

## **Boat Mooring at the Moorings of Pinellas County**

At the Moorings, there is a single dock to attach our boats to and the water level has a significant tide variance. The use of mooring whips is mandatory. Mooring whips are used to protect your boat from high winds and water depth and wave action. The whips need to be adequate for the size and weight of the boat they hold secure. The whip bases need to be rocker bases, these bases have rubber couplings to allow the whip to flex with the water level and wind.

Examples:

- 12' (set of 2) for craft up to 23' or 5,000Lb
- 14' (set of 2) for craft up to 28' or 10,000Lb
- 16' (set of 2) for craft up to 33' or 20,000Lb

Don't select whips that are too small for your boat's length and weight. They won't have the strength and tension to be able to keep the hull away from the dock if hit by large wakes/tides or moderate winds, they can break due to the oversize load or damage the dock.

When securing your boat to the whips, follow the manufacturer's instructions to the letter when fashioning and positioning your bases and tie-up lines. The proper tie-up involves a bow line and stern line plus two spring lines; the placement and tension of these four lines are critical to keep the boat properly oriented and whips from bending sideways. Whips can't bend in two directions at once, so keeping them straight is critical.

All mooring whips will be secured to dock by a Board approved installer; this is at the cost of the owner of the boat (unless otherwise noted by Board). Any damage to the dock due to the whips or boat will be the boat owner's responsibility.

Please refer to you owner's rules and regulations for water craft mooring, which can be found at - [mooringscondos.org](http://mooringscondos.org). Information above can be found at [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)