

PROPOSAL OF USAGE RULES FOR THE ANCHORING BUOY SECTIONS MANAGED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF XÀBIA.

Anchoring Zones and Features

With the aim to protect the seagrass meadows from the effects caused by the anchoring of sports boats/yachts, the Town Council of Xàbia has laid out several anchoring buoy sections in diverse locations along the municipal coastline, with anchoring trains anchored to the bottom by means of ecological or dead-weight anchors.

Two types of anchoring sections have been laid out:

- For boats up to 15 m in length; by means of yellow, spherical type buoys and Ø 60cm with a mooring element comprised by a polypropylene rope of Ø 16mm, with a length of 3 meters finished in a loop and an orange O-ring buoy of Ø 26cm.

These buoys have been laid out in anchoring sections located in the following zones:

- Cala Blanca- Cala Sardinera: 62 Units
 - Cap Negre: 20 Units
 - Cova dels Orgens: 6 Units
 - Cova del Llop Marí: 5 Units
 - En Caló: 10 Units
 - Cala de la Granadella: 5 Units
- For inflatable or lightweight boats (up to 8 meters in length) using orange polyethylene biconical buoys and Ø 80cm. These buoys will be equipped with mooring elements for boats, comprised by a polypropylene rope of Ø 16mm, with a length of 3 meters finished in a loop and an orange O-ring buoy of Ø 26cm.

These buoys are labelled on one side with the inscription: “USO EMBARCACIONES NEUMÁTICAS O LIGERAS” (“INFLATABLE OR LIGHTWEIGHT BOATS USE”) and on the reverse side with a BIDI code. This code may be read with the respective mobile phone APP which will inform the authorized uses of this buoy.

These buoys have been laid out in anchoring sections located in the following zones:

- Cova del Xiulador: 2 Units.
- L’Escull : 4 Units

- Cap Prim or Sant Martí: 9 Units
- Espalles: 3 Units
- North of Portitxol island: 4 Units
- South of Portitxol island: 6 Units
- Ruta de les àncores (Portitxol): 6 Units
- La Mona del Portitxol: 1 Units
- Cala Portitxol: 1 Units
- Cap Negre: 3 Units
- Escull de Sant Pere: 4 Units
- Punta Plana: 1 Units
- Cap de la Nau: 3 Units
- Illa del Descubridor: 2 Units

The annual periods in which the installations will be in service are shown below:

- Permanent:
 - Anchoring buoys for boats at Cala Blanca and Sardinera: 15 units.
- From Easter to November:
 - Diving buoys for inflatable or lightweight boats.
 - Anchoring buoys in the cove called “En Caló”, 1/3 of the total.
- From May to November:
 - Remaining anchoring buoys.

Terms:

- Mooring at the anchoring buoys installed by the Town Council of Xàbia is free of charge, where users must completely respect the terms indicated in this document.
- The users of the anchoring buoys do so under their own liability, where the Town Council of Xàbia shall not be liable for any damage(s) that may be caused by their use.
- The mooring on the buoys shall be carried out in the order of arrival; there is no possibility to reserve them.
- The mooring on the buoys must be done by means of mooring rope, with approx. length of 3 meters, from the boat itself, which must pass through the loop of the anchoring train; it is prohibited to directly enchain the loop to the boat's cleat.
- A wind speed limit of 16 knots has been stipulated for the use of the installed anchoring buoys.

Obligations:

- At all times, obey any orders or instructions carried out by security personnel.

- Observe due diligence in the use of the anchoring buoy, maintaining it in good conservation condition and in perfect use.
- Notify the municipal authorities of the existence of any anomaly or defect in the anchoring installations.
- Users must have the corresponding up-to-date civil, personal and boat liability insurance established in each case by current legislation.
- At all times, comply with the maritime safety regulations approved by the authority in each competent case, carrying out for this purpose within the stipulated terms, the required actions in order to adapt to the corresponding regulations.
- In the event that the moored boat has scuba divers in the zone, this must be properly signalled and comply with the remaining specific regulations in force.

Prohibitions:

- It is prohibited to moor boats with a longer length or with features different from those indicated above.
- Navigation at speeds above 3 knots is prohibited in the buoy sections, where extreme precaution must be exercised due to the possible existence of swimmers and scuba divers.
- Direct discharges of sewage and bilge water, as well as hull and deck cleaning, into the sea are strictly prohibited.
- It is strictly prohibited to throw rubbish, waste liquids, paper and materials of any type into the sea, regardless if they are pollutants or not.
- The use of loudspeakers and music players is prohibited when their sound invades part of the space of the buoy sections, causing a nuisance to other users.
- It is prohibited to practice water skiing, as well as to navigate with jet skis or other devices at speeds faster than 3 knots inside the anchoring zones.
- It is prohibited to keep motors running, without justification, when the boat is moored to the buoy.
- It is prohibited to moor more than one boat to each anchoring buoy, as well as to moor abreast anchored boats.
- It is prohibited to directly moor with anchors, grappling hooks and other means from the boat itself inside the buoy sections and access channels, except in case of emergency.
- The stay of moored boats is prohibited in the buoy sections from 00:00 to 07:00.
- It is prohibited to abandon the boat anchored in the buoy section, and at least one crew member must remain inside it at all times.

- Likewise, always remember that it is STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO ANCHOR ON THE POSIDONIA OCEANICA (SEAGRASS) meadow zones, inside or outside the anchoring sections.