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60 Charles River Basin Moorings Available to the Public

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DCR COMMISSIONER

BOSTON- March 28, 2017- Today, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Leo Roy announced that 60 Charles River Basin moorings are available to the public during the 2017 summer recreational season. Utilizing a lottery program, the DCR annually offers public moorings located within the Charles River Basin, between the First Street Landing and Poorman's Landing. Members of the public can apply now through Friday, April 28, 2017, with the final drawing taking place on Friday, May 5, 2017.

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"The Charles River is an exceptional natural resource that offers a serene landscape and a vibrant atmosphere providing outdoor recreational opportunities for the millions of people who visit the Charles River Esplanade every year," said **DCR Commissioner Leo Roy**. "By offering 60 Charles River Basin moorings to the public, individuals will receive unprecedented views to some of the state's signature events."

Winners of the Charles River Basin Mooring lottery program will be notified by phone within ten business days after the lottery regarding the status of their application. A \$6.00 per foot fee will be charged to boat owners for the season, which runs from Sunday, May 14, 2017 through Saturday, November 11, 2017. DCR has set forth the following requirements for lottery entrants:

- A copy of a valid and current Massachusetts boat registration for the boat to be moored on the Charles River must be submitted with the application or the application will be rejected; NO EXCEPTIONS.
- The maximum boat length is 35 feet, and only the boat registered to the mooring will be allowed to use that mooring.
- Only pleasure boats will be entered into the lottery. Commercial boats or boats for hire will not be allowed.
- The applicant must supply the mooring and all other necessary equipment at his or her own expense, and moorings must meet United States Coast Guard specifications.
- Each mooring must consist of a mushroom anchor with a chain capable of holding the boat in place under adverse weather conditions.
- Boat owners must provide an 18" to 20" fiberglass mooring ball on which a number can be permanently affixed. This mooring ball is to be used at all times.
- All moorings must be installed and removed at the owner's expense no later than November 11, 2017. Future mooring permits will be refused to any permit holder failing to remove moorings by this date.
- The DCR has made reasonable attempts to develop specifications believed to be proper. They are not a guarantee or assurance of a safe mooring. The ultimate responsibility and liability rests on the individual boat owner for damage sustained due to use, inclement weather, and other factors beyond DCR's control. The DCR will not be held liable for property damage or personal injury or death sustained as a result of any incident resulting from the operation and use of this permit. Prior to permit issuance, permittee will be required to sign a waiver.

Applications can be found on the [DCR website](#). Any questions regarding the 2017 Charles River Basin Mooring Program and Lottery should be directed to the DCR at charlesrivermoorings@state.ma.us or (617) 727-5290 extension 0. Payment remittance and completed applications should be sent to:

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Attention: Charles River Basin Mooring Program
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