non-residents, consider charging higher amount (e.g., market rate). But I agree with change.
Former holder	In favor	Favorably	How many times may a mooring be transferred by marriage. One spouse dies the mooring passes to spouse then the spouse remarried and then dies does it transfer again?
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I have been on the list for 15 years - and still don't have a mooring and you are telling me some people have more than one! An investigation is appropriate!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	If you need more than one mooring, you own more than one boat, so you can afford to rent a dock! 1 mooring is enough.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	The harbor is a shared resource. I have yet to meet one owner that can actively pilot two boats at same time.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	An important consideration, but would require careful implementation. Some sort of step down grandfathering?
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I do not think any one person should have more than one mooring when so may are waiting for one!!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I think those with multiple private moorings should be required to give up all but one.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Obviously should be done. If we didn't have a shortage ok. But this is common sense
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Given mooring space limitations, this change seems fair and reasonable.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	No one should have more than one with hundreds of people waiting!
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	I would make the change to one permit holder per family.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Maybe allow 2 to transfer to those family members
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Not sure why people need two moorings?
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	One mooring per household seems fair.
Waiting list	In favor	Favorably	Obviously!
Waiting list	In favor	Negatively	Agreed only one mooring should be allowed to be transferred
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	My advice on this proposal is that one family should only be entitled to one mooring period. If a family has two or more moorings that are connected to the same address then they should have to forfeit one of those moorings. I do agree that if you stick to your proposal then only one of the family moorings should be allowed to be transferred and the other should be for forfeited. However, the transfer like I mentioned in a prior question should not be limited to a spouse, but it should be allowed to be transferred to children or parents.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Again, I am not in favor of the ordinance of excluding other immediate family members from passage of permit rights(siblings, children, etc.) There is a great deal of talk about spouses and domestic partners, this does not apply to me or to many other individuals especially widowers, etc. There should be a process for listing a beneficiary(with a back up if possible) and have that be vetted by the harbormaster or city for approval.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation. Newport will be non-compliant with the harbor management when 3 to 1 ratio is exceeded.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I do not think a person should be able to transfer their permit to anyone. If you get a permit to learn to drive a car, hut or fish or anything else you cannot transfer it. The mooring is NOT their property.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	We need to get more permits into more people's hands (who would use them)- this rule absolutely needs to pass. It is wholly inequitable to permit a few people to hoard multiple permits.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Seems like a reasonable change, but again, is this a spouse only or is it to any family member. I'm ok with the 1 mooring part of it, just not sure that the spouse only part is fair.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Absolutely agree here. Again it is a privilege to have a city mooring. I am very surprised that individuals are allowed to have more than one considering the wait list !
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Just a reminder that I would allow transfer to people other than a spouse or domestic partner, particularly if the recipient is a Newport resident.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I like the idea of having multiple moorings but ultimately that's just selfish. Limited resource, there should only be one mooring per family.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I'm in favor of this change but only if the one mooring can be passed to next generation of family, broadening the rule.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	If all the boats are pleasure (sport/racing included) I concur. But if commercial that should be transferable.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	It seems very unfair when there is a wait list of a decade that permit owners with multiple moorings exist.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I am not sure why someone would even be allowed to have more than one mooring for yo limited numbers.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	One permit per resident is reasonable. What's the rule for commercial moorings?
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	No one should have more than one mooring permit, as long as there is a wait list!
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Seems like a good way to get more people from the waiting list on a mooring.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Think this is really necessary to serve the people on the waiting list..
Current holder	In favor	No impact	same as before. let me pass my only mooring to my sons after my death.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Not right for boater to have more than one mooring in the harbor.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	It is wholly inequitable to permit a select few to hoard permits.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Again, should be able to pass one permit down to a descendant.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Should be only one mooring allowed per residential address.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	would not limit that one transfer to just spouse or partner.
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	seems fair to distribute the public resource more evenly
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	I believe this change shares the resource more equitably
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Assuming this does not include commercial moorings.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Fine with this some of these old timers are greedy.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Good move to reach the desired end goals.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Who has more than one mooring
Current holder	In favor	No impact	It seems unfair that
Current holder	In favor	No impact	add family members!
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Seems reasonable.
Current holder	In favor	No impact	Totally agree
Waiting list	In favor	No impact	Reasonable.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
No, but interested	In favor	Positively	This is simply larceny. If I owned more than one house I would have to pay taxes relevant to the fair market value of the house. But a mooring holder can hold many of these things and pay next to nothing. Stealing from taxpayers
No, but interested	In favor	Positively	Since it is clear that there are not enough moorings to meet the need, it is insane that one household was allowed to have more than 1 city mooring to begin with.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Newport harbor should not be a place for family dynasties.
Waiting list	In favor	Positively	Absolutely!!!
Current holder	In favor	N/A	The fact that some people have more than one mooring is excessive. This makes sense if 1 is commercial and the other is personal; however, for 1 person to hold more than 1 mooring is excessive- especially with Newport residence waiting years / decades for a mooring. It's unacceptable.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	Excellent.
Current holder	In favor	N/A	Fair enough
Current holder	Don't care	Negatively	If one doesn't have a spouse or domestic partner, but has children, it would only be fair to allow them to transfer the mooring to a child
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	Don't have enough info. to properly answer. For example, how many folks have more than 1 mooring registered to them? Are they Newport residents or non-residents? How did they end up obtaining more than 1? Are you suggested that they own more than 1 boat? can't wrap my head around this one.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	I agree only one should be allowed, but again, shouldn't be limited to spousal transfer.
Waiting list	Don't care	No impact	Maybe add a carve out for those that make their lively hood by the sea.
Current holder	Don't care	No impact	This is a reasonable restriction for private moorings
Current holder	Don't care	N/A	I only have one so I cannot be objective.
Waiting list	Opposed	Negatively	As a Newport resident, If I obtain two mooring permits I would like to pass them down to my children.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	Should be able to pass to a direct descendent.
Current holder	Opposed	Negatively	again stupid and unnecessary!

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Why does it matter if a private mooring owner is able to pass on the multiple moorings to immediate family? I believe a newspaper article indicated there are 19 private moorings that would be subject to this out of 600 or so private moorings. Those 19 will eventually revert back to the city. There are 300 or so commercial moorings that the city has indicated are "untouchable" and will never revert back to the city. Really?! If the city is interested in getting moorings back, they should address the commercial moorings as well as commercial moorings represent 30% of the mooring field, AND WILL NEVER REVERT BACK TO THE CITY, where as those 19 private moorings are about 2% of the entire harbor and 3% of private moorings. The private mooring percentages will be less since the current permit holders will still be able to transfer one. Also, this speaks nothing to the fact that city would be taking away a current right held by the permit holders. Another lawsuit waiting to happen.
Current holder, Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Since in the past with the ability to pass down of multiple permits there was never a known need for both to go through the list process and get a permit in each name, so the multiple owned boats were enjoyed. Now this would force giving up a boat(s). Especially older boaters might not have time to go through the list wait time to use the other boat after passage. Where as after passage a younger couple will know that both need to get on the list to have both boats. I feel the fairest is let the multiple permit pass down die out with the newer one time only requirement. Fairness works both ways.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	This places undo stress on someone who is recently widowed for very little gain. For families with multiple boats, it may simply not be possible to manage without putting their boats up for a "fire sale". It sounds vulture-like, and narrowly targeted. How many moorings would be affected- probably less than one a year in the next 20 years? At the very least, allow more time to make arrangements- may 3-5 years post death of a spouse.
Current holder	Opposed	No impact	How would this work for people who own two boats and have two moorings? Many people have a power and sailboat.
Waiting list	Opposed	No impact	Think one mooring per family makes more sense
Current holder	Opposed	N/A	or to a family member or child... again if have no spouse.

