

Departing the Dock Procedure:

1. Passenger Communication:

As the Boat captain, it is important to talk to your passenger (guests) before you leave the dock. Let the guests know where the life jackets are located. Be aware of the effect of being on water-sunlight, motion, waves, wind. Most important, communicating to passengers where to sit so not to interfere with the captain's departing activities.

2. Turn the blower on and run for 4 full minutes before turning on the engine.

3. Start the engines before removing lines and pulling up fenders.

4. Electrical:

a. Turn off the stanchion power BEFORE removing the shore power cords.

5. Disconnect water line and internet (if applicable).

6. Lines:

a. First remove the spring lines. **MPYH recommends all boats use spring lines as they help limit the boats forward and backward movement.**

b. Then remove the stern and bow lines.

7. Boats backing from slips have the right-of-way, and all other boats must yield that right-of-way. Boats leaving the marina have the right-of-way over boats approaching or entering the marina.

8. Be mindful of boats that may in the process of docking and give the right of way.

9. One long blast on your horn should be sounded prior to leaving your slip.

Docking Procedure: (reverse order leaving the dock)

1. Communicate to guests prior to approaching the slip where to sit so not to interfere with docking activities.

2. When the boat is safely in the slip, **turn off the engine(s) prior to leaving the helm** then secure lines and fenders.

3. Re-connect shore power cord. Turn power on at the stanchion.

As a boat operator, it's your job to ensure the safety of you and your passengers and be respectful and cautious of fellow boaters in the harbor.