

THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHARF AND ANCHOR REGULATION BYLAW

BYLAW 8450

Effective Date - June 14, 2021

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Original Bylaw Date of Adoption

Bylaw 8450 June 14, 2021

Amending Bylaw Bylaw 8559 Date of Adoption May 30, 2022

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw Wharf and Anchor Regulation Bylaw 8450, 2021. The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

Bylaw 8450

A bylaw to regulate wharf and anchorage services within the District of North Vancouver

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This bylaw may be cited as "Wharf and Anchor Regulation Bylaw 8450, 2021".

2. Application

This bylaw applies in respect of all wharves in the District of North Vancouver listed in Schedule A of this bylaw and all *waterlot areas*.

3. Definitions

In this bylaw:

abandon means to leave a vessel or watercraft at a wharf or anywhere in a waterlot area for longer 48 hours, except as otherwise permitted under this bylaw;

anchor buoy means a buoy installed by the *District* within a *waterlot area* and intended for the temporary *moorage* of a *vessel* or *watercraft*;

bare boat charter means a *vessel* charter agreement under which the charterer has complete possession and control of the *vessel*, including the right to appoint its master and crew, and uses the *vessel* exclusively for pleasure purposes and does not, directly or indirectly, derive remuneration from any persons carried on board;

berth means a location at a wharf where a vessel or watercraft may be moored;

business means a commercial or industrial undertaking of any kind or nature or the providing of professional, personal or other services for the purpose of gain or profit and includes, without limitation, the offering or advertising of the same;

bylaw enforcement officer means a person appointed by the *District* whose duties include bylaw enforcement, including bylaw enforcement officers, park rangers, and environmental protection officers, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Canada Shipping Act means the *Canada Shipping Act*, S.C. 2001, c. 26, as amended or replaced from time to time;

Council means the Council of The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver;

day means a calendar day beginning at midnight on day one and ending at midnight on the next day;

District means The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver;

dangerous goods means dangerous goods as defined in the *Transport of Dangerous Goods Act*;

emergency service vessel means a police, fire, search and rescue, or ambulance vessel:

emergency vehicle means police vehicle, ambulance or fire department vehicle;

explosive has the same meaning as in the Explosives Act,

Explosives Act means the *Explosives Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-17, as amended or replaced from time to time;

Fees and Charges Bylaw means the District's Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended or replaced from time to time;

float means a floating structure designed or used for the mooring or berthing of vessels and includes a floating wharf but excludes an anchor buoy;

length means

- in the case of a vessel registered under the Canada Shipping Act, as amended or replaced from time to time, the length as shown in the Certificate of Registry issued by Transport Canada;
- (b) in the case of a *vessel* licensed under the *Small Vessel Regulation* of the *Canada Shipping Act*, the *length* from the fore part of the head of the stern post; and
- (c) in the case of a vessel that is not registered or licensed under (a) or (b), the horizontal distance measured between perpendiculars erected at the extreme ends of the outside of the hull;

liquor has the same meaning as in the British Columbia *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*;

Liquor Control and Licensing Act means the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 19, as amended or replaced from time to time;

live-aboard means the use of a *vessel* or *watercraft* for living accommodation;

loading zone means that area of a *wharf* designated solely for loading and unloading passengers, supplies or gear and identified by a yellow painted tie-rail or yellow painted lines at the *wharf* head;

month means a period commencing on the first day in any calendar month and terminating on the last day of that month;

moor means to secure a *vessel* or *watercraft* by means of lines, cables or anchors;

moorage fee means a charge levied in respect of a *vessel* or *watercraft*, that is moored at a *berth* or *anchor buoy*, or part thereof, or is fastened to any other *vessel* or *watercraft* occupying a *berth*;

moorage licence agreement means an agreement for prepaid *moorage* in the form approved by the *ports manager* from time to time;