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Verbatim Responses:

Mooring	Opposed / In favor	Impact	Response
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Those who currently have more than one permit should be "Grandfathered" with respect to transferability. You should get the deal you signed up for, not have the rules changed on you.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Don't believe in leaving out inherit-ants of the boat, ie child or nephew/niece but do agree with single resident only transfer one mooring.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	That's just plain unfair. If the family i s going to keep multiple boats, let them keep the moorings.
Waiting list	N/A	No impact	Grandfather these people. Allow them to transfer, but don't let any new ones happen.
Current holder	N/A	No impact	They have been paying their fees; may have a regular and commercial mooring
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	It is embarrassing that Newport, the sailing capitol etc has such a poor plan and management of moorings to the point of penalizing residents by making us wait years. Get rid of out of state mooring holders , clean up the list, allow only Newport residents to own a mooring. It's too easy.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	This completely shuts down and discourages long-term Newport families in favor of carpet baggers and part-time residences. Why would you remove a mooring from a family that has and maintains, for instance, a power boat and a sailboat?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Should not be multiple moorings allowed. However transfer must be to younger family members without limit on number of times
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Trying to get more Newporter moorings -why not let Newport households have more than one, as long as they are used?
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Some families)like ours) are deep into yachting and do have multiple boats. We should retain those rights.
No, but interested	N/A	N/A	Why do you want to free up for new people????? If the rules are being followed let a sleeping dog lie.
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	What if I have three children and want to leave them each a hard-won mooring upon my decease?
Waiting list	N/A	N/A	Again, it should be able to be passed on to maintain the family boating spirit.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Very discriminatory to single and widowed individuals.
Current holder	N/A	N/A	Should NOT be limited to spouse or domestic partner.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	At the recent public meeting, the WFC clearly stated that there was no intention to review commercial moorings, and gave no reason for that lack of due diligence. At best, it seems like poor public relations- at worst it raises questions of too much control and even collusion, particularly when there is an Oldport executive sitting next to the Waterfront Commission chairman at the public hearing. The city should insist that ALL aspects of mooring permits are studied, and not have the burden of change put solely on those permits belonging to private citizens.
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	Yes. You are playing favorites with Oldport, You created a monopoly for the son of a Harbormaster creating a situation of non-competition, Why not allow all moorings to be rented out? Or commercial moorings to not be transferred? Or everyone who wants to pay a commercial mooring fee? It is not true that you want to assign more moorings to resident. You want to squeeze more money out of anyone who visits the harbor by n to allowing anchoring in state and federal waters
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	I appreciate the work the waterfront commission is doing. I don't think the waiting list will ever go away. One suggestion would be to allow anyone who gives up a mooring to be put at the top of the list if they need a mooring later. I don't think anyone except the city should be renting moorings and I'd like to see the city start taking back commercial moorings.
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	There must be more creative ways to make mooring space available - need more info on what other communities do. Strongly feel that rights previously granted to current mooring holders should be honored. Angry that the commercial moorings are not part of the solution - all mooring should be considered in effort to increase availability.
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	I believe anyone on the Waterfront Commission that has a private/commercial moorings in their name or family should recuse themselves. There should be appeal process and published rules. I would also say for clarity there should be a list each year of what mooring were retired and what moorings were given out. Just for transparency.
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	I feel that it is time to look at the commercial moorings. Why screw the taxpayer? These commercial moorings are a cash cow that benefit a privileged few. Make these commercial entities pay a fair percentage of their profits to the city or turn in their moorings!!!!
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	I don't understand how NYWC and Oldport have so many of the moorings and we are constantly rightening the rules on the private moorings. I hope Newport is making a ton of money from the commercial folks because they must be making a killing.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Commercial Mooring	Current holder	Only saw one question about commercial moorings? Why no discussion about changes to their rules? How does established Maritime Law effect these proposed changes?
Commercial Mooring	No, but interested	I support the efforts of the waterfront commission to find a way to more equitably share the common resource of moorings in Newport Harbor. The recommendations that they have proposed are actually quite modest and favor existing mooring holders to a surprising degree. I have had boats on city and commercial moorings for decades in Newport, as well as on commercial docks, and I would hope that existing mooring holders would appreciate what a rare PUBLIC resource these mooring permits are.
Commercial Mooring	No, but interested	I recommend auditing commercial mooring permits and their occupancy to see if they are being used. If vacant for entire season, the city should place owners in probation for following season, requiring they rent it out or utilize. Also in favor of a perhaps a third permit designation, such as hybrid commercial.
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	It is very stressful being on the list. During the period of being on the list, I've owned, sold, and owned boats. When in-between boats it is nerve-wracking to imagine that your number might get called. But owning a boat without having consistent and convenient access to a mooring is difficult. I suggest a better warning system, giving people on the list a 2 year warning that you might be called. Given that the list is just updated once a year and everyone who got a mooring is now not on the list, it is very difficult to see your progress. How about adding the people who got a mooring and the date they got it to the list so we can better monitor our progress. For example, knowing that 5 people got a mooring last year would help one plan for when they might get a mooring.
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	One key thing that possibly should be considered is to provide incentives to current mooring owners to give up their moorings. I personally know several owners who find having the mooring a burden, but also know its value. They are scared to let it go, even when aging and do not have a family member to pass it to. Maybe if there are commercial town moorings, deals can be made that if they give up their mooring they get a certain number of days (or even a season) free on the town moorings. Maybe cash incentives to leave could be offered. Maybe the opportunity to freeze one's mooring for a season, or number of seasons, can be offered. That would both allow them to ease into letting go and at the same time allow people on the list to get access to the harbor while waiting.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	Stop !!!!! Powered commercial boats transporting people to locations outside the mooring field from cutting through. It is a must that they should use the channel if not transporting a person to a boat in the mooring field. How would you like buses driving through your back yard every few minutes or within a few feet of your door or windows. Especially with gawkers looking at you or in your windows. Fix this issue! it is unnecessary, an annoyance removing the enjoyment or some semblance of privacy of being on a mooring. Besides that they do make waves and never go a 5 knots!
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	The other comment I will make is "commercial" moorings should be front and center in these discussions for change. I don't think Newport residents understand the nature of these things; who owns them, why they own them, how they got them, the rules regarding them and the fact that they can be bought and sold with none of the proceeds going to the town. Why are holders of commercial moorings completely escaping any type of scrutiny? Again, I do thank you for all of the countless hours put forth to try and improve Newport Harbor.
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	Regarding commercial moorings- it is unfathomable to me WHY this process has not been done holistically. Commercial moorings are 1/3 of the field. Several are owned by individuals as spares. Many are owned by a few marine providers, and there is opacity as to how those moorings should be best distributed. Frankly, I think the whole re-do of the residential mooring permit process should be scrapped and reackled together with the commercial moorings- doing this piecemeal loses a huge opportunity.
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	We've been cruising to Newport for over 20 years and always enjoy our stays. Fortunately for us we are able to arrive before weekends and are usually able to get a commercial mooring but it's not always the case. For boaters not as fortunate as me it's a very expensive trip to come to Newport only to find no moorings available and to have to leave and go elsewhere. I applaud any and all efforts to make moorings available to not only permit holders but mooring renters also
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	The city must address commercial mooring as well. It's laughable that they are not currently part of this discussion. Commercial moorings violate the public trust doctrine and that needs to be corrected. If mooring access for residents is really a priority for the city, the city will figure out how reign in the monopoly that currently exists.
Commercial Mooring	Waiting list	1. The harbor could fit more moorings if a different technology were used. 2. Commercial mooring permits should be only for registered rental companies that pay for the privilege, and all individually held commercial mooring permits should be phased out over the next year.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
List Concerns	Current holder	The city should not be able to rent moorings that have become available on the waiting list, nor be able to loan them to other entities for a season. There is a 15 year wait or more. The next person on the list has waited a long time, and allowing an entity to use that mooring,(especially for profit or commercial use), is just wrong, (maybe illegal?). I had this happen to me. I waited 17 years for my mooring then ,when I discovered I had been next on the list for my mooring ,it had been given to an entity and that I would have to wait another season . Fortunately I had discovered it.
List Concerns	Current holder	The waiting list should not be mooring area specific. When any vacancy occurs, it should be offered first to any permit holder who wants to move their location. Then it should be offered to the top of the waiting list who can refuse it without losing their place.
List Concerns	Current holder, Former holder	The Newport Waterfront Commission should be aware that past mooring list individuals paid annually, but were removed when "minors" were deemed no longer eligible. No refunds were provided back to the individuals for the years paid to the city.
List Concerns	Waiting list	What's driving all the rule changes, is it CRMC or the harbor master or something else. Also, why can't I switch lists once I've been put on a list? Peoples needs change during the time they are on a list and some flexibility should be allowed. I think if I switch lists now I go to the bottom of the list, which seems unfair. My circumstances may have changed in the 10+ years I've been waiting, and I might want to change lists after giving consideration to my current needs and the length of the list for a different section of the harbor. Right now you have the same people on multiple lists.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
List Concerns	Waiting list	I am heartened to hear about the new changes and would like to add one more, and that is to be able to put the names of spouses on the list. Why does it have to only be one person- it should be Mr. & Mrs. to allow for spouses to stay on the list if one of them comes off for death or something else.....as they have both been waiting their time.
List Concerns	Waiting list	Been on the mooring list for 12 years and the latest enforcements have left me in a position where I will likely never get a mooring. The mooring field is not well managed, lots of open moorings (never used) and the ratio plan is flawed as people move out of the city. Need more common sense applied to the plan
List Concerns	Waiting list	We have been waiting a long time for our spot on the harbor and fully understand that this is all a privilege that many take for granted. We have no issue waiting our turn as so many have already done. Please take into consideration those that have followed the rules to this point. thank you
List Concerns	Waiting list	I am considering removing my name from the list due to the prospect that I will never get a mooring, even though I'm only 38. I'd almost rather not even have to think about the headaches and drama these lists present.
List Concerns	Waiting list	I am pleased the WF Commission is taking up these issues. There are many perspectives, but in general historically if you have a permit, you control the mooring's destiny, and folks on the waiting list are shut out.
List Concerns	Waiting list	Would be great to know what number I am. Thanks for all of this work

