Boating Rules and Regulations

- No overnight anchorage.
- No discharge of waste of any kind. Contact the Chilmark Harbormaster for use of the pump-out facilities.
- Maximum speed limit is 4 knots. No wake is permitted.
- Maintain a 150ft distance from red and green channel markers.
- Yellow markers delineate aquaculture areas.
- Safety First! Please be courteous and conscious of those sharing the waterways with you. Swimmers, non-motorized boats and wildlife may be present. Be aware.
- Wind surfing is not allowed in Menemsha Basin, Menemsha Creek, the channel or within 300 feet of the beach.
- No swimming or diving in the harbor or channel from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Do not tie vessel to any navigation aids.
- No anchorage in the harbor or navigational channels.
- Mooring by permit only. See the Harbormasters.
- Life Jackets: Each paddler must have a USCG- approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket. A child 12 years old or younger must wear their USCG-approved, appropriately-sized life jacket while on board any vessel.
- If you’re on the water after sunset, you need to have a lighting device to warn other boaters.
- The USCG define SUP boards operated outside a surfing, swimming or bathing area as “vessels” and therefore need to adhere to those rules. It is not advised to use these in Menemsha Channel, as they create a navigational hazard.

Complete, detailed copies of the Town’s Rules and Regulations can be found on-line or are available from the Harbormasters.

Aquinnah http://goo.gl/6t5QkO  Chilmark http://goo.gl/G7D840

Taking of Shellfish in both towns requires a permit. To obtain a Shellfish Permit, contact the town that you will be shellfishing in.
It has been in the past and will continue to be the responsibility of Native People to oversee the environment in which we must all survive. It is the purpose of the Natural Resources Department of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to establish, maintain and manage environmental resources on the Tribal Lands and beyond for future generations.

Navigation
Boaters be aware that the current runs swiftly through the inlet. The inner harbor is just inside the inlet and both are well-marked. The inlet continues into Menemsha Pond. Also be aware that there are very shallow sections and navigate accordingly. Recent dredging activities have altered the channel bottom significantly. Follow the channel markers and watch the tides.

Menemsha Harbor Fees 2017
Daily Transient/Slip Dockage: $3.00 per foot, per day
Hourly Transient/Slip Dockage: $10.00 for each four (4) hours
Electricity:
$15.00 per day for 30 Amp
$30.00 per day for 50 Amp
Town of Chilmark Transient Mooring Fees:
$35.00 per day for inside moorings
$20.00 per day for outside moorings
Moorings Permit Fee: $100 for Residents & Non-Residents
Anchorage available in Menemsha Bight, outside of the harbor
The Town of Aquinnah has no transient moorings available.

Services
A town-maintained dinghy dock is located on the seaward end of the town wharf. Services in the Town of Menemsha include fuel, groceries, dining, fish markets and fishing tackle, antiques, art, books, and clothing. For a complete list of services and contacts, see the Harbor Master.
- Heads: 2 Toilet(s), 2 Shower(s) (with dressing rooms)
- WiFi internet services are available
- No laundry services available
- Pump-Out: On-Call—Chilmark Harbormaster
- Public Transportation (VTA) http://www.vinyardtransit.com
- Tide Charts: http://www.CapeTides.com

Eco-Friendly Boating
The impact of recreational boating on aquatic ecosystems is significant. Even small quantities of toxic products in the water can disrupt this balance, with lasting harmful effects.

How can you help?
- Read the label and choose phosphate- and chlorine-free products that are non-toxic and environmentally safe, such as vinegar and baking soda.
- Avoid conducting boat maintenance on the docks or over the water.
- Use more elbow grease and fewer cleaning products, scrub and rinse with fresh water.
- Properly dispose of unused boat maintenance products.

Contacts
Aquinnah Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable
Brian Vanderhoop
(508)645-2307
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Town Hall: (508)645-2300
Chilmark Harbormaster
Dennis Jason
(508)645-2100 x 2846 (Year Round)
(508)645-2846 (Harbor seasonal)
Daily 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM (Seasonal)
After-Hours Arrival: Call on VHF Ch 9
Town Hall: (508)645-2100

Emergency Services
In case of an emergency:
- Medical: Call 911 and specify that you are on Martha’s Vineyard in Menemsha, MA
- US Coast Guard Station in Menemsha: (508) 645-2661
- Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles: (508) 564-4961
- BoatUS Towing Services: (800) 888-4869
- Sea Tow Towing Services: (800) 473-2869
- Aquinnah Police Department (508) 645-2313
- Chilmark Police Department (508) 645-3310

Welcome to Menemsha Harbor
Rules and Regulations

The Menemsha Pond Watershed, comprising Menemsha, Squibnocket, Stonewall, and Nashaquitsa ponds, is shared between the Wampanoag Tribe, and the towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark Massachusetts. The Towns and the Tribe are committed to supporting the protection, enhancement, and preservation of the cultural and aquatic resources. This area has a rich history of shell-fishing, lush eelgrass beds, and prime habitat for wildlife of all kinds.

To find out more about the environmental programs supported by the Natural Resources Department of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), find us on the Web: http://www.wampnrd.com or visit and “like” us on our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/wampnrd/