

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 4709**

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE HARBOURS FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW (BYLAW NO. 2844)

WHEREAS:

- A. Under Bylaw No. 2844, “Capital Regional District Southern Gulf Islands Small Craft Harbours Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2000”, the Regional Board established a commission to acquire and operate small craft harbour facilities;
- B. The Bylaw requires updating to revise the existing fee schedule which has been in place since January 2025; and
- C. The Board wishes to amend Bylaw No. 2844 to ensure industry-appropriate moorage rates and fees are being charged and provide additional funds to maintain, repair, and operate the services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Capital Regional District Board in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. Bylaw No. 2844, “Capital Regional District Southern Gulf Islands Small Craft Harbours Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2000”, is hereby amended as follows, with an effective date of January 1, 2026:
 - (a) By replacing the word “two” in section 25(4) with the word “three”;
 - (b) By replacing Schedule “A” in its entirety with the Schedule “A” attached to this bylaw.
- 2. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Capital Regional District Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 2025”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	th	day of	202_
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	th	day of	202_
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	th	day of	202_
ADOPTED THIS	th	day of	202_

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER

SCHEDULE "A"
Bylaw No. 2844

Capital Regional District Southern Gulf Islands Harbours

FEES AND LICENSES

1. DEFINITIONS

“charter boat” means any vessel or watercraft used to transport passengers who have paid a fee for tourism services including, but not limited to, fishing, whale watching, sightseeing or diving;

“dinghy” means an open boat with a maximum length of 12 feet, excluding outboard motor, having a beam of no more than 6 feet and a motor of not more than 25 horsepower and the dry weight/hull weight is at, or under, 300 pounds;

“emergency service vessel” means a police, fire, search and rescue, or ambulance vessel and any other vessel acting in the aforementioned capacities;

“length” means the overall length of a vessel or watercraft as determined by the Ports Manager or wharfinger;

“month” means a period commencing on a date in one month and terminating on the day immediately preceding the same date in the next month or, if there is no corresponding date in the next month, terminating on the last day of that month;

“moorage” means a charge for mooring;

“quarter” means three months;

“reserved berth” means a section of a dock identified by a ‘Reserved’ sign on the tie-rail;

“resident” means person who satisfies the conditions of residency established in section 67 of the *Local Government Act* in respect of the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area;

“short-term zone” means a section of a dock identified by a “short-term zone” sign on the tie rail;

“springline” means a special moorage arrangement where the vessel is bow tied to the dock and stern tied to an approved, weighted pulley line.

“water taxi” means any vessel or watercraft used to transport passengers or material for a fee.

2. MOORAGE FEES (All moorage fees include applicable taxes)

- (a) (i) Moorage Fees from 3 to 12 hours, normally commencing and ending between **8:00 AM** and **8:00 PM** of the same day:

\$0.70 per lineal foot per day.

- (ii) Moorage Fees from 12+ to 24 hours or overnight:

\$1.25 per linear foot.

(b) Prepaid Long-Term Moorage Fees

- (i) The prepaid monthly moorage fee is \$7.50 per lineal foot per month.
- (ii) The prepaid quarterly moorage fee is \$20.00 per lineal foot per quarter.
- (iii) The prepaid annual moorage fee is \$70.50 per lineal foot per year.
- (iv) Despite subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), no person in control of a vessel or watercraft shall moor at a Short-Term Zone or at the Swartz Bay dock for longer than 72 consecutive hours in a 30-day period.
- (v) Where a resident has obtained a monthly, quarterly or annual moorage license prescribed in Schedule "C", that resident may apply for a monthly, quarterly or annual moorage for the same vessel at a second dock for an additional payment of one half the moorage fee paid at the first dock.

(c) Long-term moorage fees for a dinghy bow-tied at a dock area posted with a sign saying "dinghies only" shall be as follows:

- (i) The prepaid monthly moorage fee is \$40.00.
- (ii) The prepaid quarterly moorage fee is \$100.00.
- (iii) The prepaid annual moorage fee is \$350.00.