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Current holder	Yes, I notice their is no impacts yet on commercial mooring holders. [NAME WITHHELD TO COMPLY WITH PRIVACY GUIDELINES OF COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SURVEY RESEARCH ORGANIZATION] is on this advisory board and should recuse himself effective immediately and any considerations for commercial benefit be taken away. Commercial owners have no skin in any of these changes and that is pure BS and does not serve residents whatsoever. He should be immediately kicked off any discussion of changes to ordinances. He is a great guy, but this is fox watching hen house and we residents are getting screwed royally.
Residency	Current holder	Newport has a strong summer community which adds to the vitality of the city, and with the cost of housing and taxes, it is likely to go even more in the direction of split residences.. For those who have been paying residential property taxes and live in Newport during the summer (mooring-use) season, it makes no sense that they not be treated with the same rights. Plus, this change will raise the ratio of residents to non-residents and help appease whatever entity is pressuring Newport on this.
Residency	Current holder	We are the best of citizens in Newport yet we often feel we are discriminated against as "non residents". Even though we spend a great amount of time year round in Newport and pay taxes and support the community and businesses, we seem like we get the short end of the stick. We are required to 'pay more" or denied privileges because of our "non resident" designation. I am very concerned about some of the questions in this survey that may put my mooring privileges in jeopardy .
Residency	Current holder	Thank you for keeping me informed I am in favor of prioritizing access to moorings to residents. I suggest increasing residential availability in the inner harbor while utilizing outer harbor moorings for non residents. I believe residents use their boats much more than nonresident and promote a more healthy and active atmosphere to the harbor and waterfront This would benefit the whole city. As a tourist economy Newport should be vibrant, both on land and sea.
Residency	Current holder	Thank you for all your work looking at these issues: non resident Newport homeowners/ taxpayers should be considered residents as we support the city and schools . Doing so would enhance the ratio of non res to res moorings. No more than one transfer per mooring from a holder to family member should be allowed as transfer in perpetuity essentially privatizes public property. Bb mooring 485
Residency	Current holder	I dislike very much the regulation that insists that 75% of moorings be allowed to Newport residents. And I feel very strongly that longtime mooring owners should be allowed to leave their rights to their mooring to their children, who have grown used to and love the use and traditions of owning a mooring in the harbor...!

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Current holder	You should allow Middletown and Portsmouth residents to be considered as some thing different than "non resident". People on this list who live in these towns are still part of the broader community and should be treated better than someone who lives out of state. This is a big issue....
Residency	Current holder	Advancement of list for residents is an appropriate goal and certain measures should be taken to achieve this goal, but rights of existing holders - for example who have long term legitimate plans and intentions to pass boats and moorings to the next generation, need to be respected.
Residency	Current holder	I was a resident of Newport when I got my mooring but I left there about 15 years ago. I plan to move back in a couple of years. I have two children who live in Newport and I think I should be allowed to transfer the mooring to one of them, even if I still lived out of state.
Residency	Current holder	One idea that I like is NOT allowing people who own summer homes in Newport, but don't live here year round to be counted as residents. There is such a growing divide in the city between year round middle class folks who grew up boating and the summer residents.
Residency	Current holder	I appreciate the effort to reduce the waiting list but consideration should be given to Newport residential mooring holders whose families have a strong tie to boating and the water. I believe it is a way to keep families in Newport.
Residency	Current holder	I had to wait 14 years to get a mooring ball which I think is completely unfair. People who live outside of Newport should not be allowed to own a permit. It's just not fair to the people in our community who support the city.
Residency	Current holder	Hit the brakes! Community process should not be rushed. The fact that no city councilor was at the meeting was a major disappointment and they, as a body, should not take this up before meeting with residents in a public forum.
Residency	Current holder	I think the commission needs to protect people's mooring permit rights as if they were property rights. I also think all mooring fees should be increased for residents and non-residents to support the harbor budget.
Residency	Current holder	I have owned several properties that I have renovated over the last 40 years and have done my part make Newport a great place to summer. I shouldn't be adversely affected because I am not a full resident

