

Chicago Harbors Commercial Permit Pre-Application



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Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____
Business Home Cell

E-Mail: _____

Boat Information

Boat Manufacturer: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Overall Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Power Sail

Commercial Information

Commercial Permit Type:
(check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Bare Boat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Passenger | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Passenger Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Passenger | <input type="checkbox"/> Party Charter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Water Craft (PWC) Rental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer to Peer | |

Description of proposed commercial operation: _____

Are you a: Current Permittee New Applicant

If you are a current permittee what is your current harbor and assignment? _____

If you are a new applicant, what harbor(s) are you applying for? _____

Please be advised that applications for commercial permits will be reviewed based on criteria listed in Chapter 8, Section C.4 of the Chicago Park District Code. Having an existing mooring permit does not guarantee the approval of a commercial permit application.

If your pre-application is approved, an Application for Commercial Permit will be sent to you to complete. All supporting documents must be submitted with the Application for Commercial Permit. Pre-application approval does not guarantee mooring availability.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name *(please print)*: _____

2023 Chicago Harbors Commercial Permit Descriptions & Requirements

Dealer Charter

- For the purpose of a commercial boat dealer to display boats for sale.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$1,800.00 per season

Bare Boat

- For the purpose of renting out boat only.
- Renter operates the boat themselves, or hires a captain (but not the boat owner) per USCG regulations
- The renter may not charge passengers or sub-lease boat.
- Maximum of twelve persons or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$1,000.00 per season

6 Passenger

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of six persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$850.00 per season

6 Passenger Fishing

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire for fishing purposes only.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of six persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$450.00 per season

20 Passenger

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of twenty persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe).
- \$1700.00 per season

Party Charter

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum persons on board is the rated capacity of the boat.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe).
- \$3650.00 per season

Sailing Instruction (Under 27')

- For the purpose of sailing instruction only.
- Entitled to no additional parking cards.
- \$500.00 per season

Personal Water Craft (PWC) Rental

- For rental of personal water craft.
- Available only at approved harbors and mooring classes.
- Rate is per personal water craft, not per mooring.
- \$350.00 per season



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Peer to Peer Leasing

- For part-time leasing of boat. Renter operates the boat themselves, i.e. no captain.
- The renter may not charge or sub-lease boat.
- Maximum of 30 rental days per season.
- Available only at approved harbors and specific moorings and through approved listing service.
- \$550.00 per season

Applications for more than one of the above permit types will only be charged a single fee, which will be the higher fee of the permit types applied for. (i.e. if you apply for a 6 Passenger Fishing and a Bare Boat, the fee will be \$1000 per season)

Other Requirements

- Unless otherwise specified, the above pertain to one boat and one mooring only.
- No loading/unloading of passengers, cargo or other materials except at assigned mooring or touch and go area designated for commercial use. Touch and go use is limited to 15 minutes and on a first come first serve basis.
- No commercial permittee shall operate a commercial service Boat within the Harbor System between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., the following day **without prior written authorization of Director of Lakefront Services or his/her designee.**
- Commercial Permit is for the Extended Harbor Season (May 1 to November 15), but permittee may have to relocate to a designated Late Leaver Harbor for period after regular Harbor Season (May 1 to October 31).
- Permittee is responsible for the activity and conduct of passengers, customers, and customer's guests at all times within the harbor and on harbor property.
- Permittee is responsible for the use or misuse of harbor parking passes or codes given to passengers, customers, and customer's guests. No fee may be charged by permittee for the use of harbor parking passes or codes to anyone, including to passengers, customers, or customer's guests.
- Permittee may not publish or otherwise disseminate gate or other harbor access codes in any way beyond directly to customers. Permittee is also required to inform all guests that the dissemination of gate or other harbor access codes is prohibited.

Document*	Dealer	Bare Boat	6 Pass./ Fishing	20 Passenger	Party	Sailing Instruction	PWC	Peer to Peer
Chicago Harbors Application for Commercial Permit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$1,000,000 liability insurance indemnification**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois or U.S. Vessel Registration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Passenger Boat License			X	X	X	X		
Livery License/Rental Boat Stickers		X		X	X	X	X	X
U. S. Coast Guard Captain's License			X	X	X			
U. S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection				X	X			
Charter Boat Operators Permit			X					
City of Chicago Commercial Vessel Owners Permit					X			

* All documentation must be current and valid for entire season or if documentation expires before the end of the season, updated documentation to cover remaining portion of season must be received prior to expiration of original documentation.

** Indemnification must include Chicago Park District and Westrec SMI