Offence Act means the *Offence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 338, as amended or replaced from time to time:

owner means the owner or operator of a *vessel* or *watercraft*, or the master of a *vessel*;

ports manager means the *District*'s Parks Manager or other person appointed as ports manager by the *District*;

raft means the mooring of one *vessel* or *watercraft* along side another;

reservation period means the period during which a person is permitted to *moor* at an *anchor buoy* in accordance with this bylaw, as reserved using the *District's* online registration system;

seaplane means an aircraft on floats, whether operated privately or commercially;

school water taxi means any *vessel* or *watercraft* used to transport schoolchildren, where no fee is charged to the passengers;

taxi/emergency licence agreement means a licence agreement in the form approved by the ports manager from time to time;

Transport of Dangerous Goods Act means the *Transport of Dangerous Goods Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 458, as amended or replaced from time to time;

vessel means any ship or boat which is or can be propelled by a motor;

watercraft means any ship or boat or any other description of vessel that is not propelled by machinery;

waterlot area means an area leased or licensed to the *District* in which is located a wharf or anchor buoy and includes the area indicated in Schedule B of this bylaw;

water taxi means any vessel or watercraft used to transport passengers or material for a fee; and

wharf means a landing pier, ramp or *float* for *vessels* and *watercraft* that is owned or maintained by the *District* and includes those listed in Schedule A of this bylaw.

4. Public Conduct

- (a) No person shall obstruct or interfere with any person, *vessel* or *watercraft* lawfully using a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*.
- (b) No person shall behave in a disorderly, dangerous or offensive manner on a *wharf* or in a *waterlot area*.
- (c) No person shall bring a live animal onto a *wharf* unless the animal is:
 - (i) on a leash; and
 - (ii) being conveyed to or from a *vessel* or *watercraft* while under the control of the *owner* or user of the *vessel* or *watercraft*.
- (d) No person shall engage in any fishing or crabbing at or from any *wharf* or in any *waterlot area*, except that such activities may be undertaken in designated areas at Cates Park Wharf from October 17 to April 15 in any year in accordance with posted notices.
- (e) No person shall jump off of a *wharf*.
- (f) No person shall, while on a *wharf* or in a *waterlot area*, make any amplified sound or operate any equipment that disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, enjoyment and comfort of other persons.
- (g) No person shall possess an open container of *liquor* at a *wharf*.
- (h) No person shall use the surface of a *wharf* for any maintenance or repair work.
- (i) No person shall refuel or maintain motorized equipment or use paints, solvents or other materials toxic to fish or humans on a *wharf* or in a *waterlot area*.
- (j) No person shall do any other thing in such a manner as to impede the use of a wharf or anchor buoy for short-term moorage and access.
- (k) No person except the *ports manager* or his or her designate shall place, post or erect a sign on a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*.
- (I) No person shall store or leave any property or material of any kind, including a watercraft, on the surface of a wharf or in a waterlot area, except in an area on a wharf designated as a storage area by a sign indicating the area is a storage area.
- (m) No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, refuse, empty or broken bottles, cans, paper, animal excrement or other waste material on a *wharf* or in a *waterlot area*.
- (n) No person shall encroach on the foreshore by the grounding of *vessels* or equipment or create other disturbance of the foreshore or seabed.

5. Damage

- (a) No person shall remove, destroy or damage any *wharf* or *anchor buoy*, or any structure or sign attached to a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*.
- (b) No person shall remove, destroy or damage any notices, rules or regulation posted on a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* by or under the authority of the *District*.

6. Loading zone

- (a) No person shall cause a *vessel* or *watercraft* to be left unattended at or adjacent to a *loading zone*.
- (b) Every person using a *loading zone* shall immediately vacate the *loading zone* for an emergency *vessel* operating in the case of an emergency.
- (c) No person shall cause a *vessel* or *watercraft* or vehicle to remain moored in a *loading zone* for a period in excess of 15 minutes, except for emergency *vessels* in the course of training exercises or emergency situations.