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Current holder	I strongly suggest seasonal residents who are property owners be given the same rights as residents, given they pay property taxes like current residents.
Residency	Current holder	Do not restrict moorings to current residents. What if a holder has to move to Ct for work but is still here every weekend?
Residency	Current holder	True native Newporters and their genetically related family members have priority. Thanks for your effort(s).
Residency	Current holder	Please respect the long term old family mooring permits, it is quality of life issue for these families.
Residency	Current holder	Ease consider the rights of Newport County residents as we as City of Newport residents. Thank you.
Residency	Current holder	I would like a resident to be defined as someone who owns a home in Newport and pays taxes.
Residency	Current holder	People that have moorings for many years and live in Rhode Island should not be impacted
Residency	Current holder, Waiting list	Actual permits should be designated "resident" or "non-resident", and be unconvertible. Non-residents should not be allowed to wait for resident permits at all, it should be two different wait lists. Non-resident permits should be untransferable, no exceptions. Existing permit holders should be required to declare resident or non-resident - and either give up the right to transfer, or accept the requirement of maintaining residence.
Residency	Former holder	Normalized the waiting list. Allow only full time resident first to get moorings. Do not change rules on private mooring only, should include Commercial. Rule should not be dependent on discretion of harbor master because a new master could be very difficult to deal with concerning mooring. Put in new moorings to satisfy the ratio and give only to full time residents. Most people that are mooring holders waited many years to get a mooring so changing rules now is a breach of trust.
Residency	Former holder	Some of the questions that only allowed agree or not (or in between) do not allow for nuance to the answer. Resident...if I grew up in Newport and now spend 6 months a year elsewhere but live in Newport and maintain a home in Newport and pay taxes in Newport, I should be able to keep a mooring at a resident rate and rules during the summer when I am here.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	No, but interested	A resident mooring holder could allow City to rent their mooring when boat has planned absence, or if they are without boat for a period. Said permit holder would still retain rights of ownership. This would be an opt in for resident mooring owner at time of permit renewal. thanks -Michael Reardon
Residency	No, but interested	There is clearly an inadequate number of public moorings for the number of residents (and non-residents) with boats. Investing in the livability of Newport might include a public marina where the density of boat parking can be higher than a mooring field...
Residency	No, but interested	There should be an auction for nonresident mooring holders to give them the right to hold moorings for a stated period. Moorings costs should at least be in line with parking charges to raise revenue for our schools, not given away
Residency	No, but interested	Any non island residents should lose their mooring over the next 3 years and they should go to Newport residents
Residency	No, but interested	Newport HARBOR SHOULD BE FIRST AND FORMOST FOR current full time residents and local commercial interests
Residency	No, but interested	Moorings should be for the use of Newport residents period.
Residency	No, but interested	Keep up the effort to favor residents.
Residency	No, but interested	make ratio 10-1 LOCALS
Residency	Waiting list	A big part of Newport is its summer community and a large component of the tax base comes from people who maintain second homes for use during the boating season. Labeling summer residents who maintain their legal residence elsewhere but spend summers here as "non-residents" smells like a political maneuver to gain an advantage now that the harbor is full, There is a measure of taxation without representation for these second home property owners on this issue. Is a tax paying summer resident here for the whole boating season really that different from a permanent resident that they should be so disadvantaged? I don't think so. In any case, if under the new rules it will be practically absurd for a "non-resident" to obtain a mooring, can you please just stop kidding people and holding out a false hope. Move the non-residents to a separate list and freeze it. Stop charging fees for them to be on the frozen list. Don't permit non-residents to sign up to the list. Just be honest and clear that non-residents can't get moorings until further notice.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	As I stated in an earlier comment My family has been a regular user of the same commercial mooring for 27 years. My wife and I basically live on the morning during the summer. I put my name on the main harbor wait list waiting in 2001 but live elsewhere on Aquidneck island so, with the recent changes I'll be dead and buried before I get my own mooring. I regularly see many empty mornings and I am aware of rampant cheating, ghost boats and people on the waiting list who have no interest whatsoever in boating but put their names on the waiting list because they are Newport residence. I know of persons who wouldn't know a boat from a basketball but They put their names on the waiting list because they are a Newport resident with wealthy family members. The only reason that they're on the waiting list is so that the wealthy family member can buy a boat put it in the residents name and get a mooring. Wrong. How about changing resident to Aquidneck island resident. CRMC would be a little happier with that.
Residency	Waiting list	I believe all RI residents should be treated as residents. All RI residents should have priority over non RI residents. When I first went on the list, we needed to pay a large Non Refundable deposit based on the size of the boat. Now, to stay in the list we are required to pay an annual fee. All parties that had to pay this large deposit should not have to be subject to the constant ratio changes. If want to make Newport Residents priority; each year, if any moorings open up, check list & see if any Newport Resident on list for opening in the section they are in the list for. If there are not, then proceed to the next RI resident on the list for the area. Do not leave moorings open or unused to get the ratio for all moorings in line. This is not fair to those that have been waiting on the list or to the town for fees that could've obtained. Thank you for taking this into consideration.
Residency	Waiting list	the list should designate who is resident and who is not. That way you can see how many residents are above you, which is the key rate limiting factor now. I've been sailing out of Newport for 10 years, but only bought a house and moved here 4.5 years ago; and I just got a RI driver's license this last year. Does the harbor master think I'm a resident or non-resident? I don't know. How am I supposed to know? Do you have to be a resident when you are on the list? Or just at the time when a mooring is available? These kind of details are not even covered on the website. Overall, just better transparency would be appreciated and would make the public have more confidence in the fairness and way it is being run.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	I think the Waterfront Commission came up with more dumb ideas to try to micro manage an area where they have no clue on what it takes to install, manage, and maintain a mooring in an area with a very short boating season. I live in Middletown and wonder why the 'Residency' idea does not apply to residents of Aquidneck island. Oh, wait a minute the system in place now favors the rich folks who have a summer property in Newport and somewhere else for the rest of the year. This has created an unfair situation for those of us who have been on the waiting list for years. How old will I be when my name finally comes up? 90? 100?
Residency	Waiting list	Newport residence get first priority, then nonresident veterans, and finally any other non-residents of Newport. Maybe there could be a category for Newport County residents to get priority over out of state residents. Unfortunately, there are too many non-residents that currently have Newport moorings. Hopefully you can come up with a better way to allow Newport residents over the next decade to have at least 70% of the available moorings verses about 50% now. Most of the proposals that you put forward or not the way to achieve it, and that's why you have had so much pushback.
Residency	Waiting list	I am a non resident but spend significant time in Newport, pay Newport real estate taxes like all residents and non residents alike, and contribute meaningfully to the Newport economy and experience. And I love it here. So I respectfully believe there should be no differences between Newport residents and non residents as it pertains to this issue. As a side, I am aware of many people (residents) that still maintain a moor that have been without a boat for a very long time, and have no plans to buy another. I don't know how this happens...
Residency	Waiting list	I have been a home owner on the list for 18 yrs. I am a partial owner of a Newport business that employees 40 people. I volunteer 50 days + a year, judging, race committee, umpiring regattas in Newport. Maybe there should be 3 categories, Resident Property owner, Non Resident property owner, and Non Resident. Signed up at age 53, now 71. Based on new and old rules I'll never get a mooring in my lifetime. There should be some credit for contributions to Newport., Property tax, Local Business Employer, and other waterfront value added.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	I think the definition of resident should be the same across the City of Newport so it is consistent. If you own a home and therefore pay taxes, then you are a resident. I am very opposed to a different definition for the Harbormaster for purposes of managing moorings. It is not fair and it is not consistent. If I am a part time resident who owns a home in Newport, how is it that I get a resident parking permit and resident benefits like beach access, but don't qualify as a resident for mooring purposes? I have an issue with that.
Residency	Waiting list	We lived in Middletown for 16 years, (now in Saunderstown), my husband built and ran Hunt Yachts in Portsmouth, we own a classic wooden sailboat, we are members of Ida Lewis Yacht Club, our boys drove launches in Newport, we grew up and went to school in RI, and have been very active boaters (and owners) for our entire lives. We have felt slighted that we could not utilize the harbor for most of our lives! This took away (greatly) from our RI experience. We have always felt the system was unfair. Thank you.
Residency	Waiting list	If changes are made I will seek a refund for the years I have paid to remain on the lists and encourage others to do so as well. I am also not a resident partially because I can't keep a boat in the harbor. My plan is to buy a retirement property around the same time my mooring is called. I'm not a resident now, but should not have changes made to the list due to members current standing. You should look into what Duxbury MA did with their mooring field....this is an easy problem to solve.
Residency	Waiting list	For the Newport community to remain strong and create the environment that is so attractive to tourism and non resident visitors to come, it is important to recognize the contribution that people that live here all year long and look forward to the very short summer season on the water. One important way to do this is to favor mooring allocation to residents. Non residents who are typically wealthier and only visit for a short time should use the commercial moorings or dock space.
Residency	Waiting list	It's a tough issue! I respect the perspective of the old guard in Newport who have been here for generations, but it's also helpful to create opportunity for "newcomers". Given the length of the lists though, I would be most inclined to restrict all moorings to only Newport residents and property owners (full time or seasonal). We are the ones who are paying the taxes to keep Newport vibrant, and the moorings should be for residents only. Thanks!

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	I have lived and worked in Newport for almost my entire life. I have worked on the harbor in multiple capacities and always owned boats. Now I have been on the mooring list for almost 10 years and I honestly have zero hope of ever actually getting a mooring. It seems deeply unfair that so many non full time residences hold such a large portion of the moorings and mooring list. Thank you for taking the time to consider these issues.
Residency	Waiting list	I think there needs to be better clarity put forth regarding how the situation got to where it is and the proposed changes. The two entities that are continuously painted as the evil enemy of everything; non-residents and CRMC, had nothing to do with causing a shortage of moorings for Newport residents. "Non-residents" do not hold 52% of the moorings; non-residents and residents that no longer live in Newport hold 52%.
Residency	Waiting list	I pay over \$17,000 in property taxes but only live in Newport for the summer months and therefore, I believe I am considered 'non-resident.'" Anyone who pays property taxes should have the same status as "residents" when it comes to mooring rights. As a non-resident, I put less demand on all city services and only seems fair that I should share equally in the opportunity to mooring access.
Residency	Waiting list	I joined the list as a Middletown resident before the most recent set of changes were created. It is a shame that the town of Newport does not recognize being a member of the local community (Jamestown, Middletown) as being inclusive as a "resident." Right now we are in the same category as someone from New York or California. It does not seem just or in line with community values.
Residency	Waiting list	We own a home in Newport and pay the same taxes and utilities as everyone else and should be considered a resident even though our primary home is in CT. We have owned in Newport and been on the waiting list for 8 years and should have the same opportunities as everyone else who pays taxes. If we don't receive the same city benefits then reduce our taxes!! It's discrimination!
Residency	Waiting list	We bought our home in 2014 and only recently applied All taxpayers should have equal footing. We don't get a break for not utilizing city services like schools and yet are penalized for not living in Newport full time. Our children may never live in Newport full time but visit often The second mooring floored me. With such a shortage how that was ever considered was a shock

