

§ 148-151 Boathouses.

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A. Boathouses shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Boathouses shall not exceed 20 feet in height, 700 square feet, unless, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, the physical features of the site, such as the property owner's length of shoreline, the elevation of the bank, the type of other structures in the area, etc., are such that a boathouse of a larger dimension would not be out of conformity with the surrounding area. In addition, two adjacent property owners may construct one boathouse that is on the property line, which cannot exceed 1,400 square feet by 20 feet in height. Boathouses' lengths and widths are measured from the support pilings, and the height is measured from the top of the roof ridge to mean low water.
- (2) The minimum length of the applicant's shoreline shall not be less than 100 feet (measured in a straight line from the intersection of the side property line with the mean low waterline), and the pier and boathouse shall not be located less than 20 feet from the side property line at mean low water.
- (3) The leaseholder of any oyster ground encroached upon by the proposed boathouse must be notified, as well as all the adjacent property owners, including owners across the waterway, if the waterway is less than 500 feet in width.
- (4) The boathouse shall be in the most suitable location from surrounding properties, and any adverse impacts to adjoining properties, whether abutting or nearby, shall be minimal.
- (5) All exposed materials shall be painted, stained or salt treated, except for Boathouse Canopies, Private. Treated materials are required for all wood members contacting the water.
- (6) All roofs shall have an "A" pitch of no less than four on 12, with eaves and soffits not exceeding 18 inches in width, except for Boathouse Canopies, Private.
- (7) Except for the support pilings, top plates or headers, all sides of the boathouse will be open, with an unobstructed view from the waterline to the bottom of the top plate or support header.
- (8) A fire extinguisher must be located within the boathouse, accessible from the pier, except for Boathouse Canopies, Private.