

Penalties

- Violation of ordinance is a class 3 misdemeanor and carries a fine of \$100 per offense plus any other judgments from the court.
- Violation of the regulations regarding anchoring, docking, mooring, derelict vessels, and abandoned vessels are subject to a civil remedy of \$500 per offense, per day.
- Unclaimed vessels, or vessels for which the owner does not pay the costs of removal, storage, environmental restoration and civil remedies, will be disposed of or sold, with proceeds used to offset unpaid costs.

Appeals

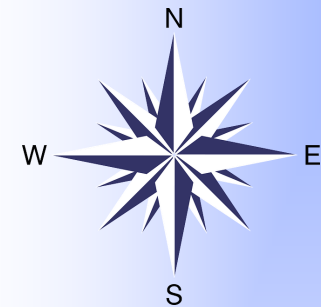
- Vessel owners in violation may request an appeal hearing before the Police Chief or his designee within 10 days of the posting of a violation notice
- Vessel owners have the right to appeal any order considered adverse to the Carteret County District Court within 10 days.

Enforceable pursuant to G.S. 160A-175

All waters within the yellow line are inside the Town of Beaufort's jurisdiction.



Town of Beaufort Navigable Waters



The waters around Beaufort are an incredible asset. We want everyone to enjoy their beauty and the recreational opportunities they provide, and also to help us preserve this natural resource for future generations.

The regulations described in this brochure apply to all the navigable waters within the boundaries of the Town, as shown on the map within. Enforcement is provided through the Beaufort Police Department.



(252) 728-4561

REGULATIONS

Anchoring, Docking, Mooring

It is unlawful to:

- Anchor, moor, raft-up, or operate any vessel, or carry on any activity in such a way as to constitute a hazard to navigation or interfere with another vessel
- Carry on any regulated activity without the proper government-issued permit (placing of moorings, pilings, docks, etc.)
- Anchor, dock, moor, or store any vessel for more than 10 days in a thirty-day period, except at a private dock or marina



Permission is granted to anchor vessels for up to 10 days in a 30 day period.

Permission will be revoked for:

- Dragging anchor; being moored or anchored in unauthorized areas, or in a marked channel
- No evidence of current registration
- Leaving vessel unattended for more than 24 hours
- A vessel that is slept on but not equipped with a holding tank; or the owner cannot produce receipts for weekly pump-outs of holding tank
- Complaint calls to police for disturbances or violations of law on or around the vessel
- A vessel that is within 75 feet of another vessel, dock, or marina
- A vessel that doesn't display proper anchor lights
- Other safety related or environmental reasons as determined by the Police Chief



Derelict and Abandoned Vessels Prohibited

- ▶ A derelict vessel is one that has been left unattended and is in significant disrepair that may affect its seaworthiness, safety of the public, or the environment.
- ▶ An abandoned vessel is one that is unattended for more than 10 consecutive days; or is in danger of sinking, has sunk, is a hazard to navigation, or is a danger to other vessels.

Upon identifying a derelict or abandoned vessel, notice of the violations will be posted on vessel (if feasible).

If known, owner will be informed that vessel must be removed and affected surrounding environmental area restored (if applicable) within 10 days.

Failure to meet deadline will result in vessel being deemed abandoned; vessel will be impounded and owner subject to criminal and civil penalties plus costs of removal of vessel, disposition, and environmental restoration.

Notice provisions may be waived if identifying the owner is impractical.