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	There is no requirement for 3 to 1 ratio. Crmc regulation states "no greater than 3 to 1", there is no need for any changes right now based on the regulation. Newport will be non-compliant with the harbor management when 3 to 1 ratio is exceeded. I'm planning for a class action lawsuit on this issue specifically addressing the discrimination and misinterpretation of the rule.
Residency	Waiting list	Let Newporters enjoy what they deserve, things that we pay for year round year after year, give Newporters the priority. Don't let big money corporations change the rules for us. Lets no bend easy. Newport is ours. Also change the percentage of mooring holders to 10 to 1 ratio. Favor permanent Newport residents over any other one...
Residency	Waiting list	Residency is a strange thing in the city by at the sea. As a property owner who choses to 'reside' elsewhere I do want to be apart of the waterfront when I return. Whether that be for summers or forever when I retire. My plan has and still is to be on the water in Newport, many of these new rules impact that negatively
Residency	Waiting list	I own a business which includes property in Newport, so I pay taxes and work in Newport. Based on the survey questions, I would hate to be excluded from having a mooring bc I am living just across the Newport/Middletown line. I have been on the list for 8 years. Thank you for continuing the conversation!
Residency	Waiting list	I was in charge of the 900 moorings in Shelter Island for 12 years I was on Town Board. There, any taxpayer is considered a resident. As a second homeowner in Newport, I wish the same were true here. In Shelter Island we do NOT issues mooring permits to non-residents. Thanks, Peter Reich 631-749-0138
Residency	Waiting list	I believe that as it is the Newport tax payer who pays for all the administration, upkeep of the moorings, Harbour Master, etc. they should be better represented in the harbour. Until the desired Resident/Non-Resident ratio is achieved, no more moorings should be issued to Non-Residents.
Residency	Waiting list	Not sure why the commission is not looking at raising fees as a way to increase turnover. Yes, residents should pay less than non residents. Perhaps there is a reason why it's not part of the conversation? Please share your thoughts with us ... I think that is a reasonable request.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Residency	Waiting list	Be fair and thoughtful, value the rights of full-time residents to be first in line to have access to our local waters. We earn that right by working, living and playing on this island all year long. We live for our summers and access to our seaside should be favored.
Residency	Waiting list	Regarding redefining resident: absolutely not! A community is more than the sum of its taxpayers- it is those who chose (and in some cases, including my own, make career sacrifices) to live, work, and play here.
Residency	Waiting list	I'd like you to differentiate the "Non-residents" on the waiting list between Rhode Islanders (3;1) and out-of-state residents (8:1) until the 75% resident requirement is achieved.
Residency	Waiting list	I thought ratio was changing to 8:1 not 3:1.. If not, I think it should be. I suggest charging higher amount to non-residents - current market rate.
Residency	Waiting list	Waterfront resources should be available to and enjoyed by full time residents should the choose to without being unfairly edged out by \$, etc.
Residency	Waiting list	Why treat the people from Middletown and Portsmouth like some one from Cranston or Pennsylvania? We should have an Island wide policies.
Residency	Waiting list	Make this right. Newport should belong to Newporters. Let the locals sublet to tourists. Everyone's happy.
Residency	Waiting list	Don't take away a family's boating legacy. Most working families cannot afford dock space in Newport.
Residency	Waiting list	Moorings should be used for immediate tax paying residents and property holders in Newport. Only
Residency	Waiting list	Please make it so real Newport residents like myself can get a mooring. Thank you for efforts.
Residency	Waiting list	Newport moorings for Newport homeowners first and foremost. Who cares about out of towners?
Residency	Waiting list	Newport born residents should always have preference over the out of towners
Residency	Waiting list	Newport residents should have preference in assigning moorings.
Residency	Waiting list	It is about time that the city puts its residents first.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	All rights and privileges should be grandfathered to present mooring owners and any new rules should apply only to new mooring owners. Mooring owners should retain the right to pass on moorings to spouse or children with no time limit. Empty moorings should be assessed as to their use on a case by case basis. I can see a scenario of a mooring holder off on a world cruise to return to find their mooring gone, or a military resident deployed for a year or more to lose their mooring because they did not return within the time frame.. Mooring holders should be able to present sufficient cause and notice to harbor masters office for individual review and flexibility should exist to allow for situations that may not have been considered. Private mooring holders should be allowed to convert to commercial. I am in favor of city renting empty moorings similar to Block Island. If this is too much burden on the hm office possibly hire additional staff to process - new revenue stream could justify cost.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	If Newport wants to promote itself as a boating community and have boating families, being able to transfer to a child should continue to be allowed. Consider the family who are Newport residents and taxpayers who own a boat that they use regularly and keep on a mooring that was in the father's name. The father has died and now his wife had mooring. Adult children continue to own and use boat. Once wife dies, the children would lose the mooring and more likely than not have to sell the boat under the proposed change that you can't transfer to children. So essentially the city would be saying "sorry you've had your fun, now it's someone else's turn", seems short sighted, unfair, downright mean and ridiculous. The city should allow mooring permit holders to continue to transfer to children. Maybe it doesn't have to allow transfers to nieces, nephews, 2nd cousins, cousin Vinny, etc. but children, yes!
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	The questions/ordinances listed on this survey leave room for interpretation. They should be proposed in such a manner that there is no room for this. There were several questions that were vague and I could have answered differently depending on how I read it or how I felt about one part of the question/statement vs. the second part of the question/statement. For example, the one time transfer statement "permit holders are able to transfer their permit one time only to anyone they choose" - are you asking if I am in favor of being able to transfer it only one time(It was transferred to me and now I can no longer transfer it- I am NOT in favor of this) or are you asking if I'm in favor or transferring it to anyone I choose vs only a spouse or domestic partner(which I am in favor of).

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Making a significant change to the rules on pass down on a retroactively. Again putting children of present private a major disadvantage especially since transfer of permit include the boat. So how does a family deal when the past it was simple process of passing down the boat and the mooring permit for the boat. A spouse or domestic partner this will continue to be allowed which seems unfair.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Moorings should be able to transfer to following generations ad infinitum. Families should only have one mooring. A mooring holder should be able to put whatever boat they like that fits within the physical mooring restrictions. Mooring holders should be able to rent moorings when they are unoccupied. Even if that must run through the town.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	I waited on the list for 10 years before I received my mooring. I believe it's in my family now and should remain in my family for as long as a family member wants to have it. I don't think you should take it away just to pass it on to someone else and force my family out of boating. Enough with the regulations. It's going to far.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	I am most concerned about passing my mooring to my children or grandchildren who live locally (as do I) and the fact that the rules might change at the 11th hour. There should be some sort of "grandfather" clause for people like me who have had moorings for decades.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Important to maintain ability to transfer to children! As the Sailing Capitol of the World, Newport should have positive policies for sailing families.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Regarding "take away rights". The initially suggested phase out of transfer rights sounds fine to me.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Do away with time limit to pass to children. Should be the same for child as transfer to spouse.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	I would like to maintain the right to pass on the permit to one child one time.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	please let me pass my spot on the point on to my sons.
Transfer Mooring	Current holder	Do not restrict transfer to spouses.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Transfer Mooring	Current holder, Waiting list	I think the following provisions would satisfy many who were frustrated: 1) If a resident passes away, and has an adult descendant who has been on the wait list for a *significant* time, the descendant should be allowed to inherit without triggering the 1-transfer rule, and be given a grace period to become resident if not already one.
Transfer Mooring	Former holder	I am a Veteran but I should not be given a higher rate of or preferable access to a mooring. A Veteran should be able to get preferred treatment at the base. Who would pay for damaged equipment should the city be able to rent an unused mooring? A mooring holder should be allowed to allow a friend or family member use of a mooring for a set amount of time, proper size of craft, if registered with the city. Absolutely should not be able to transfer to anyone they chose, this opens up easy fraud.
Transfer Mooring	No, but interested	The public moorings are rented from the city seasonally. They are like tennis courts and library books. There is no ownership or inherent right to "pass it on" or "keep it in the family". Enjoy it while you are fortunate enough to have it.
Transfer Mooring	Waiting list	Moorings are not personal property and should no longer be passed on. Please give those of who have been on the list for years a chance. It is not like passing on a car or horse to your child or grandchild. It does not fall under personal property rights. People are waiting for 20 years (the list is now serving those from 2000,) By and large the people on the list are old for boating and the next turn will come quickly. This is a permit. No one can pass on a hunting permit, gun permit, drivers learners permit, why can a person pass on this permit The era of passing mooring balls on to the next generation should be over. It is unfair to those waiting. Those on the list are being prejudiced against because they were not born into a Newport mooring holder legacy yachting family. In fairness to all if a spouse, child or grandchild of a mooring holder desires a mooring, they should be encouraged to get on the list and wait their turn.
Transfer Mooring	Waiting list	No one should be allowed more than one mooring. Documentation and registration must match with property information (tax bill or lease). No one should have the right to sell, rent or transfer to a friend, so called family member. Everyone needs to wait their turn.
Transfer Mooring	Waiting list	Investigation of all mooring permits within last 20 years to insure it was properly transferred. Or have all present mooring permits holders sign affidavits that they are family members when mooring permits was transferred.
Transfer Mooring	Waiting list	Of all the changes, the inability to transfer a mooring to my daughter is the most distressing.
Transfer Mooring	Waiting list	Such a long wait to get one you should be able to pass it on to your children.

