

MANDEVILLE BOAT LAUNCH



The public boat launch is located in the 100 block of Jackson Ave. Three slips are available to launch boats less than 40 ft. The launch is free and at your own risk. Smaller craft can launch at the concrete dock at the end of Jackson Avenue at Lake Pontchartrain.

MANDEVILLE BOAT DOCK

Nine docking stations are available on a first come basis. Mooring is allowed for 4 consecutive days and cannot be re-registered for another 14 days. Overnight mooring must be registered through Mandeville Police Department through Pontchartrain Yacht Club. Rules for Warfage can be obtained in Mandeville Code Sec. 13-13. Mooring of noncommercial craft at public facilities on Bayou Castaine.



[The following is an excerpt from City of Mandeville's Code of Ordinances \(Section 13-13\) Rules and Regulations for public use of this facility.](#)

Sec. 13-13. Mooring of noncommercial craft at public facilities on Bayou Castaine.

- (a) Noncommercial craft shall be allowed to moor at the public facilities of the City of Mandeville at Bayou Castain.
- (b) Rules governing the use of the Harbor Wharfage area by noncommercial vessels are outlined as follows:
 - (1) *Definitions.*
 - a. Harbor Wharfage Area means the improved docking and launching areas on the west bank of Bayou Castaine which extend from the south boundary of the property presently owned by the Pontchartrain Yacht Club on Bayou Castaine to the end of the breakwater which extends from the west bank of the bayou in a southerly direction. Harbor Wharfage Area shall include the area in the water immediately adjacent to the dock to a point fifteen (15) feet into Bayou Castaine.

- b. Dock means the portion of the Harbor Wharfage Area which has been improved to accommodate the tying up or securing of any vessel.
- c. Harbor master means the person designated by the city council to enforce the rules and regulations of this section.
- d. Mooring means the act of docking, anchoring, intentional grounding, or otherwise securing a vessel or water craft such that any portion of the vessel is in the Harbor Wharfage Area. Any vessel that is anchored or otherwise secured and occupies an area that restricts the use of the dock.
- e. Person means any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity. As used in this section, the term includes, but is not limited to, any owner, master, officer, or employee of any vessel.
- f. Vessel means any water craft, boat, barge, or any other contrivance of any description, type, and purpose which is capable of being reasonably used as a means or transportation of or occupied by persons or property upon navigable waters, whether or not powered by any machine or device.

(2) Reserved.

(3) *Mooring of vessels at Harbor Wharfage Area on Bayou Castaine:*

- a. The owner or operator of any vessel which is moored or intended to be moored at the Harbor Wharfage Area for an overnight period shall register the vessel with the Mandeville Police Department on forms provided by the city. The registration shall allow the vessel to be moored for a total period of four (4) consecutive calendar days from the date of registration. When a vessel registers for four (4) days said vessel may not re-register for another fourteen (14) days. The permission to moor is for the specified vessel. The time allowed to be moored shall be determined starting from the day after the vessel is moored in the area and will not be affected by the temporary unmooring of the vessel for use in local waters or the movement of the vessel within the Harbor Wharfage area. When a vessel is registered a registration sticker will be issued. The mooring registration sticker must be displayed in plain view from dockside. Sticker will display the date of issuance and a statement that it expires three (3) days after the date of issuance. Special events that require the use of the Harbor Wharfage Area must submit a special event application to the city. The issuance of a special event permit allows the Wharfage Area to be cleared for the duration of the event and vessels moored there may remain for the duration of the event.
- b. Only a vessel that can moor under its own power is permitted to dock at the Harbor Wharfage Area.
 - i. Violation of any of these rules will cause the vessel to be impounded at the owners expense.
 - ii. The police department shall remove or cause to be removed from the Harbor Wharfage Area any vessel that is moored in violation of this section in accordance with the provisions of this section.
 - iii. Prior to the disposition of any such vessel, the police department shall place on the offending vessel a notice of violation, which notice shall be placed on the vessel at least three (3) days prior to its removal. The notice shall state that the vessel, unless claimed within three (3) days, will be considered public property and removed from the Harbor Wharfage Area and stored for an additional ten (10) days. If the vessel is not claimed after the ten (10) day period it will be sold at public auction and the proceeds retained by the City of Mandeville. If the vessel cannot be sold at public auction, the City retains the right to dismantle and dispose of the vessel. The notice shall further state the following:

- (1) The date the notice was placed on the vessel.
 - (2) The date the three (3) days' notice will expire.
 - (3) The authority to be contacted by any person claiming to have an interest in the vessel.
- Such notice shall be placed in a prominent place on the vessel so as to be plainly in public view from the shore.

c. The mooring of a vessel within the Harbor Wharfage Area does not include exclusive right to any particular berth. Boats may be relocated within the Harbor Wharfage Area when such relocation is required to ensure public safety as determined by the chief of police or his authorized representative.

d. All vessels moored within the Harbor Wharfage Area having sanitary facilities (toilet, sink, etc.) aboard shall have such facilities maintained so as to be in full compliance with all current city, state and federal regulations. No waste water, oil, fuel, garbage, trash, refuse or other contaminants or waste, liquid or solid, shall be discharged into the waters of Bayou Castaine. Violation of this regulation shall be punishable by a \$500.00 fine and will be cause for immediate termination of the right to moor the vessel.

e. Routine maintenance work done on the vessel within the area shall be limited to that which is ordinarily required to keep a vessel in good condition. The piers shall not be obstructed with tools or equipment of any sort. No major reconstruction work that normally would be done in a boat repair facility or would tend to make a vessel unseaworthy or unsightly shall be undertaken in the area.

f. Spray painting within the area is strictly prohibited. Minor painting/varnishing may be done by brush and only in a manner which precludes spillage upon bayou waters or any and all public areas.

g. Disposal of expended lubrication oils and bilge contaminants is not allowed. Waste of this type is not to be discharged overboard or placed in trash containers.

h. Modification/alteration of any city structure, facilities or components thereof is prohibited.

i. No unattended pets are allowed on the pier and/or catwalk areas. Dogs must be leashed at all times while at the Harbor Wharfage Area and permittees are responsible for picking up after their pets.

j. No laundry of any type, such as set clothes and/or items of a personal nature, shall be hung out to dry in public view from any vessel moored in the Harbor Wharfage Area.

k. Permittees shall be responsible for the proper securing of his/her vessel at all times. During the danger of high winds and tides, the vessel owner must take all necessary precautions to ensure proper mooring of his/her vessel to prevent it from breaking loose and damaging other vessels on the wharf and piers.

(4) *Penalties.* Whomever shall violate this section shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each day the vessel remains in the Harbor Wharfage Area beyond the current mooring period or imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days, or both, for each violation.

In addition to the penalty hereinabove provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this section, including allowing the vessel to remain in the Harbor Wharfage Area beyond the current mooring period, shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated by the city as provided by law. Each day that such a condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate violation.

(5) *Signs to be posted.* Appropriate signage with these rules shall be prominently posted in the Harbor Wharfage area.

(c) The councilmen reserve the right to enter into such contractual agreements for the management of the mooring facilities as they may deem advisable in the best interest of the city. (Ord. of 11-16-78; Ord. of 6-14-84; Ord. No. 03-50, 10-9-03; Ord. No. 08-09, 4-24-08; Ord. No. 09-31, 9-24-09)