



Hurricane Preparation Plan

Requirements

- The following preparations are REQUIRED to be put in place when a Hurricane Watch for our area has been issued. A minimum of 7 dock lines are required but more are encouraged. A diagram of possible mooring configurations is attached to this plan. If you are uncertain if your mooring plan is sufficient, MYHMC will be glad to offer personal guidance. You may make an appointment by calling 504-283-9676 or emailing Bryan.White@nola.gov. Vessels which are improperly secured in the event of a Hurricane Watch may have additional lines secured to their vessel at their expense. If this occurs, it does not constitute a transfer of liability for damages. Failure to secure your vessel following the guidelines below may result in the cancelation of your lease per the Harbor Rules and Regulations *HRR20*.
[Municipal Harbor : New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation \(MYHMC\) \(nomunicipalharbor.com\)](http://nomunicipalharbor.com)

Floating Docks

- The floating docks at Municipal Yacht Harbor are designed to rise and fall as a single unit. The vessels tied to the docks should be secured tightly to become part of the dock structure. Tying across docks and between vessels is permitted with permission from vessel owners if the lines are strong and tight, and they do not restrict access of other tenants. The goal is to create one solid unit to rise and fall with the water level. Loose lines will cause shock loading and can damage the docks. Boat owners will be liable for damages to the docks if it is determined that an improperly tied boat caused the damage.
- Please clear or secure all belongings on the docks.
- Secure dock box lids with a padlock or clip to prevent accidental lid opening.
- Damage to electrical pedestals and dock boxes are the responsibility of the tenant and will be repaired or replaced at their expense.

Preparing Your Vessel

- Strip your boat of all movable equipment such as canvas, outriggers, sails, dinghies, cushions, deck boxes, biminis and roller furling sails.
- Tie down everything you cannot remove such as tillers, wheels, booms, etc.
- Make sure your batteries are fully charged and your bilge pumps are operational.

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Attaching Lines:

- Obtain additional lines of appropriate size or larger. Double or add additional lines to vessels as per the diagram or as required. Please utilize both cleats at the end of each finger pier for additional security per the diagram.
- Tie all lines tightly to floating docks. The floating docks will allow the vessel to rise with the water level. Keeping all lines tied tightly to the docks will spread the loads and reduce shock loading.
- Do not tie to steel or wood pilings.
- Cover all lines at rough points and install chafe gear on lines and boats where needed.
- Install fenders to protect the boat from rubbing against the pier, piling and other boats.
- Avoid tying too many lines to a single cleat on the vessel, use winches, windlass capstans, and other secure points on the vessel.

Marina Access:

- Tenants are strongly encouraged to remain in a safe and secure location during tropical events. Tenants who enter the marina during these times do so at their own risk. Do not use the elevator as power outages are likely. Docks are will be extremely dangerous during tropical events and access is strongly discouraged.

