

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION

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**Lynn Deming Park Dock slip and Vessel Regulations 2026**

1. Dock slips are available to New Milford residents with two forms of identification from the Parks and Rec approved list located on our website.
2. All vessels must be registered in New Milford, Connecticut to the slip renter.
3. The Parks and Recreation Department shall assign dock slips each year and reserves the right to reassign a slip at any time during the season.
4. **Giving incorrect information concerning vessel length and/or width will result in the loss of dock slip and forfeiture of registration fee.** Dock slips are assigned according to vessel size and availability. If an owner purchases a larger vessel during the course of the season, the Parks and Recreation Department is not obligated to provide a larger slip. We currently have 83 slips available:
  - 52 slips for - maximum length of 20' and a beam width of 8'
  - 8 slips for - maximum length of 23'6" and a beam width of 8'
  - 23 slips for - maximum length of 24'6" and a beam width of 8'6"
5. All facilities are offered with the understanding that the Parks and Recreation Department assumes no liability and that the vessel owner must carry insurance for protection.
6. The Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any losses or damage to vessels docked at Lynn Deming Park. Owners will be held responsible for securing their vessel and for any damage caused to other vessels situated at the Lynn Deming Park docks and/or any damage to the dock structure by their vessel. The Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for aquatic weeds or algae growth around the docks. No vessel fenders shall be larger than vessel fender size 4 (6.5"x 22").
7. In the event of an emergency or vessel sinking, when the owner cannot be contacted or does not remove their vessel within 24 hours, the department is authorized to move the subject vessel, if possible and practical, to a safe and secure area. The Parks and Recreation Department shall determine the terms and conditions of what constitutes an emergency. Under no circumstances is the Parks and Recreation Department under any obligation to provide this service. Any costs incurred by the Parks and Recreation Department will be at the vessel owner's expense.
8. Transfer of dock slip rental authorization, or sub-leasing of rental space during, before or after the course of the season is forbidden without direct approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
9. By leasing a dock slip, the vessel owner agrees to indemnify and hold the Town of New Milford, the Parks and Recreation Department, and their employees and agencies harmless from any and all liability, any loss or damage whatsoever occurring to the owner's vessel, including damage due to vandalism or acts of God. The owner shall be solely responsible for the upkeep of their vessel and any emergency measures that need to be taken.
10. Vessels may not be moored earlier than the third Friday in May. All vessels must be removed by the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend. Vessel owners who are late removing their vessels from slips will be charged a fee of \$50 per day. Violators will not be eligible to receive a future dock slip or vessel launch pass until the fees are paid in full.
11. Security will be present up until the last Sunday in September. Nevertheless, in accordance with Regulation #9, all vessels moored at the docks or located in the park are at the vessel owner's own risk.
12. Residents with authorized stickered vehicles and their guests must enter in the same vehicle in one trip. Additional vehicle trips to bring in more people are prohibited.
13. Vessel repairs & cleaning are strictly prohibited while moored in the dock slips or on Lynn Deming property.

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**Dock slip Registration Procedures:**

1. Grandfathered vessel owners may continue to hold a slip as long as: a. the vessel remains registered to a New Milford resident; b. the vessel remains registered to a New Milford address; c. they follow all rules & regulations; and d. they do not change their vessel.
2. Vessel slips that become available during our registration period may be obtained provided you meet Parks and Recreation's policies and requirements. Registration is on a first come first serve basis (2023 Only). You must create an account on the Parks & Recreation Department website: [www.newmilfordrec.com](http://www.newmilfordrec.com) to register for a vessel slip or be placed on the waitlist.
3. Registering for the waitlist must be done online by submitting the required information and documentation prior to check out (there is no charge to be placed on the waitlist).
4. Beginning with the 2023 season, our waitlist will continue yearly until you have obtained a dock slip or your name is removed by either yourself or Parks and Recreation administration.
5. It will be your responsibility to notify the office in writing by January 1<sup>st</sup> annually (email is acceptable), if you wish to remain on the waitlist. Failure to notify the office in writing by January 1<sup>st</sup> will result in removal of your name and place on the dock slip waitlist.

**Retain this sheet for your records.** Reviewed 01/29/26