

# Briggs Farm Improvement Association Beach Rules and Regulations

The Briggs Farm Improvement Association, as holder of the deed of the Beach and Marina area, has jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to these areas. Only property owners in Briggs Farm who are members in good standing of Briggs Farm Improvement Association have the right to use the Beach and Marina Facility, also known as the Beach Lot, so long as they comply with such rules and regulations as shall be imposed from time to time by the Association for the use and operation of said lot. These rules and regulations have been adopted by the Briggs Farm Improvement Association Board.

1. Access to the Briggs Farm Beach and Marina areas is limited to Briggs Farm Association Members, their families, and guests. Guests must be accompanied by an Association Member. Only Briggs Farm Association members in good standing are entitled and privileged to access Beach and Marina areas.
2. Association Members are issued one BFIA vehicle Hang-Tag annually. Authorized use is restricted to those vehicles previously registered on the most recent BFIA Membership Renewal Application. Only current year Hang-Tags are valid and must be prominently displayed. All other vehicles may be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Members are required to check in when security is present prior to accessing the facilities. Any member who attempts to bypass security, or otherwise fails to comply, will have their membership privileges revoked.
3. Vehicles must not be parked in a manner that obstructs access or impedes other members from parking at the Beach and Marina. Those vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle parking is limited to stone surfaces and available spaces along the sides of the marina road. Vehicles are not permitted on the beach proper or grassed picnic area. Drop-offs are always an option for insufficient parking. Vehicles are not permitted in the gated Beach and Marina areas outside hours of operation except for members with assigned boat dockage for the sole purpose of using their boat.
4. Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM – Dusk.
5. Smoking (including vaping) is prohibited anywhere within the Beach and Marina facility.
6. Maximum Speed Limit within the Beach and Marina facility, including access roads, is 5 MPH.
7. Water access, swimming, and other safe water activities at the beach are restricted to the area within the swim barrier designated by roped marker buoys. Please Note: **No lifeguards are ever on duty...SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
  - No water access or swimming is allowed from the docks, rock retaining walls, and/or boat-ramp area.
  - No launching of kayaks, paddle boards, or canoes from the boat ramp. Instead, use the beach.
  - Boat, kayak, pram, and other watercraft use is not allowed anywhere within the swimming area. Kayaks, paddle boards, canoes, and prams may be launched exercising extreme caution from the beach shore, but must not linger within the designated swimming area. Powered watercraft at the beach is prohibited. Additional rules governing the aforementioned watercraft are listed under Marina Rules and Regulations.
8. When the Beach / Marina gate is closed and locked, the entire facility is CLOSED and there is no admittance except by prior authorization from the Dock Chairman.
9. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children at all times. Children under thirteen (13) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Play holes dug in the sand must be filled in upon departure or sooner to minimize the risk of personal injury, and ensure the safety of others.
10. Throwing dangerous objects on or around the beach and marina areas is prohibited. Misbehavior, horseplay and/or antics are prohibited at the kayak racks and in or around the Porta John.
11. Pets must always be leashed and/or held, and are not allowed on the beach proper (sand and grassy areas). Pet owners are responsible for quick waste pick up, and waste removal from all environmental areas and surfaces. Pet waste is a toxic and virulent pollutant capable of causing illness and spreading infectious disease. Don't let your pet pollute, and encourage those around you to be responsible pet owners too.

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12. Shell fishing (clamming and digging for steamers) is prohibited per order of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM).
13. Discarding trash into the water, including shells and fish scraps, is prohibited by the Town of Narragansett.
14. Docks are "Off-Limits" for everyone except boat owners assigned to boat slips and members of their boating party for the sole purpose of accessing their boats.
15. Loud noise (e.g. High-volume music, raucous noise, obtrusive behavior, etc.) is prohibited in Beach and Marina areas. Fireworks are strictly prohibited.
16. Personal property including life-jackets, paddles, beach-chairs, umbrellas etc. must not be left or stored anywhere on Beach or Marina property (e.g. Under kayak racks or behind the utility shed). Those items are subject to removal and subsequent disposal.
17. No open fires are permitted. Barbeque grills and cooking on the Beach or picnic areas is not permitted.
18. Trash receptacles are not provided at the Beach or Marina facility. CARRY IN - CARRY OUT is necessary to keep all areas trash free, clean, and green.
19. Camping on the Beach and in Marina areas is strictly prohibited. Temporary sun shelters must be removed at the end of each day.
20. Electrical connections to the Association's storage and utility shed electrical outlets are not allowed. Electrical extension cords should not be used on the docks as this presents a safety hazard.
21. Water faucets, water hoses, and water supplies are available exclusively for washing/rinsing boats, gear, and equipment. Generally, water supply use for any other purpose other than rinsing off beach sand is discouraged. Water must be shut-off and water hoses rewound accordingly after each use. Pressure washers are not permitted in the facility.
22. Briggs Farm Improvement Association and Member's personal properties are not to be disturbed, displaced, or used without consent of the owner.
23. Groups in excess of ten (10) people are considered private parties, and require prior Association Board approval. A completed Private Function/ Special Purpose application must be submitted to the Beach Chairperson for review, including applicable fee and a signed Liability Waiver.

## **Use of the beach area for a private function and/or special use:**

- Approval by the Briggs Farm Improvement Association Board of Directors.
- A completed application, signed liability waiver, and payment must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the event. Forms, Rules and Regulations are obtainable from the Beach Chairperson or the BFIA website ([www.briggsfarm.org](http://www.briggsfarm.org)).
- Groups must comply with Beach and Marina Rules and Regulations. The association member hosting the event is responsible for the actions of all guests.
- All collected trash must be removed, and the Beach and Marina areas must be restored to their original condition.
- The private party must not impede other Briggs Farm Improvement Association members from using the facilities.
- Other rules may apply. See the Application Form for any additional rules. BFIA reserves the right to revise the Beach Rules at any time. Consult the BFIA website – [www.briggsfarm.org](http://www.briggsfarm.org) – for the latest version.