7. Commercial Activity

- (a) No person shall sell, expose or display for sale any goods or materials, including refreshments, or conduct any *business* on a *wharf* or in a *waterlot area*. This subsection does not prohibit the use of a *wharf* to transport commodities or goods, other than construction or building supplies, materials, or equipment, to or from a *vessel* or *watercraft* moored at a *wharf*.
- (b) No vessel or watercraft which is being used for business or commercial services shall moor at an anchor buoy or a wharf.

8. Construction and Installation

- (a) No person shall build upon or place any structure on a *wharf* except as authorized under this bylaw.
- (b) No person shall place, construct, install or leave any unauthorized buoy, *float* or other structure or object in a *waterlot area*.
- (c) No person shall use a *wharf* for the loading or unloading of construction or building supplies, materials or equipment.

9. General Moorage Restrictions

- (a) No person shall *moor* any *vessel* or *watercraft* in a *waterlot* area, except at a *wharf* or *anchor* buoy.
- (b) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* or *watercraft* at an *anchor buoy* without first registering and reserving the use of that *anchor buoy* using the *District*'s online registration and reservation system and providing such information as is required by the *ports manager* in connection with such registration and reservation.

- (c) No person shall cause any *vessel* or *watercraft* to be moored at an *anchor buoy* before their *reservation period* commences or after their *reservation period* has expired.
- (d) No person shall cause any *vessel* or *watercraft* to be moored at an *anchor buoy* for more than 72 hours in any calendar *month*, which 72 hours may be consecutive or non-consecutive.
- (e) No person shall cause any *vessel* or *watercraft* to remain moored overnight at a wharf or in excess of twelve hours, except for:
 - (i) vessels in respect of which an owner has prepaid moorage fees and entered into a moorage licence agreement, in which case moorage is permitted for 18 hours in a one day period; and
 - (ii) emergency service vessels and emergency vehicles in the course of emergency situations.
- (f) No person shall secure the *berth* of any *vessel* or *watercraft* at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* by use of a lock or otherwise in a manner that prevents the removal or relocation of the *vessel* or *watercraft*.
- (g) When required by limited mooring space any person in charge of a vessel or watercraft may raft the vessel or watercraft at a wharf, provided that no person shall raft more than two vessels or watercrafts, or such lower or higher number of vessels or watercrafts as may be specified by a sign posted at a wharf.
- (h) No person shall *raft* a *vessel* or *watercraft* at an *anchor buoy*.
- (i) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* at an *anchor buoy* unless such *vessel* is insured and registered with Transport Canada or its replacement or successor from time to time.
- (j) No person shall *moor* a water taxi or a *school water taxi* at a *wharf* unless they have first entered into a *taxi/emergency licence agreement* and paid the required fees.
- (k) No person shall use any *vessel* or *watercraft* moored at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* for *live-aboard* activity, except as permitted under section 9(d).
- (I) No person shall flush *vessel* heads at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* or elsewhere in a *waterlot area*.
- (m) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* or *watercraft* at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* in such a manner as to unduly obstruct the movement of other *vessels* or *watercraft*.
- (n) No person shall tie lines fastening a *vessel* or *watercraft* to a *wharf* across the *wharf* or to anything other than the fastenings provided for the purpose of *moorage*.

(o) No person shall cause or permit any *vessel* or *watercraft* to remain in any *waterlot area* for longer than six hours unless moored to a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*.

10. Vessel Restrictions

- (a) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* or *watercraft* in excess of 36 feet in *length* at a wharf.
- (b) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* or *watercraft* in excess of 40 feet in *length* at an anchor buoy.
- (c) No person shall load or unload passengers to or from a *seaplane*, commercial *vessel* or charter *vessel* at a wharf, except that passengers may be loaded or unloaded from a charter *vessel* or *school water taxi* at a wharf with a valid licence issued by the *ports manager*. This section does not apply to *bare boat charters*.

