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MAST UP WAIVER

PLEASE NOTE: VESSELS ARE PERMITTED TO BE STORED ON LAND WITH THEIR MASTS UP, HOWEVER WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THIS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- On a hauled out Vessel with the mast up, a windstorm can blow the Vessel over and/or cause other damage to Vessel and/or other property and persons. In past winters, a number of large yacht clubs and marinas in our area had boats blown over during storms with heavy winds. All had been stored with their masts up.
- Lacking the fluid cushioning effects of water, the "wind in the rigging" sets up a harmonic vibration which causes stress cracks and substantially weakens the fiberglass deck and mast step.
- If the deck cracks, and has a balsa core, water and moisture can get in and rot the core. The rot spreads throughout the whole deck, drastically reducing the value of the Vessel.
- The effects of bad weather on the mast, standing & running rigging creates more corrosion and/or weakening, especially of the running rigging.
- Banging of halyard against spars will dig and chafe the mast.
- Each year a thorough inspection of the mast and its rigging should be made. Turnbuckles, spreaders, fittings, tangs, cotter pins, blocks and sail tracks should be included. Just one cracked tang could cause that breezy Sunday afternoon sail to become a nightmare when the mast collapses and comes crashing down.

If Owner still wishes to store Vessel with mast up, OWNER **MUST** have all the halyards and other lines tied off to prevent them from slapping against the mast. If Owner does not meet the requirement, Marina will do it at Owner's expense. Marina will *not* be responsible for any damage arising from storing Vessel with the mast stepped. It is expressly agreed that Marina will not be responsible for any loss, destruction and/or other damage of any items, nor will Marina be responsible for any loss, destruction and/or other damage to Owner's Vessel or any other appurtenant to the Vessel including dinghies or other equipment. Owner does hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless Marina, its agents, servants, employees and representatives, from and against any loss, cost, harm or damage resulting to Owner, Owner's Vessel and/or other property, other Vessels and/or property, and/or persons. ***Owner must verify with Owner's insurance carrier that Vessel is covered under Owner's policy if Vessel's mast is left up.*** No sails or dodgers are to be left on the spars – if left, they will be removed at a "TIME & MATERIALS" rate prior to haul-out.

DID YOU REMEMBER?

✓ **PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE PROVIDED.** ↩ **KEYS/🔑 COMBINATIONS MUST BE LEFT WITH OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.**

Please keep ABOVE copy for your records, sign, & RETURN BOTTOM portion with your contract.

I have read the above and wish to store Vessel with the mast up, against Marina's recommendation.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME: _____

VESSEL NAME: _____ DAY TELEPHONE: (____) _____