Village of Port Clements

Live Aboard Policy Policy No. 07, 2012

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1.0 Definitions

Float Home: means a structure incorporating a flotation system, intended for use or being used or occupied for residential purposes, containing one dwelling unit only, not primarily intended for or useable in navigation and does not include a water craft designed or intended for navigation.

Live-Aboard: means a vessel licensed or registered by Transport Canada as suitable for navigation which serves as a residence for its owner(s).

Vessel Converted to Residence: means a vessel formerly licensed or registered by Transport Canada as suitable for navigation but which is no longer used nor licensed for navigation, and which has had its primary means of propulsion removed or rendered inoperable.

2.0 General

For the purposes of this policy, the terms Float Home, Live-Aboard and Vessel Converted to Residence are interchangeable and the same rules apply in all cases. The purpose of this policy is to define the regulations surrounding the approval of Live-Aboard vessels and the pricing structure affixed to these vessels. The intent of the Village of Port Clements is to develop regulations which provide for safe and environmentally sound management of the docks and also acknowledge and properly account for the costs to the municipality to provide these services.

3.0 Compliance Requirements

- 3.1 Live Aboard vessel owners require written permission from the Village of Port Clements in order to locate at either the Small Craft Harbour dock or the Rainbow Wharf.
- 3.2 No live-aboard vessels shall discharge sewage into the waters within five (5) kilometers of the Rainbow Wharf or the Small Craft Harbour dock. Discharge of sewage within this boundary is cause for instant termination of moorage privileges.
- 3.3 Live-aboard vessels which have any type of solid fuel-burning fireplaces/appliances must have the vessel inspected by the Fire Chief prior to moorage approval.
- 3.4 Certified 2.5kg ABC portable fire extinguishers shall be placed at the entrance of the vessel and additional ones placed on every level of the vessel.
- 3.5 Vessel owners shall provide the Village of Port Clements, annually, proof of third party liability insurance of an amount no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
- 3.6 Sufficient fastenings shall be available to prevent each Live-aboard vessel from separating from the float due to list, wind or grounding, yet should be of a type that can be readily disconnected in case of fire necessitating moving of the vessel.

4.0 Fee Schedule

Refer to attached Appendix A for fees associated with Live-Aboard moorage at each of the Small Craft Harbour and Rainbow Wharf in Port Clements.

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