11. Abandonment

No person shall abandon a vessel or watercraft at a wharf or in a waterlot area.

12. Dangerous Goods

- (a) No person shall *moor* a *vessel* or *watercraft* carrying *dangerous goods* or explosives at a wharf or anchor buoy.
- (b) No person shall store, treat, generate, transport, process, handle, produce or dispose of any dangerous goods, explosives or hazardous or contaminated materials or substances on a wharf, in a waterlot area, or while moored at a wharf or anchor buoy.

13. Responsibility

For the purpose of this bylaw, the *owner* of a *vessel* or *watercraft* is deemed to be responsible for the *vessel* or *watercraft* and the actions of its crew.

14. Public Moorage Fees Applicable to Wharves and Anchor Buoys

Every owner or operator of a vessel or watercraft moored at the wharf or anchor buoy shall:

- (a) pay in advance or, where applicable, immediately upon mooring the *vessel* or watercraft to a wharf, the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw, except that an emergency service vessel is not required to pay such fee when performing emergency services or training exercises so long as it has paid the annual fee for emergency service vessels as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw,
- (b) pay in advance, prior to mooring the vessel or watercraft to an anchor buoy, the moorage fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw, which moorage fees shall be paid online through the District's online reservation and registration system;

- (c) when moored at a *wharf*, prominently display a valid ticket or licence to *moor* the vessel or watercraft.
 - (i) at the window of a wheelhouse of a power boat or sailboat;
 - (ii) at the transom or tiller or wheel of a sailboat; or
 - (iii) in some other visible location where the *vessel* or *watercraft* has no window, tiller or wheel;
- (d) if such vessel is an emergency service vessel, enter into a taxi/emergency licence agreement, pay in advance the prescribed annual fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw, and, except when the emergency service vessel is being actively used in connection with an emergency or training exercises, also pay the moorage fees payable under sections 10(a) and 10(b) hereof; and
- (e) if such *vessel* is a *school water taxi*, enter into a *taxi/emergency licence agreement*, and pay in advance the annual licence fee and the estimated annual landing fee prescribed in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, provided that the actual annual landing fee will be determined and adjusted at the end of each licence period.

15. Ports Manager

- (a) The *ports manager* is responsible for the operation, administration and management of wharves and *anchor buoys* and may post signs and give such orders, either orally or in writing, as may be necessary in connection with the implementation and enforcement of this bylaw.
- (a) Without limiting (a), the *ports manager* may:
 - (i) establish *moorage*, storage and loading areas at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*,
 - (ii) order a vessel or watercraft to leave a wharf or anchor buoy or to move or alter its position at the wharf,
 - (iii) direct the position, time, place and manner in which a *vessel* or *watercraft* may be moored, loaded or unloaded at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy*;
 - (iv) establish the terms and forms of licences that may be granted under this bylaw:
 - (v) establish criteria for the granting or refusal of licences and sublicenses; and
 - (iv) prohibit a person from mooring a *vessel* or *watercraft* at a *wharf* or *anchor buoy* where there are unpaid *moorage fees*, either under this bylaw or a predecessor bylaw, in respect of that *vessel* or *watercraft* or in respect of a different *vessel* or *watercraft* owned or operated by that person, until such time as all such unpaid fees are paid in full to the *District*.
- (b) No person shall contravene a sign or order of the *ports manager*.

- (c) No person shall hinder, oppose, molest or obstruct the *ports manager* in the discharge of their duties.
- (d) The ports manager is authorized to enter into moorage licence agreements and taxi/emergency licence agreements in the forms prescribed by this bylaw and to execute such agreements on behalf of the District.