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Unused Mooring	Current holder	I would be interested in working on a committee to help solve some of these issues. The moorings in the harbor seem to be used and there are very few empty. Go by Ida Lewis and towards Brenton Cove and there are many unused moorings. At least this is what I observe. Perhaps those with two or hurricane moorings can work a voluntary deal with the City to get them used. And should there be a hurricane, those using hurricane moorings will need to move their boats. Perhaps small changes like this may help. Also, I do believe that if we look at moorings, we should be looking at the commercial ones too.
Unused Mooring	Current holder	I want to see the number of potential moorings impacted by each change. Why not JUST start with the unused moorings and see how much that opens up? The entire section on multiple mooring holders and passing down to different generations probably impacts like 5-6 moorings a year -- and some impacts won't even be realized for another 20-30 years, so why bother? Focus on the bigger issue which is unused moorings.
Unused Mooring	Current holder	I think more stringent enforcement of existing regulations should help. There are several moorings in Breton Cove near Sail Newport that are near me and many have not had boats on them all season or for multiple seasons. I'm assuming they know someone in the harbor masters office since nothing is ever done about them.
Unused Mooring	Current holder	I believe most important factor is utilizing the available moorings and not having empty moorings if there is way to have inactive moorings managed by city or mooring company to provide more annual/ transient moorings while when permit hold needs mooring back that they can get it within a 3 or 5 year time frame
Unused Mooring	Current holder	dual permitting of a single mooring (as in other harbors) my help with underutilization

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Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Unused Mooring	No, but interested	Having the Harbormaster manage rental of unused private moorings is fraught with issues of liability and management. Boat breaks free and the tackle failed, who is liable? The owner? The city? If I were a mooring permit holder, I would want a cut of the proceeds. There are a ton of unused moorings and I do believe there should be a use it or lose it. Commercial moorings should be operated by a bonafide RI company that manages moorings and not an out of state LLC set up to buy moorings for their own personal use.
Unused Mooring	No, but interested	If the City has the ability to rent an unused mooring for a season (having given the permit holder a pass at having their qualifying registered vessel(s) on the mooring that season) the City or temporary renter must be required to assume all liability associated with the mooring for the season. I also feel the City should be required to offer this opportunity to those only currently on the waiting list.
Unused Mooring	Waiting list	As your well structured survey shows, monitoring and enforcement will be a large part of any changes (or non-changes). I think our harbor masters are great and have their work cut out for them. I also think progressive fines added to permit accounts relative to non use and eventual seizure and transfer would be a great way to make sure moorings are utilized to their potential by people who want to get out on the water. I am not overly wealthy, love my city and have a passion for boating. It seems unreasonable that I may theoretically have to wait until I'm too old to get out on the water any more to get a mooring. Have you considered a provision which states if a permit holder does not intend to use their mooring for ____ number of seasons the city has the right to for a very reasonable fee rent said mooring to another resident, providing the resident of use pays all fees associated with permitting, maintenance etc. and also assumes all liability associated with said mooring. Many mooring sit vacant all summer long and it saddens me to have to drive 20-30 minutes to go for a sail as there is nowhere to reasonably keep my boat in Newport. I do think there should be a provision which allows for a waiver of 1y for extenuating circumstances if an owner cannot use their mooring. This should require substantial documentation and proof.
Unused Mooring	Waiting list	Regarding permitting the City to rent unused moorings: this does not work with the current owner-owned tackle system. The liability is huge.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Multiple Categories	Current holder	<p>There are other ways to add new moorings and move people off the waiting list that are not being considered. What is being proposed is a slow go. The harbor needs to be mapped, moving moorings that can hold larger boats to the outer mooring field thus freeing up space for several moorings for smaller boats in the vacated space. By grouping boats of similar size that swing in the same manner due to wind and current will create additional space for new moorings. No one seems to know when the last time there was a mapping. Part of the area south of the spindle can be used for outboards and other shallow draft boats. No doubt some people on the waiting list are looking for a mooring for this type of vessel. Mooring permits in this area can be restricted to these type of boats and the permit holder knows that the permit cannot be transferred to another part of the harbor. If someone takes a mooring this area and still wants to get a mooring elsewhere they can stay on the mooring list and continue to pay the annual fee. If they get another mooring they need to give up the one for the shallow vessel. This same idea can be extended to the area east of Goat Island out to the few moorings near the channel. These 2 ideas would create more mooring opportunities than anything else being proposed and should not create much controversy as the moorings that hold larger vessels are primarily commercial, many in Brenton Cove being used by the NYYC. The city needs another dinghy dock. It can be put behind the Wellington pump station and would be needed if the shallow vessel plan were implemented.</p>
Multiple Categories	Waiting list	<p>I believe I am currently one of the last people on the waiting list to get a mooring. Considering I am in my late 40s, I will probably not obtain one until my early 60s and I believe that I should be able to transfer it to a child upon my death or inability to use the mooring. I am not opposed to the waiting period but I am opposed to the many changes that you're looking to make in the near future. I'm strongly against the limitation of transferring only to a spouse, the possibility of losing the morning if you move within the first five years after obtaining it, and the restriction that you must keep your boat on your mooring and not have it vacant for more than 30 days. I am in favor of always allowing only one mooring per family and the other one, I believe, should be forfeited. Finally, Newport residents should get a priority on the waiting list to get a mooring. Most of the proposals that were put forth are not the way to achieve a quicker time to get a mooring. If the mooring Wait time was shorter I would be in favor of veterans getting some type of boost and getting a mooring quicker. Maybe a better solution would be to give veterans a discount off of the mooring fee once they get a mooring. This might be a good way to give veterans some priority in getting their mooring.</p>

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Compliment	Current holder	Everyone wants to be in Newport. There will always be too little supply for the demand. In my opinion we do have a safe and well managed harbor. Tim and his crew do an excellent job. We need to identify those moorings never used during the whole season.
Compliment	Current holder	Appreciate its effort to involve the community in reviewing these changes. It does take more time and is easy, but we all come out with a better solution. Thanks,
Compliment	Current holder	I love my moor spot Tim Mills is a Great Harbor Master and his team is awesome Sarah in Tim's office is VERY helpful
Compliment	Current holder	Sincere thanks to the WFC and the Harbor Master for their efforts to clarify these issues and for this survey.
Compliment	Current holder	thank you for putting this together. please take the input of all responders seriously.
Compliment	Current holder	Thanks for taking the time and making the effort to improve things
Compliment	Current holder	Very Good Clear Fair Questionnaire
Compliment	Current holder, Waiting list	Good luck!
Compliment	No, but interested	Thanks for doing this survey. Very well thought out questions that did not lead those completing towards any specific direction.
Compliment	No, but interested	Thank you for taking the time to put this survey together.
Compliment	No, but interested	I'd love to see the survey results published. Thank you.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
Compliment	Waiting list	Thanks for your efforts! Addressing this issue properly and thoroughly takes resolve. This problem didn't occur overnight and it won't be fixed overnight. These solutions were well thought out. Everyone won't be 100% pleased that's the reality. This is one topic where resident's must be given precedence. The original ordinance was crafted for just this reason. Hard lessons in harbor management have been learned over time since the first ordinance was adopted. Recent efforts will hopefully correct oversights in previous drafts. I am confident these efforts to address a long-overdue resolution are heading in the proper direction. Again kudos for tackling a tough problem with clear headedness and backbone.
Compliment	Waiting list	Thank you for reviewing the policy. At this point, I will live out my natural life before I get a mooring. We love this city, where we were married and the place we will retire. We'd like to get on the water too. Scott and Rhonda Welch
Compliment	Waiting list	First, I applaud and thank you for all the hard work, time and effort the members of the Waterfront Commission give in what can be a thankless job. It may not seem like it at times but people do appreciate your efforts.
Compliment	Waiting list	I am very pleased that the city of Newport is finally addressing this issue and I'm looking forward to changes that will allow new sailors in the harbor.
Compliment	Waiting list	THANKS FOR LOOKING AT THIS AND BEST OF LUCK ORTIG OUT ALL BUT USE THE SMELL TEST --SNIFF AND IF IT SMELLS RIGHT DO IT... YOU CANT PLEASE ALL!!!!
Compliment	Waiting list	Just that you are doing a good job. Like Central Falls this is a drastic problem that needs a drastic remedy.
Compliment	Waiting list	Thank you for your hard work to address a tricky and emotional topic!
Compliment	Waiting list	Thanks for your open examination of this issue.
Compliment	Waiting list	Great Survey, nice job Bill & Jed. Hope it helps
Compliment	Waiting list	thank you for doing this
Compliment	Waiting list	Thank you
Compliment	Waiting list	Thanks!

