**Town Beach Rules and Regulations**

**Definition:** Beach – includes beach, parking lot and abutting Town-owned sand dunes for both salt and fresh water Town-owned property

**Section 1 EFFECTIVE DATES – MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY (ANY YEAR)**

1. No alcoholic beverages will be possessed or consumed on any public beach, and no person shall be intoxicated, or commit any obscene or indecent act or use profane/obscene language.
2. No littering, all refuse must be placed in rubbish containers provided. No glass containers will be allowed on beaches. No household refuse allowed in rubbish containers.
3. No person shall damage, deface, or remove any building, structure or sign belonging to the Town of Harwich.
4. No selling, advertising, or giving away of goods and services will be permitted except by concessionaires under contract with the Town or by written permission from the Recreation and Youth Commission.
5. No fires are allowed except in designated areas with approval and paid permit issued by the Recreation and Youth Department.
6. **No animals or pets are permitted on the beaches.**
7. No tents, travel trailers, campers, or other units shall be used for habitation.
8. No person shall disturb the peace and tranquility of others.
9. Children (12) years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult or person responsible for his or her behavior within the beach area.
10. Ball playing, kite flying and playing frisbee are permitted at the discretion of the Lifeguards only.
11. Scuba diving, skin diving, and all other methods of underwater swimming are prohibited in designated swimming areas.
12. Sailboats, kayaks, windsurfers, surfboards etc. are prohibited, except for designated areas of Red River Beach and fresh water ponds.
13. Speed limits on all beach parking lots shall not be in excess of 10 miles per hour and motor vehicles will not be allowed to park or travel beyond designated parking areas.
14. No individual or group of individuals will be granted reserved parking places.
15. Inflatables and beach umbrellas are permitted at the discretion of the Lifeguards only.
16. Fishing is not permitted in designated swim areas when Lifeguards are on duty.
17. All beach parking lot areas are closed from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am; all beaches are closed from Midnight to 6:00 am.
18. **Red River Beach Only** – Dog walking is allowed in the parking lot area only from Dawn - 9:00 am and from 4:30 pm - Dusk Memorial Weekend through Labor Day.
19. No Motorboat of more than 10 horsepower or used for waterskiing may be launched or operated from the boat ramp at the east end of Long Pond (Wixon Memorial, off Cahoon Road).
20. The launching, operation, landing or retrieving of drones on Harwich public beaches is prohibited.

VIOLATORS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND PUNISHMENT BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY ($50.00) DOLLARS LITTERING AND HOUSEHOLD TRASH TWO HUNDRED ($200.00) DOLLARS

**Section 2 EFFECTIVE DATES – THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY THROUGH THE DAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY (ANY YEAR)**

**“SCOOPER LAW”** M.G.L. Chapter 111 Section 31:
All animal owners are responsible for removing wastes produced by their animals while on any beaches within the Town of Harwich. The term beaches shall include sand, dune, water and parking lot.

VIOLATION OF THIS REGULATION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF FIFTY ($50.00) DOLLARS.

Per order of the Town of Harwich Board of Selectmen.
Adopted annually at a public meeting by Board of Selectman.

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**Beach Stickers**

Sold at the Community Center
June 13th - July 24th
9 AM - 2 PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK*
*CLOSED ON JUNE 19 & JULY 4*

100 Oak Street 508-432-7638

Sold at the Chamber of Commerce with added convenience fee of $3

June 1st - Labor Day
9 AM - 4 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
10 - 4 SATURDAYS 10 - 2 SUNDAYS
1 Schoolhouse Road, Harwich Port 508-432-1600

Sold at Harwich Town Hall
July 25th - Labor Day
8:30 AM - 4 PM MON - FRI
732 Main Street 508-430-7501

\*VEHICLE REGISTRATION & PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
\*NO REFUNDS

Starting in March

**ONLINE SALES**

**Printable Mail-In Forms Available at harwich-ma.gov**

**Surf Chairs for handicap beach access available at all guarded beaches**

**Daily Pass** $20

**Sold & Valid Only at:** Red River Beach, Earle Rd Beach, Pleasant Rd Beach & Long Pond Beach

- Resident Season/Per Car $30
- Non Resident - Season $150
- Non Resident - 1 Week $65
- Non Resident - 2 Week $125
- Duplicate Sticker $5

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**Harwich Beaches**

See List and Map on Reverse
BEACH AMENITIES KEY
B Bike Rack
Bike Rack
BR Boat Ramp
Boat Ramp
BW Beach Wheelchair
Beach Wheelchair
DS Daily Sticker Sold
Daily Sticker Sold
HP Handicapped Parking
Handicapped Parking
HAR Handicap Accessible Restroom
Handicap Accessible Restroom
LG Lifeguard
Lifeguard
MC Mobile Concessions
Mobile Concessions
NMC Non-Motorized Craft Launch
Non-Motorized Craft Launch
PHR Portable Handicapped Restrooms
Portable Handicapped Restrooms
R Restrooms, Handicap Accessible
Restrooms, Handicap Accessible
SL Swimming Lessons
Swimming Lessons

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