16. Removal and Impoundment of Vessels, Watercraft, Chattels and Obstructions

- (a) Every *owner* of a *vessel* or watercraft shall move or alter its position when ordered to do so by a *bylaw enforcement officer*.
- (b) Where a *vessel*, watercraft or goods are not removed from a *wharf*, *anchor buoy* or *waterlot area* immediately after the removal thereof is ordered by a *bylaw enforcement officer*, the *bylaw enforcement officer* may have the *vessel*, watercraft or goods removed from the wharf, *anchor buoy* or waterlot area and the costs of such removal shall be payable by the *owner*.
- (c) Any vessel, watercraft, chattel or obstruction that occupies a wharf, anchor buoy or waterlot area in contravention of this bylaw, may be immediately removed, detained and impounded by any person authorized to do so by the ports manager or a bylaw enforcement officer.
- (d) Any vessel, watercraft, chattel or obstruction removed, detained or impounded under this section may be recovered by the owner upon presenting proof of ownership and upon payment in full to the ports manager of the applicable fees and charges.
- (e) If a *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction is removed, detained or impounded and not claimed by its *owner* within 48 hours, the *ports manager* shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the name and address of the *owner* or person last in charge of the *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction. If the identity of the *owner* is determined, the *ports manager* shall give written notice by registered mail to the *owner* advising the *owner* of the removal and impoundment, the sum payable to release the *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction and the date of advertising for sale by public auction if unclaimed.
- (f) The fees and charges payable by the *owner* of a *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction removed, detained or impounded under this section are set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.

17. Public Auction

- (a) Any *vessel*, watercraft, chattel or obstruction not claimed by its *owner* within 7 days of its impoundment or detention may be sold at public auction and such auction shall be advertised at least once in a daily newspaper circulating in the *District*.
- (b) Should any *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction not be purchased at public auction under this section, then it shall be disposed of in the *District* dump, or place approved by the *ports manager*, and the expenses incurred in the removal

- or disposal, less the proceeds (if any) of disposal, are recoverable as a debt due to the *District* from the *owner*.
- (c) Where any *vessel*, *watercraft*, chattel or obstruction has an apparent market value of less than \$250.00, as determined by the *ports manager* in their discretion, it may be removed and disposed of by the *District* without notice to the *owner* and the full costs of removal and disposal shall be charged to the *owner* and shall be a debt due and owing to the *District*.
- (d) The proceeds of such auction sale shall be applied firstly to the cost of the sale, secondly to all unpaid fees, costs and expenses levied in accordance with this bylaw and thirdly the balance, if any, shall be held by the *District* for one year from the date of sale for the *owner*, without interest. If unclaimed at the end of the year, such sum shall be paid into the general revenue of the *District*.

18. Offences and Enforcement

- (a) Bylaw enforcement officers are authorized, in accordance with section 16 of the Community Charter, to enter at any reasonable time onto property to inspect and determine whether the regulations of this bylaw are being complied with.
- (b) Bylaw enforcement officers are designated to enforce this bylaw by means of a ticket under section 264 of the Community Charter.
- (c) This bylaw is designated under section 264 of the *Community Charter* as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed.
- (d) Pursuant to sections 264 and 265 of the *Community Charter*, the designated expressions listed in the following table are authorized to be used on a ticket to designate an offence against the corresponding section of this bylaw as set out in the table, and the corresponding fine may be levied in connection with such offence:

Section	Designated Expression	Fine (\$)
4(a)	Obstruct a person on wharf or at anchor buoy.	150
4(b)	Dangerous or disorderly behavior.	150
4(c)	Animal on wharf.	150
4(d)	Crabbing or fishing.	150
4(e)	Jump off wharf.	150
4(f)	Noise on wharf, at anchor buoy or in waterlot	150
	area.	
4(g)	Liquor on wharf.	150
4(h)	Repair boat on wharf.	200
4(i)	Toxic materials on wharf.	300
4(j)	Impede use of wharf.	200
4(k)	Sign on wharf or anchor buoy.	150
4(I)	Store property or material on wharf.	200
4(m)	Garbage on wharf or in waterlot area.	200