(d) Springline Moorage Fees

Where a springline moorage system has been approved by the CRD the following rates will apply for boats up to 14 feet in length and 8 feet wide:

- (i) Monthly fee is \$100.00 per month.
- (ii) Quarterly fee is \$265.00 per quarter.

(e) Short-Term Zone Fees

Where a short-term zone exists on a dock, the daily rate will apply. No monthly, quarterly or annual rates are available for these zones.

3. WATER TAXI AND CHARTER BOATS MOORAGE FEES

- (a) A person in control of a water taxi or charter boat mooring or landing at a dock shall obtain from the CRD in the form prescribed in Schedule "D" an annual license and pay an annual fee set out in section 3(b) and (c) below.

- (b) (i) Loading and Unloading Water Taxis and Charter Boats:

Landings Per Year Per Dock	Annual Fee Per Dock
0 - 5	\$25.00 per landing
6 - 49	\$400.00
50 -199	\$680.00
200+	\$990.00

(ii) The prepaid annual fee is based on estimated annual usage. Actual usage is subject to audit and the CRD or wharfinger may make an adjustment to the fee based on actual usage.

(c) The moorage fees for water taxis or charter boats are the same as prescribed in Schedule "A" sections 2(a)(i) and (ii), 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d) except the monthly, quarterly and annual fees, moorage coupon books and commuter passes are available only to an operator of a water taxi or charter boat who is a resident of the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

(d) Where a person has obtained a license to operate a water taxi or charter boat and pays annual landing fees and provides a regularly scheduled published service between two docks listed in Schedule "B" using the same vessel no landing fees are required on the second dock.

4. SEAPLANES

(a) A person in control of a seaplane shall obtain from the CRD an annual license prescribed in Schedule "E" and pay an annual fee set out in section 4(b) below.

(b) (i) Loading and Unloading Seaplanes:

Landings Per Year Per Airport	Annual Fee per Airport
0 – 5	\$25.00 per landing
6 – 49	\$400.00
50 -199	\$680.00
200+	\$990.00

(ii) The prepaid annual fee is based on estimated annual usage. Actual usage is subject to audit and the CRD or wharfinger may make an adjustment to the fee based on actual usage.

(c) Seaplane Moorage Fees: Not Available

5. EMERGENCY VESSEL MOORAGE FEES

- (a) A person in control of an emergency services vessel shall apply for a license as prescribed in Schedule "D" each year.
- (b) Emergency Service Vessels, when not performing emergency services, shall be subject to the same moorage fees as prescribed in Schedule "A" sections 2(a)(i) and (ii), 2(b), 2(c) or 2(d).
- (c) Emergency Service Vessels, while actively performing emergency services, will not be subject to the fees prescribed in Schedule "A" sections 2(a)(i) and (ii), 2(b), 2(c) or 2(d).

6. RESERVED BERTHS

The moorage fee for reserved berths is 1.5 times the applicable (quarterly and annual) moorage fee as prescribed in Schedule "A".

7. REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT

The following fees, costs and expenses shall be paid by the owner of a vessel, chattel or obstruction removed, detained or impounded pursuant to Sections 39 to 44 of this Bylaw:

(a)	Impoundment Fee	\$200.00 or actual cost
(b)	Towing Fee per hour (for towing or removal to storage location)	\$350.00 or actual cost
(c)	Hauling Out Fee per hour	\$350.00 or actual cost
(d)	Fee for Placing on Blocks/Removal from Trailer (fee per hour)	\$350.00 or actual cost
(e)	Salvage Fee \$/hour	\$540.00 or actual cost
(f)	Storage Costs for Vessel (rate per day per foot)	\$6.50 or actual cost

At CRD's option, it can select the fee or the actual cost, whichever is greater. "Actual cost" is the actual cost if provided directly by CRD or by a third party contractor, calculated on a cost recovery basis, including any applicable fees, charges, or taxes. CRD may charge an additional 10% on top of fees or actual costs to cover administrative tasks and time spent.