

**VILLAGE OF MASSET HARBOUR AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE # 8
BERTHAGE**

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on the criteria for berthing vessels in the harbour.

APPLICATION

This directive applies to all Harbour Authority personnel and all harbour users.

DEFINITIONS

1. **BERTHAGE:** Area(s) within the harbour designated for tying up vessels.
2. **COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL (CFV):** Any currently licensed vessel displaying current DFO fishing license plates and/or species tabs that is properly equipped for harvesting or packing and actively involved in the commercial fishing industry.
3. **PLEASURE CRAFT (P/C) / UNLICENSED / NON CFV:** Any vessel that does not meet the criteria for # 2 above.
4. **RESERVED BERTHAGE:** Any slip or tie up location which has been reserved for the sole use of an identified vessel for a period of 12 consecutive months.
5. **TRANSIENT VESSEL:** Any vessel that primarily berths at an alternate harbour but may berth at the harbour on an irregular or seasonal basis.
6. **HOMEPORT VESSEL:** Any vessel which utilizes the berthing facilities of Delkatla Slough Harbour for the majority of a calendar year.

POLICY

A. BERTHAGE AREAS

We do not have any reserved berthage areas.

B. GENERAL BERTHAGE CRITERIA

1. All homeport vessel owners must sign a Harbour Authority “Moorage Agreement” (see appendix A) as a condition of occupancy. All vessel

owners are bound to the terms and conditions of the HA Moorage Agreement upon use of HA facilities, regardless of whether this agreement has been signed.

2. All vessels must be completely seaworthy as determined by the Harbour Authority.
3. All vessel names, registration numbers and CFV plates (if applicable) must be clearly displayed on the exterior of each vessel.
4. The Harbour Authority does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to vessels and / or property while utilizing harbour facilities.
5. All vessel owners / operators must report to the office upon arrival of their vessel to ensure all proper contact information is up to date.
6. All owners / operators of vessels in the harbour must comply with all harbour regulations, rules, and directives as well as all Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation.
7. The Harbour Authority reserves the right to relocate any vessel without notice if necessary to ensure the efficient operation of the harbour and to make best use of available berthage space.

C. ASSIGNMENT OF BERTHAGE (No Reserved Berthage Currently)

1. In accordance with the mandate set out in the Harbour Authority's head lease, priority will always be given to CFV vessels. Non CFV vessels will be accommodated when and where possible with the understanding that Non CFV vessels may be relocated should a CFV vessel require the spot for any reason.
2. Berthage will be assigned by the HA based each vessel's specific characteristics including length, beam, hull type, draft, and operating equipment.

D. RATES

Berthage rates are in accordance with the current Harbour Authority Rates Directive.

Harbour Authority

Date