



It is that time again! Your Spring 2008 Commissioning Forms are enclosed in preparation for this year's boating season. We have updated and simplified the form for your convenience. Please fill out the customer information section completely, and check the boxes next to any item you would like us to take care of. There is space next to every line item if you would like to detail any instructions.

The launch schedule for your boat is based on when we receive your commissioning forms, which are enclosed. Please complete and return your forms as soon as possible to reserve the launch time of your preference.

A couple of housekeeping items:

1. To our customers who store their boats on trailers. Yankee Marina & Boatyard can no longer be responsible for trailers left in the yard for the summer. Trailers are constantly being moved and we cannot protect them from damage by others. Therefore, trailers that are not removed from the yard by July 1<sup>st</sup> will be charged \$200.00 for the trailer storage. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.
2. If you have any questions about your account status, please call us to avoid any untimely delays to the start of your boating season. We will not be able to launch your boat until your account is current.
3. We are pleased that we have a recycling program for shrinkwrap in place. For those customers who wish to remove their own shrinkwrap, please do not put the shrinkwrap in the dumpsters. We ask that you contact the service department for instructions on the removing and storing of the shrinkwrap covers.

A few regulatory requirements:

1. As Yankee Marina is held accountable for all activities conducted on site with respect to environmental compliance, we ask that our customers partner with us in adopting practices that protect the environment and comply with environmental rules. For instance, environmental regulations now require all bottom sanding dust be captured into a collection system that prevents it from entering our environment. Yankee Marina & Boatyard has vacuum sanders available for rent on a reservation basis. Please call Ben or Fred at (207)846-4326 for rate and availability information. Also please contact the service department for assistance regarding the disposal of oil, gas, diesel, and any other hazardous waste.
2. United States Coast Guard regulations require us to check each boat after launching to make sure it is not taking on water. Each season this results in locks being cut because the service department does not have either your key or combination. So please fill in the space on the form regarding the key or combination and provide us with a key prior to your launch date.
3. We would like to remind our customers that Casco Bay has been designated a federal No-Discharge Area (NDA). This means that no vessel may discharge sewage to the waters of Casco Bay. While within the limits of the NDA, all vessels with installed toilets must either 1) secure the toilet so that it can't be used or 2) ensure that the toilet is connected to a functioning holding tank and that the valve directing the waste is secured to the "to tank" position. Waste from the holding tank must either be pumped out at a pumpout station or discharged outside the NDA limit or 3 miles offshore, whichever is further. Vessels without installed toilets are in compliance by default.

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