

HSIA MARINA
Welcome Aboard Packet

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Welcome to the Hillsmere Shores Marina!

The Piers and Harbors Committee (P&H) of the HSIA is responsible for the operation of the Marina, which includes the main Marina on the “Sand Spit” (driveway at 133.5 East Bay View Drive), as well as the boat ramps and small craft storage racks at Sunset Drive (143 East Bay View Drive) and Beach Drive (609 Beach Drive), the Boat Park (614 Beach Drive) for boat/trailer storage, and the Kayak Ramp (541 Beach Drive). The HSIA Board has established rules and regulations to help make use of the P&H facilities fair and equitable, and a safe, efficient experience for everyone. The goal of this booklet is to help you become aware of the basic regulations, and also to list contacts and resources for any questions or problems you may have. Please read this booklet carefully, and keep it for future reference. A complete list of the HSIA Marina Rules and Regulations, the authority for all issues involving Piers and Harbors oversight, is available at:

<https://hillsmershores.org/piers-and-harbors/>

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Basic Rules and Regulations for use of the Marina land and ramps

A. Parking, Guest Passes, Towing

1. Parking at the Marina Sand Spit is monitored by the HSIA Security patrol and cameras. You must have a current Hillsmere sticker or Guest Pass to park at the Sand Spit. Stickers are available at Come-and-Get-it-Day (CAGID) and from the HSIA administrator, and should be affixed so they are visible to the security patrol. *Four spaces for short-term (20 minute) and handicapped parking are designated at the end of the Sand Spit closest to the main pier—please respect those spaces.* Parking at the boat ramps on Sunset Drive and Beach Drive also requires a Hillsmere sticker, and should be accomplished to leave as much room for others as possible.
2. Normally 2, but up to 4 Guest Passes for parking are available at CAGID and from the HSIA administrator. **Please be sure to get them in advance so you will have them for your guests. They are not available on short notice.**
3. Towing is being enforced for vehicles parked at the Sand Spit or on the ramps without an HSIA sticker or a Guest Pass. This is necessary to keep the Hillsmere Shores amenities reserved for Hillsmere Shores' residents and guests.

B. Gate Key Cards, Ramp Keys, Pump Out Keys

1. Gate Key Fobs, Ramp Keys and Pump Out Keys are available at CAGID and from the HSIA administrator. **None are available on short notice.** DO NOT LOSE THEM! A fee will be charged to replace lost fobs/keys.
2. An electronic Gate Key Fob is issued to each slip holder at the main Marina. The driveway gate operates on a light sensor and is automatically closed during hours of darkness (roughly 7pm to 7am) and you will be required to use the Key Fob to get in between those hours. The gate opens automatically to let anyone out. Stop just before the yellow speed bump and a sensor will open the gate. Gate Key Fobs remain HSIA property and must be returned to HSIA when giving up your slip.
3. Ramp keys (labeled "RAMP") work on all the ramps. There is a \$50 annual fee for the ramp keys. Please be sure to close and lock the ramp gates after you go through.
4. Everyone receives, or is entitled to receive, a Pump Out Key (etched with "Marina"), which opens
 - (a) The Pump Out Station (see below);
 - (b) The dock carts located at the head of the Main Pier;
 - (c) The two Fuel/Oil Spill Response Kit boxes located at the end of the Sand Spit. One is the big orange "Pig" located under the lean-to by the telephone pole; the other is a white box next to the park bench by the Sand Spit Beach; and
 - (d) A cabinet located at the entrance to the Marina by Slip #1.

C. Speed Limit

There is a 5 MPH Speed Limit on the Sand Spit for several reasons, including:

- The safety of residents—especially small children who may be darting around, and
- The corrosive action of stone dust that is kicked up by cars on boat finishes.

The Sand Spit is 1/10th of a mile long. Speeding can only save you a couple of seconds travel time. What's the hurry? PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE drive slowly! Speed bumps are there to remind you to slow down and relax!

D. Trash Free Site

For both environmental and economic reasons, the Marina has been designated a trash-free site. This means that you must carry out all trash (and hopefully recycle it). Please do not leave anything or allow anything to blow away that your neighbors will have to pick up, or that will pollute the Marina and the Creek.

E. Pets

Hillsmere is a pet-friendly community, but we are mindful that there are some residents who don't like or are fearful of dogs. County law prohibits pets "running at large" and requires that pets be on leashes.

1. While pets may be unleashed when on their owners' boats, pets should NEVER be unleashed and running at large on the Sand Spit or on the piers.
2. Pet owners who wish to exercise their unleashed pets at the small beach at the end of the Sand Spit do so at their own risk, and must maintain control of their pets.
3. Pet droppings must be picked up and removed by the pet owner or deposited in the pet waste stations at either end of the Sand Spit. Please be observant of your dog to ensure this happens.

