

Storm Preparedness Policy

In the event that a significant storm event affects the Cape Cod area, Outermost Harbor Marine, LLC (OHM) has organized guidelines to facilitate preparations on both the behalf of OHM and the boat owner. Working together, along these guidelines, we are confident that the risk of damage to your vessel as a result of a storm can be kept to a minimum. **Communication and Cooperation are Most Important.**

Although OHM is fully prepared to assist boat owners with storm preparations, the ultimate responsibility for each vessel lies with its owner.

Storm Action Plan

Phase I: Up to 96 Hours until Expected Landfall:

- All haul-outs, on and off-site, are performed at regular rates.
- Boat owners with trailers are encouraged to haul out their boats and bring them to a safe location.
- Owners of vessels not berthed at OHM are encouraged to bring their boat to OHM. OHM may not be able to retrieve boats off-site within 48 hours of expected landfall.
- Boat owners are encouraged to schedule haul-outs during this phase.

Phase II: Between 96 Hours until Expected Landfall and 48 Hours until Expected Landfall:

- Due to pre/post storm logistics and significant overhead, haul-out/launching rates will increase to 1.5 times that of the normal rate 96 hours before **and after** projected or actual landfall.
- Haul-outs will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Phase III: Within 48 Hours until Expected Landfall:

- Based on storm predictions, OHM **may** require a mandatory haul out of vessels on OHM-owned moorings, and vessels berthed on the inner and/or outer docks. This decision will be made at any time that is deemed necessary by OHM staff to reduce the likelihood of damage to vessels.
- OHM may not be able to retrieve vessels located off-site during this phase.

Please Note:

1. All haul-outs **and** re-launches will take place on a first come, first served basis. OHM will not be responsible for damages in the event we are not able to haul a boat. OHM will make every effort to accommodate every haul-out request, however, due to the unpredictable nature of storms, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to serve all boats at all times, and cannot assume responsibility for failure to do so.
2. It is recommended that customers that are not berthed at OHM, but wish to have their vessel hauled, bring their boat to OHM by water to save time and expense.
3. All hauled vessels will be stored at the nearest available storage facility.
4. OHM will stop hauling at any time, at our own discretion, once it has been determined that conditions are unsafe for our crew and equipment.
5. OHM is not responsible for any items lost, stolen or damaged during transportation or storage.
6. OHM cannot guarantee a date for re-launching of any vessel.
7. OHM is not responsible for post storm cleaning of any vessel. Arrangements can be made, post storm, at prevailing rates.

Helpful Information:

NOAA – National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
Tide Charts -- <http://www.boatma.com/tides/Cape-Cod.html>

OHM Suggests That You:

- Secure any and all loose items on board your boat.
- Remove all canvas enclosures, flags, and retract all antennas.
- Add extra lines and fenders.
- Secure personal belongings.
- Take photos of your boat for insurance purposes.
- Check your storm haul-out insurance coverage. (Many insurance companies offer partial/full coverage for haul out expenses.)