

# Moorings in the Bay



*All moorings within the Bay of Plenty are licensed as a permitted activity within the designated areas set in the coastal plan.*

## Mooring ratings

Moorings are rated differently throughout the Bay of Plenty, specific to the occupying boat that has been approved to the mooring. Some areas have been aligned to provide for a vessel to the maximum 15 metres but each mooring is rated upon servicing and may accommodate a vessel to that size if swing room allows

## Moorings for sale or rent

BOP Regional Council provides a listing service on our website for mooring owners. Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz/moorings](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/moorings)

### Other options:

- Local newspaper, classified section
- Visit the TradeMe website
- Boat club & local noticeboards
- Place an advertisement yourself

The Licence Holder is responsible to ensure forms and payment are provided to the Harbourmaster's office under the conditions of the Mooring Licence.

## Transfer of a Mooring Licence

A completed Transfer of Mooring Request form needs to be signed by both parties and the Council representative to be approved.

**There is a \$143.75 fee to transfer your licence.**

## Renting an existing mooring

A Change of Vessel form needs to be signed and completed by both parties and the Council representative to be approved.

There is a fee to change a vessel on a mooring **unless** owned by the Licence Holder.

The Harbourmaster's office has a few emergency moorings for short-term (maximum of 14 days) to rent. Contact the Moorings Officer for availability and rental fees.

## Change to a Mooring Licence

You can apply to place a larger vessel on the mooring if swing room permits or shift the mooring location if there is room in the mooring area.

Complete a **Change of Vessel** form to apply for a larger vessel or email the Moorings Officer to discuss.

## Dinghies

Clear identification to determine ownership is necessary.

Utilise racks where available and do not impede ramp access.

**Maintain**  
your dinghy  
regularly including  
bailing after  
weather events

## Key Responsibilities of a Licence Holder

- Comply with all Licence conditions
- Pay the annual fee on time  
(A discount is offered before 1 July in the year of issue)
- Ensure the mooring structure is kept in a suitable condition at all times to remain fit for purpose
- Ensure the pick-up buoy and BOPRC approval tag are clearly visible
- Have the mooring structure inspected by an approved contractor every two years or to the frequency assigned to that structure
- Check the mooring regularly between inspections; the Licence Holder is responsible for maintaining mooring integrity
- Secure the vessel to the mooring not the buoy rope
- Pay the costs associated with repairs and maintenance of the mooring to the approved Moorings Contractor promptly
- Ensure that the mooring is not to be occupied at any time by a vessel with an overall length greater than that approved by the Harbourmaster's office
- Advise of any updates to contact details including boat ownership (lease vessels)

## Approved Mooring Contractors

Contact the Moorings Officer for the approved mooring contractor in your area.

- Upon full payment of service the approved Moorings Contractor will supply a copy of the Inspection Certificate. This will confirm the mooring is in compliance with BOPRC mooring specifications

## Marine Pest Surveillance

Please help us to prevent their spread and make sure your hull has been checked, cleaned and antifouled. Check out [www.marinepests.nz](http://www.marinepests.nz) for more information.

## Seaworthiness

Every vessel should be in a fit condition to safely undertake a sea voyage within its design capabilities. The harbourmaster can direct the owner to remove it from the water until made seaworthy.

Any salvage or costs existing from non-compliance will be attributed to the owner.

## Pink Stickers

If you have been stickered - please contact the Harbourmaster's office, quoting the sticker number to discuss the non-compliance.

## Marinas

Should no swing moorings be available to accommodate your vessel:

- anchoring is permitted for a maximum of 14 days
- contact a marina for vacancies

## Relinquishing a Mooring Licence

If you no longer require your mooring, you may relinquish it at no further cost.

**Contact the Moorings Officer.**



- Inform Bay of Plenty Regional Council of any change of address or vessel information
- Ensure your vessel is securely fixed to the mooring headline and not the buoy rope
- Ensure the pickup buoy is tagged with the mooring number clearly visible
- Contact the Moorings Officer if there is an unauthorised vessel on your mooring
- Ensure your vessel is named clearly for identification
- Provide an emergency contact for mooring and vessel

- Lend your mooring without approval from the Moorings Officer
- Sell your mooring without completing and ensuring the return of the Mooring Licence Transfer Form
- Move your mooring without first obtaining consent from the Moorings Officer
- Remove any unauthorised vessel from your mooring without notifying the Moorings Officer
- Discharge waste from your vessel



***Infringements may be incurred under the MTA,  
the RMA and the BOP Regional Navigation Safety Bylaw***

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