F. Crabbing, Fishing

1. Crabbing is permitted off the piers only while a Hillsmere resident is present. All lines, bait, and receptacles must be placed so as not to impede use of the piers, and must be totally cleaned up when the individual is finished, including removal of crab lines.
2. Crab lines may not be tied to boats, mooring lines, or to any utility fixture, including power pedestals and plumbing fixtures. Crab lines should not be tied to nails holding piling caps in place.
3. Crab pots may not be used at the Marina or Boat Ramp docks and piers by slip holders, Hillsmere residents, guests, or visitors. Any crab pots found to be in use at the Marina or Boat Ramp docks and piers are subject to removal and disposal without notice.
4. Fishing is not encouraged from the piers but is permitted off the grassy strip on the edge of the Sand Spit. Again, all lines, equipment, bait, and refuse must be thoroughly cleaned up when the individual is finished.

G. Swimming

Swimming off the Marina Sand Spit or Boat Ramps is not encouraged. However, it is acknowledged that getting off and on paddle boards and kayaks sometimes involves swimming. Similarly, families that want to have a dog with them may occasionally use the small beach at the end of the Sand Spit. Swimmers are cautioned not to swim under or near the piers, as electrical lines and pipes are located there and could be dangerous if contacted. There is always a danger of stray electrical current, which can be fatal.

H. Pump Out Station

The pump out station is at the end of the main pier, at the corner, and is available for use by Hillsmere slip holders and Ramp Key holders only. The box can be opened with the Pump Out Key, and should be kept locked when not in use. A hose is available for washing down minor spills.

Basic Rules and Regulations for Use of the Docks and Slips

A. Seaworthy Boats

All boats in the Marina must be safe, operational and seaworthy. Slip Holders whose boats are neglected or left solely for storage (i.e., not used) may not have their slips renewed.

B. Boat Moorings

Boats must be adequately and safely moored in their slips. The preferred method of mooring boats in the Marina is by securing mooring lines around pilings of the slip, dock or bulkhead. If your boat is observed to be endangered or endangering other boats as a result of inadequate moorings, you will be contacted by a member of the P&H Committee for corrective action and/or an offer of assistance.

C. Hardware

Unless expressly approved in writing by the Chairperson of the P&H Committee:

- a) Slip holders shall not install cleats, eye bolts, rings, blocks and pulleys, hooks, nails, handles, grab bars or other hardware on pilings, dock boards, joists, stringers, or bulkheads.
- b) Slip holders shall not install dock bumpers, edging, guards or wheels on pilings, dock boards, joists, stringers, or bulkheads.
- c) Slips holders may install line hangers designed for marine use on outer pilings provided they are parallel to the length of the slip, do not intersect the plane of the slip (i.e., do not project into the slip area), and are installed with stainless steel screws or lag bolts.

D. Dock Boxes.

Dock boxes are allowed on the docks only as described in the Marina Rules and Regulations.

E. Waiting List for Slip Upgrades

If you are interested in obtaining a slip in a different location in the Marina, you may have your name added to the Slip Movement/Upgrade List. Contact the Slips Committee:

marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org

F. Boats in Trouble

If you observe a boat that needs immediate attention, contact:

the P&H Chair at Marina@hillsmereshores.org or 410-212-6978; or

the Operations Committee Chair at normjohansen@gmail.com or 443-822-8945

Emergency Preparedness

A. Weather-related

1. Tides normally range 1-2 feet at the marina, but abnormally high and low tides do occur, especially in the spring and fall, and during storm events. Please check your boat during both high and low tides to make sure it is moored properly. Please check your boat before and after forecast storm events.
2. The location near the mouth of the South River makes the HSIA Marina vulnerable to both storm surge and wave action from tropical storms and hurricanes. All slip holders should have plans for securing their boats in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane.

Alternative caretakers for boats should be designated in the event a slip holder is away or cannot be contacted.

B. Fuel/Oil Spills

The HSIA Marina strives to be a Maryland Clean Marina. Fuel/Oil Spill Response Kits are located near the end of the Sand Spit in a bright orange, plastic wheeled cart, and in a white fiberglass dock box. The Pump Out keys that slip holders receive will open both boxes, which contain: (A) the HSIA Marina Fuel/Oil Spill Response Plan; (B) absorbent pads and booms; and (C) related safety equipment. All slip holders should familiarize themselves with the HSIA Marina Fuel/Oil Spill Response Plan, which is included inside the Kits and is attached as Addendum B to the Marina Rules and Regulations

Resources

- A. For any non-emergency questions, first check the Hillsmere Shores website: <http://www.hillsmereshores.org>. There, under Committee Links, Piers & Harbors, you will find the complete Marina Rules and Regulations, and other relevant information.