NEW BOATHOUSES

New boathouses may be constructed if they are located completely within the allowable view and access corridor and according to the standards listed below. A land use permit is needed for new boathouses. This handout is intended to summarize regulations, not replace actual ordinances. Please refer to 26.605 (a)(1) of the Shoreland Protection Ordinance for more information.

BOATHOUSE STANDARDS

• The floor/top of footing must be located entirely above the OHWM and conforms to floodplain zoning standards.
• Maximum size of 288 square feet, a max. wall height of 10 feet, main door to face the water.
• Roof pitch must equal or exceed a 4/12 rise to run but not steeper than 6/12 rise to run, not designed or used as decks, observation platforms or other similar uses.
• Placement within 35 ft of shoreland (Shoreland Vegetative Buffer Zone), the boathouse must be completely located within the allowable view and access corridor.
• The boathouse cannot contain plumbing or plumbing fixtures and cannot be used for human habitation.
• Designed and constructed solely for the storage of boats and related equipment.
• Siding and roofing color schemes must be earth tone and blend with natural landscapes.

EXAMPLE:

A 35 foot wide view and access corridor is allowed for every 100 feet of frontage (35%).

LEGAL PRE-EXISTING BOATHOUSES

Existing Boathouses may not be expanded but may be repaired or rebuilt provided the activity does not expand the footprint and does not go beyond the three-dimensional building envelope of the existing structure. If an existing boathouse is to be rebuilt outside of the existing footprint, the standards listed above must be met.

WET BOATHOUSES that are completely below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) are regulated by Department of Natural Resources (DNR).