

South Haven Municipal Marina Reservation Policy

It is with a great deal of pride that we welcome you to the Port of South Haven, Michigan.

With our enhanced facilities and unique amenities and celebrations, the City of South Haven is a very desirable destination port. Especially on weekends when we welcome visiting boaters from a variety of great lakes ports.

*Our goal is to make your stay at the **South Haven Municipal Marina** very enjoyable. As in other ports we are home to many permanent boaters but we also want to accommodate as many transient boaters as possible.*

Therefore, the South Haven Harbor Commission has adopted the following slip reservation procedures:

1. **First date to reserve a slip:** In setting **April 15th** as the first date to make a slip reservation we considered staffing, weather and river conditions. Please note that in any year that this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the first date will be the next regular business day.
 - a. The slip reservation phone number is **269-637-3171 or 269-637-0780.**
 - b. When making your slip reservation, please give the overall length of your vessel, including the swim platform and bowsprit. This assures that we can assign an appropriate size dock.
2. **Yacht Club Rendezvous:** New as of 2009 staff will work with the representative for your yacht club rendezvous. Informing staff as soon as your rendezvous date has been selected will make it easier for staff and the boaters alike. Please call the Marina Manager at 269-637-0771 to coordinate these efforts. Boaters can still make their own reservations if desired.
3. **Weekend Reservations:** Weekends are prime time for boaters visiting our port. In years past a minimum of a three night stay was required for a reservation. However, due to the economic times we no longer require a minimum of a three-night stay when reserving a slip, but a minimum of **two nights is still required.** Additionally, the northside marina has slips that are also reservable, so please indicate your preference. Also it's important to note that if all slips that are reservable are full, the city still has 14 slips of various sizes available on a first come first serve basis. We do this in an attempt to accommodate all boaters.
4. **First night charges & cancellations:** The first night dockage will be charged to your credit card along with a \$5.00 reservation fee.
 - a. A refund will be granted, minus the \$5.00 reservation fee, for cancellations received within 24 hours from noon the day prior to arrival.
5. Staff monitors Channel 9 on the marine radio. Once we answer your hail, you will be instructed to switch and go to Channel 68, at which time we will give you your slip assignment.

Thank you for coming to the Port of South Haven. We hope you enjoy your stay and will always use the highest boating etiquette and respect your fellow boaters.