



# FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC

## Welcome to Floating Home Living

The Floating Homes Association, founded in 1985, is dedicated to fostering a friendly, inclusive, and colorful community on Richardson Bay. We are responsible and engaged residents who take care of the environment and ensure our safety. We work together to create a lively, diverse, and progressive place that celebrates our beautiful and unique waterfront community. Welcome!

Your dock representative is: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

### **The 2019 FHA Board Officers:**

President: Michael Labate

Vice President: Taylor Ray

Admin Coordinator and Secretary: Linda Sempliner

Treasurer: Teddie Hathaway

The FHA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Marin City Fire Station at 850 Drake Ave., Sausalito. The board is governed by elected officers and representatives from each dock. The meeting schedule is posted on our website, under Get Involved, Board Meetings. *Everyone is welcome!*

# Safety Tips for Floating Home Living

Here are some important things to know about living on the water:

## **PARKING LOT and HIGH TIDES**

Check dock bulletin board for high tide and storm notices, download a tide app, or visit: <http://www.floatinghomes.org/resources/useful-links>.

## **DOCK SAFETY**

- Do not encroach more than three planks deep each side of the dock from railing into the walkway (emergency crews need clear access to the dock).
- Do not obstruct dock lighting and report any outages to your harbormaster.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed on walkway.

## **FLOATING HOME SAFETY**

- Install and/or inspect interior hull water sensors.
- Install and/or inspect holding tank level alarm.
- Inspect boat lines for wear and tear.
- Inspect pilings to determine if replacement or repair is needed.
- Tie down loose items such as chairs that could blow away in storms.
- Inspect exterior and interior hoses for leaks.

## **UTILITIES**

- Know where your water, gas and electricity shut-offs are located.
- Know where your circuit breaker box is located.
- Do not flush anything down the toilet except toilet paper.
- Empty sewage holding tanks before power outages or storms.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

- No open flames are allowed on the dock.
- Do not use planter boxes as ashtrays or drop cigarettes butts on the dock.
- Make sure your fire extinguishers are full and up to date.
- Install/maintain smoke detectors.
- Plan escape route from your boat in case of fire.
- Attend dock fire emergency training (posted in the Floating Times).

## **POWER FAILURES**

- If electricity is out, do not run water. Let renters, visitors, and cleaning crews know that holding tanks can overflow without the electric pump working!
- Do not use generators or BBQs inside as toxic fumes are dangerous.
- Extinguish all candles or oil lamps before you retire to bed or leave the house.
- Switch off all circuit breakers, except one (preferably the lighting breaker), to prevent a power surge when electricity service is resumed.
- Check all pilot lights are lit when power is resumed.

## **BAY POLLUTION**

- Report to the Richardson Bay Harbor Administrator 415-289-4143 any sewage leaks or oil and fuel spills in the water.
- Practice zero waste by recycling, composting, and reducing trash.

# Become a FHA member today!

Your support helps the FHA do its work for everyone in our community:

- **Advocacy:** We track and research new and proposed rules that may affect our community, representing our needs to elected officials and agencies. The FHA sponsored six pieces of California legislation that have been signed into law, including ensuring your ability to obtain a title for a floating home, requiring that Proposition 13 applies to floating homes, and designating our homes as real property.
- **Preparedness:** We help everyone be prepared for fire or earthquakes and maintain an emergency trailer that is equipped with two-way radios, heavy-duty pumps for rescuing sinking houseboats, and other safety equipment. The FHA ensures we have community emergency response team members on every dock.
- **Environment:** We protect and value our beautiful Bay. The FHA educates residents on reducing waste, recycling, and keeping our waterfront clean and healthy. We encourage sustainable ways to live and participate in Coastal Cleanup Day.
- **Community-minded:** We share our beautiful homes with visitors through tours and art shows. The FHA is a member of the Sausalito Chamber of Commerce and a generous donor to local nonprofits, including the Marin City Library, the Marine Mammal Center, and the Sausalito Historical Society.
- **Neighborhood News:** The FHA publishes the [Floating Times](#) to keep you informed of important community updates and dock news.
- **Social:** We strengthen our community by funding dock gatherings and the Annual Meeting and party. FHA dock representatives connect you with one another and support you in life's moments.
- **Amenities:** We purchase and maintain many of the necessities for dock life, including shopping carts. The FHA makes living here easier!

Membership is \$35 annually. Please join online today at <http://www.floatinghomes.org/join-us/join-or-renew-here>.