

# SPC CANAL AREA OPERATIONS POLICY

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### 1.0 VESSEL RESTRICTIONS

#### 1.1 A vessel must not exceed the following dimensions:

- 1.1.1 Width (Beam) – 10 feet – The width measurement is taken at the widest point of the vessel perpendicular to the bow to stern centerline. This width or less must be maintained when operating the vessel in the canal.
- 1.1.2 Length – 30 feet - The length measurement is taken bow to stern with all vessel parts deployed to their maximum length. This includes engines, outriggers, or other equipment attached to the vessel.
- 1.1.3 Height – For vessels with reservations east of the bridge - 10 feet – The height is measured from the waterline to the highest point on the vessel. **The Canal Bridge height restricts access to these slips.**
- 1.1.4 If necessary, SPC Security will measure the vessel, make a final determination of size (Ref. Rule 2.2), and recommend actions available to the Owner to bring the vessel into compliance. Vessels still deemed too large for the canal facility may be accommodated in the marina if space is available. This requires consultation and authorization of SPC management and will be offered at marina rates.

#### 1.2 Vessels utilizing the Canal must be mechanically seaworthy (Ref. Rule 2.3). A vessel is defined as being mechanically seaworthy if:

- 1.2.1 The vessel's installed mechanical means of propulsion can be started and stopped and, using only this means of propulsion, the vessel can safely enter, exit, navigate, and dock within the SPC Canal Area and, specifically, dock in their assigned canal slip.
- 1.2.2 The vessel does not require repair for it to be used on the open water, meets USCG minimum equipment standards, and is, in the sole opinion of SPC management, receiving regular care to maintain a clean and uncluttered appearance.

#### 1.3 No vessel with an open air exhaust system is allowed to purchase a Dock Permit. Owners may request an exception from SPC Management if they are SPC condominium owners or long term guests. To obtain an exception, the vessel Owner must show that the vessel can normally operate with an acceptable audible level and agree to operate in this mode while in the canal and launching areas. If granted, their docking permit will be marked as described in Administrative Policy Section 1.10. The exception will be revoked and permit withdrawn if the Owner does not operate as agreed.

## 2.0 DOCKING

- 2.1 Docking Permit decals are to be positioned on the vessel's windshield or the top of its bow in a location clearly visible from the dock and without obstruction by hull covers or other equipment.
- 2.2 Moor centered in the slip between the white slip markers with no intrusion or possible movement into another slip.
- 2.3 Only one vessel may occupy a slip at any time unless directed otherwise by SPC staff. No doubling up or rafting to another vessel is allowed.
- 2.4 Any actions resulting in damage to a vessel must be reported to SPC Security by the responsible Owner as soon as possible but always within 24 hours.
- 2.5 Security will coordinate all activities to remove unauthorized vessels. In no case should an Owner board another vessel or move it.

## 3.0 VACANCIES

- 3.1 If a reserved slip is vacant for twenty four (24) hours and the Owner has not notified SPC Management or Security of their intended absence, SPC will assume the slip has been abandoned and may reassign the slip to another vessel.
- 3.2 If SPC is aware of an extended absence by a slip occupant, they may allow use of the slip by another vessel during this time. SPC will insure the slip is vacated and available for use by the anticipated return date of the original occupant.

## 4.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 4.1 Vessel trailers (loaded or empty) are not allowed to be parked on any SPC property unless their Owner can park them completely on the paved driveway underneath their condominium unit (as found under some Villa and 4000 series units).
- 4.2 **FISH CLEANING IS NOT ALLOWED DIRECTLY ON THE DOCKS. NO CARCASSES MAY BE DISCARDED INTO THE CANAL OR OTHER WATERWAYS SURROUNDING SPC.**
  - 4.2.1 Fish may be cleaned in docked boats or at the community fish cleaning station located by the launch ramp.
  - 4.2.2 Fish remains are to be double wrapped in plastic trash bags and discarded in SPC community dumpsters.
  - 4.2.3 Only fish parts that are used in bait traps may be put into the water.
- 4.3 The canal, along with the rest of Destin Harbor, is both a **NO WAKE and a NO DUMPING ZONE**. This includes the launching and marina areas. Owners are reminded of their liability for any damage caused by themselves, their passengers, their wake, or their vessels as well as their responsibility to remove any trash, fluids, or fish remains from their boat and the docking areas. Offending Owners may be reported for prosecution and will have their vessel's Docking Permit considered for revocation by SPC Management.

- 4.4 **BEACHING** of vessels is **NOT PERMITTED** along any shoreline on SPC property.
- 4.5 Utility connections along the north side docks are for the use of all boaters. Utilities found under the condominiums along the south side dock belong to the occupants of those units and are not provided for use by others. No cords or hoses are provided by SPC and are the private property of other Owners.
- 4.6 No overnight sleeping (11:00 PM to 8:00 AM) is allowed in the canal area or on docked vessels along the canal.
- 4.7 No commercial activity is allowed to operate from the canal, canal docks, or the boat launching area without the permission of SPC Management.
- 4.8 **QUIET HOURS** - No loud conversations, music, or other noise is allowed in the canal area between the hours of 10PM and 8AM. However, quiet and respectful behavior is expected at all hours of the day due to the close proximity of private residences to the canal area.