

# HURRICANE

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## A Plan for Boaters at Kingman Yacht Center

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**We ask that our boaters familiarize themselves with the following procedures before the North Atlantic hurricane season begins in August. If you have any questions about the plan or about how to secure your boat, please call Kingman Yacht Center at (508) 563-7136. Thank you.**

### **Hurricane Watch Schedule**

Since its founding in 1932, this marina has weathered more than 75 hurricane seasons. We know from historical experience that a tidal surge can cause serious damage to boats and property, even in a harbor as protected as ours. For this reason, Kingman Yacht Center requires that all boats docked at slips be evacuated in the event of a hurricane threat.

Kingman Yacht Center will typically begin posting Hurricane Watch evacuation notices once a storm reaches the approximate latitude of Charleston, South Carolina. Historically, this position has allowed us 48-72 hours to clear the marina, move the docks and secure the property.

Kingman Yacht Center reserves the right to implement its **Hurricane Action Plan** at any time at its own discretion based upon its assessment of the storm's intensity, speed and projected track. This plan is outlined for you in this brochure.

### **The Boater's Hurricane Plan...**

### **An Annual Requirement for Boats in Slips**

At the beginning of each boating season, all Kingman Yacht Center seasonal slip customers and Long-Term Lessees who occupy their slips must file, and have approved by management, a written **Boater's Hurricane Plan**. This form notifies our team of your plans to move your boat in the event of a hurricane threat.

We will not have time to haul and derig **sailboats**, so owners need to make advance plans to take their boats away from the facility. **Powerboats** may be hauled and stored on land, but must reserve this option in advance on their **Hurricane Plan**. Otherwise, boats should be moored, anchored, or moved off site. Owners are encouraged to move their own boats but may also reserve a place on our moving/towing schedule, provided that they have secured a local mooring for us to move it to.

**Kingman Yacht Center will make every effort to accommodate each request for towing, hauling, moving or securing your boat. Because of the unpredictability of hurricanes, however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to service all boats at all times and assume no responsibility for failure to do so for any reason.**

Powerboat owners, it is imperative that you select two options on your **Boater's Hurricane Plan** in the event that conditions prevent implementation of your first choice.

### **Moored or Anchored Boats**

Owners of moored boats must secure their vessels with adequate chafing gear. Please refer to the **Preparing for Tropical Storms** pamphlet for preparation of other gear. If you plan to anchor your boat, we suggest that you refer to the recommendations detailed in *Chapman's Piloting*, as summarized below:

1. At least three anchors
2. Adequate chain, line and chafing gear (preferably heavy leather or rubber hose) to rig a hurricane mooring system
3. Adequate anchor line and chain including (a) a minimum of 100' of line per anchor, free of wear and rotten ends where line fastens to the anchor chain, and (b) 15' of chain per anchor with appropriate shackles.

### **Mobilization**

When Kingman Yacht Center management deems that an approaching storm poses a hurricane threat the **Hurricane Action Plan** will be implemented, beginning with customer notification and mobilization. Our staff will attempt to contact all slip customers first, relying upon your **Boater's Hurricane Plan** for current e-mail addresses, phone and fax numbers. At this point, your boat must be moved according to the options specified on your **Plan**. We will next attempt to contact all Mooring customers. Mooring customers are expected to assume full responsibility for securing their vessels to their moorings.

**Although we are prepared to assist boat owners with their hurricane preparations, the ultimate responsibility for each vessel lies with its owner. With more than 350 boats to service, it is a real challenge for us to mobilize every boat owner in 48-72 hours.**

**Please contact us as soon as you learn that a storm is approaching the area. Your initiative will help us in coordinating movement of boats when time is most critical.**

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## **Marina Evacuation Schedule – A Summary**

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**DAY 1 Evacuate Slips 501-581, 1-18, and Dinghy Dock.**  
Owners to Secure Boats on Moorings  
Owners to Move Cars Parked in Haul Out / Storage Areas.

**DAY 2 Evacuate Slips 217-256**  
Owners to Secure Boats on Moorings  
Remove Parked Cars from Marina Property  
Front Docks, Fuel & Dinghy Docks Completely Unloaded & Dismantled  
Utilities Disconnected

**DAY 3 Kingman to Complete Hauling Boats, and Securing Property**

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### **Day 1 – First 24 Hours**

1. Within 24 hours of the start of mobilization, owners should remove all boats from the Front Docks (Slips 501-581), Side Docks (Slips 1-18), and all dinghies from the Dinghy Dock. **Sailboat owners** should make every effort to move their own vessels to assigned moorings or to the anchorage of their choice. **Sailboats will not be hauled.** Past experience proves that hauling sailboats takes more time than we will have when mobilized, and sailboats ashore with masts up present a significant danger to them-selves and to other property. Sailboat owners should leave the docks and seek a more sheltered anchorage or mooring. The *Kingman Launch* will be running to service boats in our mooring field.
2. Slips 501-581, 1-18, and the Dinghy Dock must be cleared within the first 24 hours to allow dismantling of the Front Docks. These docks must be unloaded to survive a storm.
3. Kingman Yacht Center will haul or move powerboats in accordance with **Boater's Hurricane Plans** in this order: (1) Slips 501-581, (2) Back Basin boats as logistically required, (3) Slips 1-18, and (4) Slips 217-256 as time permits. **There will be no Inside Storage.**
4. All cars parked in the area between the Haul Out Pit and Lower Heads must be moved early on Day 1 or they will be towed.
5. All antennas, fenders, lines, dodgers, bimini tops and other gear must be secured by the owner. Dinghies, dock boxes and stairs must be stored ashore by the owner in an area designated by marina personnel.

### **Day 2**

1. Fuel pumps will be shut off and front, fuel and dinghy docks will be dismantled.
2. Kingman Yacht Center will continue to haul powerboats from slips 217-256 and the Back Basin.
3. Any vessel that has not been removed from Slips 217-256 will be required to evacuate the marina under the owner's command by the second day of mobilization.
4. and only if time permits. Failure to cause the removal of the vessel can, at management's sole discretion, be sufficient reason to terminate the lease or sublease of the vessel's owner without additional notice. Vessels that do not comply with evacuation requirements will no longer be permitted to dock or otherwise use the facilities of the marina.
5. All vehicles should be removed from the marina property to avoid flood damage from a potential tidal surge.

### **Day 3 – Last Hours**

1. During the final hours of mobilization, Kingman Yacht Center will finish hauling boats, batten down the hatches and secure property. Water, electricity and lights to the docks will be shut off.

**NOTE: Any vessel left or abandoned in the marina will be towed to another anchorage or further secured at the owner's liability and expense. Any expense incurred by damage / injury to the docks, property or personnel of Kingman Yacht Center by a vessel will be the responsibility of the vessel's owner. Kingman Yacht Center will not be liable for hurricane-related damage or damage resulting from the implementation or the failure to implement a Boater's Hurricane Plan.**