

## CHAPTER 4A

### WATERCRAFT ORDINANCE

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#### Sec. 4A-1. Permits.

Sullivan's Island resident watercraft owners shall purchase a green two-part, numbered permit (sticker) valid for one year. Non-resident watercraft owners shall purchase red two-part numbered permit (sticker) valid for one year. One part of the sticker shall be affixed to the boat; the other part of the sticker shall be affixed to trailer for watercraft transported onto the beach thereon. On boat, permit shall be affixed at starboard gunwale near the stern (on right side near rear); on trailer, permit shall be affixed on the tongue near the hitch.

#### Sec. 4A-2.

A. Boats and trailers may be pulled through the dunes only at public access paths. Trailers must be propelled manually through the access area and must be pulled to the foot of the dunes after the launching of the watercraft. Watercraft without green permits must be launched only within their designated zones (as defined in 2C). No trailers or watercraft shall be placed in the dunes at any time. No trailers or watercraft shall be left on the beach from dusk to dawn. Except, however, that persons who are property owners in the Town of Sullivan's Island, are fifty-five (55) years or older shall be eligible to be issued one special permit which shall allow said watercraft owners to keep one watercraft on their property or in the area above the high water mark immediately seaward of their property.

B. From Memorial Day to Labor Day watercraft operators without green permits must use areas designated by Section 2 (C) for landing and launching. From Memorial Day to Labor Day of each year no watercraft shall be operated within 100 yards of the beach waters edge outside these designated areas.

C. Designated areas are as follows:

- (1) Area 1. For sailboarders only, between Stations 28 and 32.
- (2) Area 2. For all watercraft, between the rocks near Station 19 and the westernmost house (but not in front of) on Pettigrew (2061 Pettigrew) near Station 21.
- (3) Area 3. For all watercraft, at Station 12 between the two upright, white posts.

D. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit watercraft travel within the channel of Breach Inlet or Cove Inlet for the sole purpose of gaining access to Charleston harbor or the Atlantic Ocean.

E. Surfers are required to wear leashes.

Sec. 4A-3. Failure to comply.

Trailers and watercraft left in dunes or on beach overnight without special permit will be towed at owner's expense. Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable in accordance with Section 12.4 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island. Owner and operator will be held liable for violations of Section 2A. Operator and owner if aboard watercraft will be held liable for violations of Section 2B.

Sec. 4A-4. Liability.

That Town of Sullivan's Island will assume no liability for personal property within or without designated areas. Watercraft owners will sign affidavit attesting understanding of regulations upon obtaining permit.

Sec. 4A-5. Saving Clause.

If any part of parts of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

Sec. 4A-6. Repeal Clause.

Any Ordinance or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4A-7. Effective date.

The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its ratification. (5-16-89)