



SAFETY AND GENERAL RULES FOR ALL HARBOUR USERS

INDEMNITY: Port St Francis Harbour Association accepts no responsibility for damage to or loss of vessels And injury to persons and harbour users. Use of this Harbour, Slipway, Dolly and other Facilities are at the sole risk for the public and harbour users.

1. No vessel may enter or leave the Harbour during working hours without the Port Captain's permission. All vessels must be equipped with a two-way radio (VHF) in working conditions. Permission can be obtained from Port Control by calling on:
 - a) **Channel 10** – VHF radio
 - b) Telephone: 042 294 0191/ 042 294 0925 in case of **emergency only**. (NSRI 042 – 294 0131)
 - c) After hours, the skipper must ensure that a competent shore skipper is in attendance to ensure that the conditions can be assessed and are favourable for the vessel to enter. Traffic in and around the Harbour must be informed of your intention to enter or exit the Harbour.
2. On all vessels, less than 9m lifejackets must be donned when leaving or entering the Harbour.
3. All vessels using this Harbour must have a clearly displayed name and number (either recreational or commercial).
4. To use this Harbour a vessel must be seaworthy i.e., have all the prescribed equipment on board as well as a valid seaworthy certificate. The Port Captain has the right to inspect the vessel or demand the certificate at any time.
5. Only skippers with a valid skipper's license for the specific vessel will be allowed to use the Harbour.
6. **In case of a radio failure, a vessel will be required to make a full circle outside the Harbour entrance visible to the Port Captain who will then signal to show if it is safe to proceed or not.**
7. **TWO BLACK BALLS** located on the flagpole at the harbour entrance will indicate that the harbour is closed to all traffic except the NSRI. At night two flashing blue lights on the Harbour wall will indicate that the Harbour is closed to all traffic except the NSRI.
8. Permission to use the slipway for launching or for any other purpose must be obtained from the Port Captain.
9. A person under the influence of any intoxicating substance will not be allowed in the Harbour area. No alcohol may be brought into the Commercial Harbour.
10. No Dogs are allowed in the Commercial Harbour area. All dogs shall always be on leashes on the moorings or elsewhere within the confines of the Recreational Harbour.
11. a) Mooring Owners – After three (3) warnings or fines issued by the Port Captain for infringement of the Harbour Rules, the offending skipper, or vessel or both will be barred from using the Harbour and clause. 17 of the mooring agreement will be enforced.
b) Visitors – After one warning by the Port Captain the skipper and/or vessel can be barred from using the Harbour and/or a five hundred Rand (R1000.00) fine can be given.
12. Only commercial mooring owners and shore crew, who need the use of their vehicles to do their work, are allowed to park in the Commercial Harbour. No private vehicle or trailers are allowed to park in the Harbour area.

13. No unauthorized vehicle is allowed to enter the common POA property via the small entrance gate at skipper's marine at any time.
14. No person is allowed to use harbour water to wash their vehicles. Disregard of this rule will end up in R5000.00 water penalty.
15. No person is allowed to clean and or gut fish anywhere in the harbour area including jetties and or concrete walkways. Cleaning is only allowed at the fish cleaning station next to the NSRI station.
16. No person is allowed to park on the slipway or any place where they are obstructing any other vehicles or access areas. Parking in no parking areas, marked in yellow or illegal parking will result in an R5000.00 fine and or will be towed away. Any vehicle that blocks an emergency area and or entrance / exit will be towed away immediately and will result in an R5000.00 fine.
17. For a mooring owner to allow another vessel to share the mooring on a long-term basis, written notification. Must be given to the Port Captain. The visiting boat must be registered at the harbour with all the necessary documentation.
18. Any visiting commercial vessel will be charged an entry fee of R2750.00 plus a fee of R1000.00/night. (A visiting vessel is defined as any vessel which does not pay a full levy for an allocated mooring to the Port st Francis Harbour Association.) The amount will be change from time to time.
19. The owners of recreational moorings may allocate his right to an alternative vessel after notification to the Port Captain in terms of section 8 of the mooring agreement.
20. No pumping of bilges may occur within the confines of the Harbour.
21. Crew are, only during exceptional circumstances, allowed to sleep on boats in the commercial harbour.
22. Crew are not allowed to use the toilets on the boat while in the Harbour area.
23. Pollution caused by any persons in the confines of the harbour is a punishable offence which carries a fine of R5000.00. All mooring users must ensure that the quayside and floating jetties adjacent to their moorings are clean and debris free prior to leaving the Port.
24. No gas and or any open fire may be lit upon any craft or upon the moorings / walkways / jetties within the harbour.
25. Visitors are not allowed in the Commercial Harbour or any gated area except with permission of the Port Captain.
26. Crews are not permitted to enter or leave the Commercial Harbour area except with the transport organized by the owner. The agreement with the owners is that crew will be dropped at the gate when the boat sails and be picked up as soon as the boat is off loaded.
27. Fishing, in all its forms, within the confines of the Harbour and from the breakwaters is prohibited.
28. The commercial off-loading and loading of fish, bait, stores, and crew can only be done in the commercial part of the harbour.
29. It is prohibited to swim, dive, and or ski or to engage in any aquatic sport within the confines of the harbour.
30. No canoe, paddle ski, surf ski or any floating device other than a registered power-driven boat is allowed in the harbour area.
31. No Jet Ski are allowed in the harbour. Only mooring owners are allowed to have a Jet ski as a secondary vessel on condition that the primary vessel is not in the harbour. One vessel per mooring at any given time.
32. Selling of fish from the boats, in the harbour is not allowed.
33. Dolly users are to clean the slipway after using the dolly.
34. Mooring owners who need to operate their vessels in the harbour after hours must manage the noise levels within acceptable limits.

35. Repairs, including welding. Modifications, refurbishment or the painting or spray- painting of craft whilst within the confines of the Harbour may only be conducted within the area demarcated therefor by the PSFHA and with the prior written consent of the Port Captain, which may be withheld.
36. **Boats may only travel at idling speed within the confines of the Harbour.**
37. Any Harbour user will be deemed to be aware of the Harbour Rules and Regulations.
38. Launching fees will be charged at a rate, which will be determined by the Port St Francis Harbour Association.
39. Only one shore supply cable / extension is allowed per mooring / boat.
40. Washing of Boats with hose pipe / high pressure washers are not allowed. Disregard of this rule will end up in R5000.00 water penalty. Flushing of engine can be allowed depending on water restrictions.
41. Only day launching Vehicles with trailers attached are allowed to park on grass parking area.
42. To have a safe and secure harbour, all harbour users are expected to adhere to the above rules. Any transgressor of the safety and security measures in place will open themselves to disciplinary action.

Port Captain / Harbour Master