Requirements for Mooring Boats at the North Harbor and High Street Inlet

- **1.** The minimum age for boaters mooring vessels at the North Harbor Inlet and High Street Inlet is 18 years old.
- 2. Mooring is not permitted along the Portsmouth seawall for recreational vessels.
- 3. All boats shall moor to the dock, not other boats. "Rafting up" is not permitted.
- **4.** Anchoring is not permitted inside the inlets.
- **5.** Mooring is permitted at the North Harbor Inlet or at the High Street Inlet for up to 3 days in any 30 day period. No vessel may be docked more than 36 hours.
- **6.** Mooring is permitted on a first come, first serve basis. Dock space cannot be reserved for other boats
- **7.** Moored vessels shall not exceed 40 feet in length. The area adjacent to the flagpole inside the peninsula is restricted to boats between 35-40 feet.
- **8.** Boaters shall check at the kiosk across from High Street Landing to receive a copy of the rules and regulations for using the facilities.
- 9. You cannot discharge sanitary facilities into the river.
- **10.** The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 prohibits boats from pumping their holding tanks over the side. All vessels with sanitation devices connected to a thru-hull fitting must have a shut-off valve in place to prevent overboard discharge.
- **11.** A City-owned pump-out facility is available at the North Harbor Inlet. Use of the pump-out facility is free. **Latitude 36.83282 Longitude -76.29663**
- 12. Please report any malfunction of the City-owned pump-out facility to General Services at 393-8621. Please report any spills to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality at 518-2000.
- **13.** Upon request, the owner of the anchored boat shall provide City of Portsmouth staff with access to the pump out log for the vessel.
- 14. There are two private marinas adjacent to the City of Portsmouth Seawall. The Ocean Marine Yacht Center is adjacent to City Hall. The Tidewater Yacht Club is at the opposite end of the seawall adjacent to Crawford Bay.
- **15.** There are no utilities (water, electrical, etc.) or amenities (Wi-Fi, etc.) for boaters moored at these inlets.
- **16.** Finally, in the interest of everyone's safety, please be certain to observe the "No Wake" rule and 6 knots maximum speed limit throughout the entire harbor.



North Harbor Inlet Pump-Out Instructions

- **1.** Remove the cover from the sanitation service discharge. This cover uses a positive locking mechanism; it may screw on or be held in place by other secure fasteners. The discharge port on your boat is usually clearly marked. After opening the port, don rubber gloves.
- 2. Lower the collection hose into the sanitation service discharge. At a minimum, the hose should go all the way to the bottom of the tank. Insert the hose until the hose valve and cover are in place over the discharge port, and the sight glass is readily visible.
- **3.** Station an assistant on the dock to operate the pump and the emergency shut down switch for the pump. The assistant can be a dock attendant, but the assistant must be present at all times while pumping the tank, or turn the pump off if called away for other duties. You must have a means of communicating with your assistant, whether oraly, by radio or by hand signals. To start the actual pumping out, open the valve on the hose.
 - When the valve is open, you will see waste moving through the sight glass on the hose. Continue pumping until you no longer see waste in the sight glass.
- **4.** Close the hose valve to prevent any back flow from the hose. Signal your assistant to stop the pump. Remove the hose from the discharge port and pass it to your assistant on the dock. Have your assistant put the suction-end of the hose into a bucket of clear water and turn on the pump for 15 seconds to rinse the hose.
- **5.** Close the hose valve before removing the suction-end of the hose from the bucket and shut down the pump. Secure the hose at the pump out station, and replace the cap on the cover on the sanitation service discharge.