Section	Designated Expression	Fine (\$)
4(n)	Encroach on foreshore.	300
5(a)	Damage a wharf or anchor buoy.	300
5(b)	Remove notices.	150
6(a)	Vessel unattended in loading zone.	200
6(b)	Fail to vacate in emergency.	200
6(c)	Vessel in loading zone for more than 15 minutes.	150
7(a)	Conduct business on wharf or in waterlot area.	300
7(b)	Moor commercial boat.	300
8(a)	Structure on a wharf.	200
8(b)	Unauthorized installation.	300
8(c)	Loading or unloading supplies, materials, or equipment.	200
9(a)	Moored in waterlot area.	300
9(b)	Moorage at anchor buoy without reservation.	300
9(c)	Moorage at anchor buoy for more than 72 hours.	300
9(d)	Moorage at wharf overnight.	300
9(f)	Permanently secure vessel or watercraft.	200
9(g),(h)	Prohibited rafting.	150
9(i)	No insurance or registration.	300
9(j)	No taxi/emergency licence agreement.	300
9(k)	Live-aboard activity at wharf or anchor buoy.	300
9(I)	Flush vessel heads.	200
9(m)	Obstruct other vessels.	150
9(n)	Improper tying of lines.	150
9(o)	Vessel in waterlot area for longer than 6 hours.	300
10(a),(b)	Boat over-length.	200
10(c)	Prohibited loading or unloading of persons.	300
11	Abandoned boat.	300
12(a)	Moor vessel or watercraft with dangerous goods.	300
12(b)	Dispose of hazardous materials.	300
14(a),(b)	Fail to pay fee.	200
14(c)	Fail to display ticket.	200
14(d),(e)	Fail to obtain licence or obtain fee.	200
15(c)	Contravene a sign or order.	250
15(d)	Obstruct ports manager.	250
16(a)	Fail to relocate.	300
18(e)	Obstruct bylaw enforcement officer.	250

- (e) A person must not interfere with, delay, obstruct or impede any *bylaw* enforcement officer or other person lawfully authorized to enforce this bylaw in the exercise of their powers or performance of their duties under this bylaw.
- (f) (1) A person who:

- i. contravenes a provision of this bylaw;
- ii. causes, consents to, allows or permits an act or thing to be done contrary to this bylaw;
- iii. neglects or refrains from doing anything required by a provision of this bylaw; or
- iv. fails to comply with any order, direction or notice given under this bylaw,

commits an offence and is subject to the penalties imposed by this bylaw and the *Offence Act*.

- (2) Each instance that a contravention of a provision of this bylaw occurs and each day that a contravention occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offence.
- (3) A person found guilty of an offence under this bylaw is subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$50,000.0 for every instance that an offence occurs or each day that it occurs or continues, plus the costs of prosecution.

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(h) A *bylaw enforcement officer* may order a person who does anything contrary to this bylaw to leave a *wharf* immediately, or within a period of time specified by the *bylaw enforcement officer*, and every person so ordered shall comply with the order and leave the *wharf* immediately or within the specified time period.

19. Schedules

Schedules A and B of this bylaw are attached hereto and form part of this bylaw.

20. Severability

If any section, subsection or clause of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

21. Repeal

Bylaw 7333, District of North Vancouver Wharf Regulation Bylaw 2002, is hereby repealed.

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Mayor	Municipal Clerk	
Certified a true copy		
Municipal Clerk		

Schedule A to Bylaw 8450

WHARVES ADMINISTERED BY THE DISTRICT

Woodlands Wharf (B1) WOODLANDS:

DEEP COVE: Gallant Avenue Wharf (B2)

Strathcona Wharf (B3a) Cates Park Wharf (B3b) DOLLARTON:

Sunshine Wharf (B4) **INDIAN ARM:**

Schedule B to Bylaw 8450

WATERLOT AREA

