



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Transport

Department of Marine and Ports Services

MOORING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application fee is \$114.00

An application form should be submitted to the Department of Marine and Ports. **Moorings are granted on a one mooring per boat basis.** Closed areas are listed at Marine and Ports form.

Place a marker with a heavy weight in the exact location you are applying for.

White Clorox bottles are preferred as they are easy to locate. If using another type of bottle please provide a description on your application form. Buoys and floats are not acceptable as they are ambiguous and difficult to pinpoint in areas that have many moorings.

Ensure your name is written clearly on the Clorox bottle. Bottles with no name will not be considered for approval.

If no marker is present when we conduct our inspection you will be notified and given a second opportunity to place a marker. After two inspections, and if still no marker, we will **cancel** your application.

We will not approve applications that impact sea grass beds or corals.

Generally applications take 6-8 weeks to be approved. Please check back after the eight weeks to see if your application has been approved.

If you are refused you may reapply for an alternate spot.

If approved you must pay the mooring fee to obtain your decal and then register your location with the Department **within 28 days of approval**, otherwise your application will be cancelled. After approved for your mooring, you will receive a mooring decal. Your mooring should be in place and the decal affixed **within 2 weeks** of registering the spot.

In general the scope of a mooring should not exceed one and a half times the depth of the water. Bear this in mind when estimating swing space.

Be advised, you do not own the spot. It is considered to be "Queen's Bottom". You lease the right to drop a weight, chain, and buoy annually. **Transfer of any mooring license is subject to approval of the Department**, as NOT everyone is eligible for a mooring.

Once your spot is registered as a bona fide mooring it is your responsibility to keep it buoyed and marked with an up-to-date decal **at all times!!** Monitor your spot on a regular basis!! Unmarked or out of date moorings are considered illegal and may be removed or the license revoked. **Paying for your mooring alone does NOT secure your space, you must maintain it and have it clearly labeled with your decal.**