

Bristol Borough Day Dock FAQs

Bristol Borough is excited to inform you that the newly built transient day-docks on the Bristol Riverfront are now open. These are floating docks built to stay in the water year-round and accommodate both fishermen and boaters on the designated access pier and docks. Built to attract patrons from all over the region to Historic Bristol Borough; the day-docks have a purpose for everyone. Sitting right at the bottom of the downtown Mill Street shopping district, you can enjoy various shops and restaurants after a sunset boat ride.

Q. What are the hours?

A. 6 AM- 11PM May- October.

Q. Is a reservation for a slip required in advance?

A. At this time, the docking areas are first come, first served.

Q. Is overnight docking permitted?

A. No, the docks are intended for daytime use only.

Q. What types of boats are permitted?

A. All size vessels can be accommodated aside from personal watercraft i.e. jet skis, wave runners, kayaks, canoes, etc.

Q. Is alcohol permitted?

A. Alcohol is not permitted on the floating docks or access pier.

Q. What are the general rules of access pier and docks?

A. Smoking, loitering, loud music/noise, bikes/skateboards, pets, jumping/climbing, is all prohibited.

Q. How will the rules of the docks be enforced?

A. The rules of the docks are enforceable by Borough Ordinance 1317. Borough Police will provide enforcement as needed.

Q. Is there an age restriction for the docks and access pier?

A. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. Is there a time limit to how long you can keep your boat there during the permitted hours?

A. There is no limit to how long you can keep your boat docked as long as you are out by 11 PM daily.

Q. Is there a fee for docking?

A. No, the facility is free to the public.

Q. What is the security of the docks like?

A. Boaters are responsible for their own boats and belongings. Bristol Borough will not provide a staff at the facility, nor do they accept the responsibility of any lost or stolen items. Only boaters are permitted on the docks.

Q. How many boats can be accommodated at once?

A. 25-30 boats can be docked at once depending on the sizes of the vessels.

Q. Will there be lights on the docks?

A. Pedestrian- level lighting will be provided on the docks from dusk to dawn.

Q. Is swimming permitted?

A. Absolutely no swimming.

Q. Are there restricted areas for fishing?

A. There are signs indicating the designated fishing areas on the access pier. Bait cutting is not permitted. Fishing is not permitted on the floating docks.

Q. If I find any maintenance problems on the docks, who should I contact?

A. If maintenance issues arise, please call Borough Hall at 215-788-3828.

Q. Are there gas or sewage pump-out facilities?

A. These facilities will not be provided, although fueling and pump-out facilities are located nearby.

Q. Where can I tie up?

A. The outer floating dock is exposed to the river wake and is designated for the docking of larger vessels. Smaller vessels should use the interior docking locations. The same rule applies during low tide as the minimum draft is 3 ft. for the dock nearest to the shore up to 15 ft. between the docks and 30 ft. for the side nearest the river.

Q. Can the access pier be rented for special events? If so, how would I go about doing this?

A. You must obtain a special permit from Bristol Borough. Contact the Borough office at 215-788-3828.

Q. Are commercial uses permitted?

A. You must obtain a special permit from Bristol Borough in order to operate any commercial use.

Q. What kinds of attractions are nearby?

A. Nearby attractions include the Bristol Riverside Theatre, historic sites and monuments, numerous restaurants, plus many more. Please check out the rest of the Bristol Borough website as well as the Bristol Raising the Bar's website for more attractions.

Q. Are there water or electric power connections available?

A. Not at this time.

Reference Websites:

<http://delawareriveryachtclub.com/>

<http://dryl.org/>

<http://www.bristolborough.com/index.html>