



SHADY HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT

CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SHADY HARBOR NEWCOMERS

1. Access to the Website, Email List and Directory – Register on the Shady Harbor website - <https://www.shadyharbor.org> to request being included in the community email list and directory. **ALL RESIDENTS NEED TO STAY SUBSCRIBED TO THE EMAIL LIST BECAUSE IMPORTANT SAFETY AND LEGAL NOTICES ARE SENT OUT BY EMAIL.**
2. Beach Passes – Passes to the beach at Weekapaug are required during the summer season. They can be obtained at specified times at the beginning of the beach season upon payment of the annual fee. Get on the website and email list to get notices of available times.
3. Dock and Mooring Waiting List – Notify the Dock Manager to get on the waiting list for community dock spaces and community moorings. See website and directory for name of the Dock Manager and contact information.
4. Town Mooring List – Notify the Charlestown Harbormaster to get on the waiting list for boat moorings (required to be eligible for Shady Harbor community mooring). See Town of Charlestown web site for Harbormaster contact information.
5. Shady Harbor Fire District Taxes – Tax bills are normally mailed out in September.
6. Governance – The District is governed by its Charter and Bylaws. See the web site for copies.
7. Annual Meeting – Shady Harbor has an annual meeting on the fourth Saturday of July for the adoption of an annual budget, election of officers and other business. See the web site for information on governance and finances and past meeting minutes.
8. Executive Committee -The Executive Committee members are elected at the annual meeting and make governance decisions between annual meetings. The Committee generally meets three times during the summer. All residents are welcome to attend. See the web site for meeting notices and past meeting minutes.
9. Moderator – The Moderator is the chief executive of the Shady Harbor Fire District. See the web site under Bylaws for a description of the Moderator’s duties.

10. Volunteers – Except for summer life guards and parking lot attendant, all Shady Harbor business is done through volunteers. The Moderator welcomes volunteers. See the web site for information on various activities.
11. Rules and Policies – There are a number of rules related to beach use, docks, water use and public safety as well as certain policies. See the web site for more information.
12. Speed Limits – Streets are widely used by kids and pedestrians and speed is limited to 15 MPH.
13. Water - The community water system uses four low-yielding wells. Water use is restricted between Memorial Day and Labor Day because otherwise these wells could not keep up with peak demand during the summer season. Restrictions include: no washing of cars or boats; no watering of lawns or gardens except with a hand-held hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle.
14. Social Events – The community generally has one or more community social events during the summer. Notices of events are sent by email [and posted on the web site](#).
15. Bulletin Boards – Bulletin boards by the boat landing on Shirley Drive and the right of way on Shady Harbor Drive have notices of meetings and other information.
16. Fire Protection – Fire protection is provided by the Dunn’s Corners Fire District pursuant to a contract with the Shady Harbor Fire District. Call 911.
17. Garbage – Garbage is collected by private providers. To reduce the number of garbage trucks driving through the neighborhood, homeowners are encouraged to use Easy Waste. Tel. 401-348-9155, or RPE Tel. 401-364-7510.
18. Kayak Racks – Kayak racks are located at the boat landing on Shirley Drive and the right of way at Shady Harbor Drive. Water access is available at all the community rights of way. See Dock Rules on web site for locations.