

Boathouse Guidelines

(1) EXEMPT STRUCTURES. (NR 115.05(1) (b) 1m) and s. 59.692(1k) (a) (6). All of the following structures are exempt from the shoreland setback standards in section 38-595 A:

(a) Boathouses may be constructed according to the following provisions:

1. The entire boathouse must be located above the ordinary high-water mark and entirely within the viewing and access corridor.
2. Boathouses shall be designed and constructed solely for the storage of boats and related equipment.
3. Boathouses shall not contain plumbing components or be used for human habitation.
4. One boathouse is permitted per lot. Lots in contiguous ownership shall be considered one lot for purposes of this exemption.
5. Boathouses shall be constructed in conformity with local floodplain zoning standards.
6. Boathouses shall not exceed one story and 300 square feet in size (outside dimensions).
7. The roof of a boathouse may be used as a deck provided that:
 - a. The boathouse has a flat roof.
 - b. The roof has no side walls or screens.
 - c. The roof may have a railing that meets the Department of Safety and Professional Services standards.
8. Boathouses constructed after the effective date of this ordinance shall have a pitched roof that is no flatter than 4/12 pitch, and shall not be designed or used as deck, observation platform or for other similar uses.
9. Earth toned non-reflective color shall be required for all exterior surfaces of a boathouse.
10. The main door shall face the water.
11. Patios, patio doors, decks, fireplaces and other features inconsistent with the use of the structure exclusively as a boathouse are not permitted.
12. The boathouse shall be of wood construction. Concrete footings are allowed provided that they do not extend more than six inches above grade.