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Current holder	The city needs to catch up with the rest of the state by allowing modern mooring technology to be used in Newport Harbor. Helical embedment anchors , cement blocks and elastic mooring rodes will make the harbor safer and will allow more swing room and even more moorings. With some planning , this new technology can be mixed in with the old ball and chain anchor equipment that is out there. Convert the city rental moorings along goat island to elastic mooring rodes with blocks or helical anchors . You will get more moorings then you have already in that space. The maintenance costs will be less over the long term. You will gain experience with this newer better mooring technology. Federal regulations will be coming someday soon that will require elastic conservation mooring to be used in sensitive eel grass areas like in the point section of the harbor . Greg DeAscentis Aquidneck Mooring Company.
General	Current holder	The city of Newport needs more revenue, and renting unused moorings would be no different than putting meters on public streets. These funds could go to more waterfront uses, which will benefit everyone. Sure, Oldport and other commercial entities will complain, but it would serve a broader public domain in a very positive way. Why would the City care if a person with multiple boats switched their boat on the mooring mid-season if the vessels met all the stated requirements? I am not told which vehicles are given resident parking permits-it's no different. This rule seems arbitrary and without purpose.
General	Current holder	I was on the list for 25+ years, now have 2 City moorings, rent 2 others commercially. I have the impression that the spirit of what was intended was always clear, but the rules have been tweaked over the years (and probably circumvented in some cases), resulting in an end-result situation opposite to the intended spirit. So it's not a case of "changing the rules." It's more a case of tweaking how the rules are applied so they more closely achieve the goal that was intended all along.
General	Current holder	While I understand moorings are not to be used without written permission, that does not discount the fact that visitors do pirate overnight moorings. The problem with this is that they do not know the capacity of the mooring. I always thought that the weight of the mooring should be identified on the mooring float so that (for example) a 40 foot boat does not lay on a 250 pound mooring if the wind should pick up.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Current holder	I am a mooring owner since 2002. I am not informed as to regulations regarding city moorings. I am concerned about the water quality, which has greatly improved. The pump out service works well except the station at Fort Adams. This station dock can damage your boat with the short concrete dock. This dock is also used for docking and not pump out. I think the City should improve boat waste management.
General	Current holder	The previous WC worked hard for the 2014 changes, this commission worked 2.5 years on a much too strict revision. Will there be major changes every 4 years? I would think these changes make everyone feel like they are breaking all the rules, as a group there are not that many CHEATERS. Makes one intimidated.
General	Current holder	Any change in the regulations and use of Newport moorings would negatively impact older longer term mooring permit holders to a much greater extent since their financial and physical ability to change their boating lifestyle and practices would be much more difficult on a fixed retirement income.
General	Current holder	I understand that the mooring issues are a big problem, but they don't have to be solved overnight. I think keeping rights to people who have had a mooring for an extended time should be preserved. The City should not become the enemy of yachtsmen who have been coming here for years..
General	Current holder	There was no discussion about the changes to the mooring field that I was NOT in favor of and was worded terribly. Not to get off the boat in Newport is absurd. There were significant changes made several years ago that I believe took care of the issues regarding boats left.
General	Current holder	I understand the need for change but am concerned the city's enforcement of use it or lose it will be too strict for boaters. There needs to be some flexibility for periods in which owners upgrade a boat or go cruising away from US East Coast.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Current holder	I believe that City of Newport should own all moorings, commercial and private, and lease them back to users on an annual basis. To do so, it would have to purchase current tackle, and reorganize the layout, but would control usage far better.
General	Current holder	Applaud the commission for delving into this. BUT ALSO, please look into renumbering moorings so they are on some logical grid -- as in New Bedford yacht harbor. Very hard to guide visitors to short term moorings.
General	Current holder	Persons with Point moorings should be given preference to Willow St Dingy rack spots. Way too many rack spots were unused all last season. Mooring holders need the spots to get to their moorings.
General	Current holder	Can the Newport Waterfront Commission &/or Harbor Masters review of new anchoring/ or mooring hardware technology , alerts or recalls be reviewed by mooring holders at a private interactive site?
General	Current holder	Le Yacht clubs rent moorings. I have had health issues that my boat has not been on the mooring for more than a week at time. Have a boat on mooring requirement for one 7 day period per year.
General	Current holder	All existing rights for permit holders should be grandfathered for all current Permit holders in good standing. Any and All new regulations would only affect future mooring permit holders.
General	Current holder	Waited many, many years for this mooring, would not approve of changes to the terms of this mooring relationship. You should consider changes and apply to new permits.
General	Current holder	why not allow sale of mooring permits in a free market, with a percentage going to harbor improvements as is done elsewhere. Would free up underutilized moorings
General	Current holder	What are the goals of the Commission regarding these changes? What is the objective of this study. What is the commission trying to accomplish with this study?

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Current holder	Any change will anger some people. Current regulations were not reviewed often enough. Going forward, set mandatory review periods for all moorings.
General	Current holder	I understand what the commission is trying to do and think it is a good idea but with every regulation there should be away to enforce it.
General	Current holder	These changes are needed. Also increase the cost of every mooring by times two or three. Use the money for Newport Schools
General	Current holder	You should make all mooring permit holders aware of meetings such as the one held on January 7th. Mail, email???
General	Current holder	I concur with the suggestion that a dinghy (tender) as applies to city facilities be defined as 12' or less.
General	Current holder	Dinghy racks should be for mooring holders only resident a nonresident. Kayaks have taken over the racks.
General	Current holder	Please have the language in the proposed ordinance reviewed by an outside party before it's presented.
General	Current holder	Yeah, my boat has been hit several times in the last couple of years. It is getting expensive.
General	Current holder	a review of the annual usage fees should also be considered. Esp. for non-Newport residents.
General	Current holder	You should NOT change the rights that were previously granted to current mooring holders.
General	Current holder	Present mooring holders...one mooring only should be grandfathered under present rules
General	Current holder	Review possible use of helical/screw pile moorings for certain areas of harbor
General	Current holder	Good to do a survey - might need another once you zero in on a revised plan
General	Current holder	After 50 years I certainly hope I won't lose my mooring in Brenton cove
General	Current holder	fairness to current mooring holders should be priority and grandfathered
General	Current holder	Congratulations on the transparency of this ordinance drafting process.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Current holder	Tim Mills does a great job as Harbor Master. He deserves a raise.
General	Current holder	Open up more anchorage area to allow visitors to come to Newport.
General	Current holder	Only "fix" what is absolutely broken. No one likes change.
General	Current holder	Consider dredging the spindle area to add more moorings.
General	Current holder	Keep it simple! Enough with the rules and more of them
General	Current holder	The mooring permit is a privilege, not a right.
General	Current holder	Make more dinghy racks available.
General	Current holder	the less government, the better
General	Current holder	Nothing should be changed.
General	Current holder	Be very careful
General	Current holder	Keep it simple
General	Current holder, Waiting list	There is no provisions anywhere to support the desire to "relocate" a current mooring. I am a permit holder in the Point Section but would like to relocate to the Main Harbor. I've been #1 for years.... the net impact to the number of moorings is zero, yet I'm made to wait like all others. Very frustrating.
General	Former holder	No personal ownership allowed. All. Private moorings to be taken over, owned, and rented by the town, with all proceeds going to the Newport waterfront general fund.
General	No, but interested	You should only have changes for new Mooring permit holders. You should never change the rules after the game has started.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Waiting list	Extended nepotism, schemes and the like will diminish the vibrancy of the harbor. As mentioned earlier, a transient grid like Block/Edgartown/Nantucket would give Newport what it's lacking, bringing families/racers/money into town with higher frequency. For permanent moorings, the town/county/island/state would benefit from the revenues of an active user and not a squatter. My parents moved to Newport in 1966, then to Portsmouth - a life in the Navy and descendants of Roger Williams, without whom there'd be no mooring field - and I'm sure he'd agree that things need to be cleaned up in terms of abuse of mooring rights, and that this is ultimately more of a revenue benefit to Newport if it is a benefit to the state.
General	Waiting list	First, the proposed changes are blatantly unfair. We have been paying money every year to be on a list that was governed by specific rules. Now after 10 years, you are again looking to change those rules to adversely impact me. If you want greater turnover in the mooring permits, place a time limit for renewal such as 5 years. Start with the newly added people and "Grandfather" all existing people on the list to the rules in place when they signed up. The Master Plan for the Harbor notes that alternate systems that provide more boat storage per given area than mooring should be studied/implemented. Also, moorings should be optimized for space related to boat size. Has any of this been done?
General	Waiting list	People will find loopholes in complicated rules. Please make the rules simple, categorical, easy to implement with material financial penalty for non-compliance. Make the penalty for non-compliance part of the original contract. Make all legacy mooring holders also sign a new contract with the penalty clause. Maybe the best way to ration the moorings and encourage positive turnover is through the credible threat of financial penalty for self-dealing a public good. Thanks for the thoughtful survey.
General	Waiting list	I consider the moorings to be a public asset. As such, the city must be careful to allocate those assets fairly, There is no reason to give hereditary or other special considerations to people that happen to currently hold a mooring. There is also nothing wrong with changing the rules for people currently holding moorings as long as it is done fairly. There are no "rights" to moorings, rather they should be looked at as a privilege subject to public control.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Waiting list	Both the proposed changes and the already existing ordinances are only as good as they will in reality be "policed". The suspicion remains that application of the rules often stops short of the final consequences such as taking away a permit to put it back into circulation.
General	Waiting list	Can we look at adding a trolley-style small boat storage area to the pier next to Ida Lewis? This would be a nice use of space, free up some moorings, and give younger residents good options for smaller boat storage.
General	Waiting list	Introduce rules that allow enforcement of use it or lose it. Strictly enforce the people who are gaming the system. Look into more moorings in certain areas- The point, Brenton Cove etc. Rent moorings out.
General	Waiting list	Being young and in the process of purchasing a boat my issue is a place to keep it hence reducing the time I'll be able to be competitive while still young. / focus to first time family's/ younger people.
General	Waiting list	I had rented a mooring from Old Port for a long time and have been coming to Newport for decades. I enjoy the area with my family and would like to have the opportunity to moor my sailboat there.
General	Waiting list	This may be the wrong place for this, but it is imperative that anchoring rights and anchoring space not be any further curtailed, and that there is adequate public dinghy dock space available.
General	Waiting list	Perhaps looks at adding more Moorings in certain areas that can be designated for smaller boats. Smaller swinging radius = more boats. This will drastically help the situation.
General	Waiting list	Need more dinghy-friendly policies. Dock in the point should be available for transient dinghies (unlimited tie up 6am-midnight). We need to do more to welcome transients.

Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to share with the Newport Waterfront Commission?

Verbatim Responses:

Category	Mooring	Response
General	Waiting list	Restricting or removing privileges previously allowed is always hard but a more equitable use of the limited harbor space requires it.
General	Waiting list	A mooring permit should not be restricted to the number of days. Many of us cruise during the summer.
General	Waiting list	Can the mooring grid be improved to add more moorings to the field without compromising safety?
General	Waiting list	Are we maxed out with moorings? Is there new technology or best practices that can be adopted?
General	Waiting list	Survey took far longer than estimated and kept bouncing me out. Really aggravating.
General	Waiting list	I hope the city council has the courage to clean up this mess!!!!!!!!!!
General	Waiting list	Please make sure any change is considered "Fair".
General	Waiting list	Please make all new rules going forward.
General	Waiting list	Audit, Audit and Audit some more!
General	Waiting list	Weigh this information carefully.
General	Waiting list	More transparency.
General	Waiting list	Fix this mess

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

SECTION VI.

Mooring Ordinance Survey



This brief survey is being conducted by Performance Research on behalf of the Newport Waterfront Commission in order to collect more feedback on the recently proposed Harbor Ordinance Changes. Anyone interested is welcome to take part.

The survey will take about 5-7 minutes. We appreciate your participation and assure you that your responses are strictly anonymous and confidential, and your name will not be associated with the answers you give in any way.

Just click "Next" to get started.



Which of the following best describes you?

- Newport resident
- Non-resident



Are you...?

- A current Newport mooring permit holder
- On the Newport mooring waiting list
- A former mooring permit holder, but no longer
- None of the above, but interested in the issue

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Did you attend the recent informational session about Harbor Ordinance Changes at the Newport Public Library on Monday, January 7th?

- Yes
- No



Do you currently use any of the following in Newport? (Check all that apply)

- Rent a commercial mooring
- Rent or own dock space
- Utilize dock space at a Newport-based yacht club
- Anchor your boat in designated anchorage areas
- Store a dinghy on a city-provided rack or storage area
- Keep a dinghy at the Stone Pier



Approximately how many years have you had a Newport mooring permit?

 years

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Approximately how many years have you been on the waiting list for a Newport mooring?

 years

Do you know your current number on the waiting list?

- Yes
- No



Why did you give up your mooring? (Check all that apply)

- Didn't use my boat enough
- Sold my boat
- Moved out of town
- Financial considerations
- Had no reason to transfer my permit to a family member
- Other:

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Following are several changes in the Harbor Ordinance that were recently proposed by the Newport Waterfront Commission, along with brief considerations that have been discussed for each side of the issue.

You may have additional factors that impact your perspective and we encourage you to share them in this survey. On the next pages, please let us know...

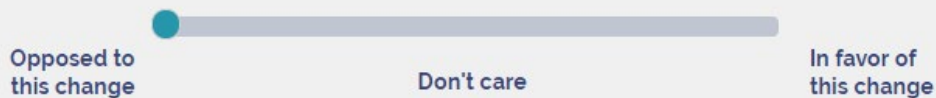
- How much you are in favor or opposed to each change
- How much (if at all) you feel you personally would be impacted by the change
- If there are additional issues regarding this proposed change to consider



(a) *"Use it or lose it"* - New requirement to have a designated vessel on a mooring at least once in a 30 consecutive day period unless cleared by the Harbor Master

Considerations: This change may help free up unused or under-utilized moorings.

Support:



Personal Impact:



Are there any additional issues to consider, or any comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding this proposed change?

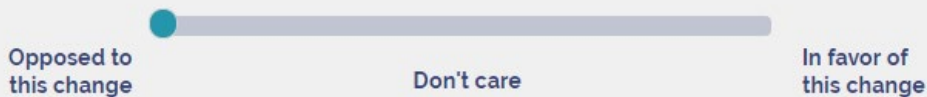
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(b) *“Pass it on”* - Change in the previous right to transfer a mooring permit to any immediate family member to the right to transfer only to a spouse or domestic partner

Considerations: This change would shorten the current “lifespan” of a mooring permit within a family.

Support:



Personal Impact:



Are there any additional issues to consider, or any comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding this proposed change?

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(c) *“Get a mooring - stay in Newport”* - A new requirement that Newport residents who receive a new mooring permit keep their residency in Newport for at least 5 years or surrender their permit

Considerations: This change may help to reduce pre-planned changes in residency soon after a mooring permit is received and help maintain the desired 3:1 balance between resident and non-resident mooring holders. It would remove the flexibility for those who may need to change their residency for unplanned family, financial, work, educational, or other personal reasons.

Support:



Personal Impact:



Are there any additional issues to consider, or any comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding this proposed change?

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(d) *"Big enough to need it"* - A new requirement that vessels on moorings be at least 14' in length, or of a design and weight that are not easily transportable and would be more appropriate for a mooring, unless approved by the Harbor Master

Considerations: This change may help to prevent "holding" a new mooring permit with inappropriate or transportable boats but may impact those who own small-sized boats and places more discretion on the Harbor Master to determine appropriate usage.

Support:



Personal Impact:



Are there any additional issues to consider, or any comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding this proposed change?

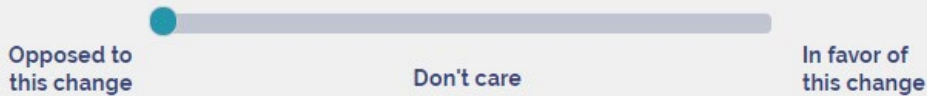
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(e) *“One and only”* - Restricting those who currently have more than one mooring permit to be allowed to transfer only one of the current permits to a spouse or domestic partner

Considerations: This would help to free up moorings. In the event of a mooring holder’s death it takes away the right of a spouse or domestic partner (who may have multiple boats) to retain more than one mooring permit obtained from the City of Newport in their family.

Support:



Personal Impact:



Are there any additional issues to consider, or any comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding this proposed change?

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During the Informational Meeting on held on January 7th, several suggestions, grievances, and comments were made by participants.

Knowing that the Newport Waterfront Commission must balance fairness and access to moorings for a variety of constituents (current mooring permit holders vs. those on a waiting list, residents, non-residents, etc.), what is your position on the following issues and questions that were raised?

	Strongly in favor (5)	(4)	Neutral (3)	(2)	Strongly opposed (1)	No opinion (0)
Allowing unused moorings to be rented by the city	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Give special consideration regarding moorings to veterans on the mooring waiting list	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not "take away" rights that were previously granted to current mooring permit holders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowing mooring holders to transfer rights one time to anyone they choose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restricting the allowable transfer of mooring permits <u>only</u> to those who are Newport residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have the Newport Waterfront Commission study opportunities with commercial moorings, not just private moorings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Refine the definition of "Resident" to include Newport property owners who are not living in Newport full time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allowing mooring permit holders with more than one vessel to alternate boats on a single mooring within a season	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The following demographic questions are asked to help the Newport Waterfront Commission more accurately estimate the future/long-term "turnover" of moorings. As with all other questions, your answers are completely confidential.

What is your age?

- Age:
- Would rather not answer

Do you currently have children?

- Yes
- No
- Would rather not answer

Are you...?

- Married/Partnered
- Widowed
- Single
- Would rather not answer

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