

**THE TOWN OF RAYMOND DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANY ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS REGARDING MOORINGS.**

**Please refer the following information before installing a mooring:**

**What do I need to know about placing a mooring on an inland lake or pond in Maine?**

With a couple exceptions, the State of Maine does not control the placement of moorings on inland waterways. The placement of moorings, where controlled, are controlled by the local municipality in which a body of water lies. Although some municipalities have adopted a mooring ordinance limiting their placement, most towns have not although many are currently considering it. If you are considering the placement of a mooring, please check with the local municipality in which the body of water you are interested in lies about a mooring ordinance.

In the interest of boating safety, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Boating Facilities has two basic rules when it comes to the placement of moorings. These rules work hand in hand with the Water Safety Zone (the first 200' from any shore.) Objects placed beyond the Water Safety Zone may be considered a hazard to navigation.

1. No mooring will be placed so that it or the object moored thereto extends beyond the Water Safety Zone or 1/3 the distance to the opposite shore whichever is less. In addition, no mooring may be placed in State waters in a marked channel or a Fairway or in a manner that would impede access to a public boat launch facility or deny the right of free navigation.
2. The proper mooring ball used to float the chain is a white ball with a blue stripe.

In the interest of public safety, it has been determined that objects placed beyond the Water Safety Zone may be considered a hazard to navigation and may be removed by the Department without notification.