

Tomales Bay Mooring Contractor Application

About this Application: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) is accepting applications from interested parties to be considered for inclusion on a *List of GFNMS Approved Mooring Contractors*. This application is for mooring professionals interested in conducting mooring installation, inspection or maintenance on Tomales Bay consistent with the Tomales Bay Mooring Program (MP).

Mooring Contractor Approval Process:

The MP requires that all mooring installation, inspection and maintenance be conducted by GFNMS Approved Mooring Contractors. It is understood that applicants need flexibility on what information to provide, however, in order to be included on the list a business must:

1. Complete and submit this Application to GFNMS;
2. Demonstrate a familiarity with the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan (TBVMP) and abide by all MP Requirements, Policies and Criteria;
3. Provide evidence of commercial marine liability insurance¹, including coverage for products and completed operations, and sudden and accidental pollution and/or contractors pollution and professional liability²;
4. Demonstrate past experience conducting mooring work in conditions similar to those in Tomales Bay and working with the types of mooring tackle required under the MP Policies and Rules.
5. This application is for "mooring professionals" so please provide ample information about the personnel who would be conducting the activities, especially if you are applying for mooring installation or inspection (i.e. professional seamen, OSHA compliant hard hat divers, commercial divers, riggers, mooring designers, etc.).
6. The application needs to include the type of navigation software/GPS used and the accuracy rating of that software (i.e. meter/sub-meter).

If all the above criteria are met satisfactorily then mooring contractors will be approved by GFNMS staff for inclusion on the list of approved mooring contractors provided on the Tomales Bay Mooring Program website. In addition to business name and contact information of approved contractors, all information that you provide on this application will be available for review by mooring owners and mooring lease applicants.

¹ Approved Mooring Contractors will be required to submit proof of commercial marine liability insurance annually.

² It is understood that different insurance companies use differing language to cover this type of insurance, but in reviewing this application, we will be looking for insurance that covers your business for your completed work and products, and while doing the work, including liability for pollution. Your mooring work vessel(s) should also be covered under your certificate of insurance.

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Criteria for removal from Approved Mooring Contractor List:

Mooring contractors will be removed from the list of GFNMS Approved Mooring Contractors and prohibited from conducting any mooring work in Tomales Bay, for the following reasons:

1. Lying or falsifying any information provided on this application including credentials, mooring experience or previous work completed;
2. Conducting any mooring work (including installation, inspection or maintenance) on Tomales Bay that does not meet the conditions of the *Tomales Bay Mooring Program Requirements, Policies and Criteria* (attached).

Please submit application to GFNMS

Staff Contact Information:

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Application Instructions:

Fill out the application on page 3, provide the required elements of the statement of qualifications, and submit it to GFNMS staff at the email address or mailing address provided at the end of the document. *Please note that if this application is approved then all information provided below will be publically available on the GFNMS website.

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Applicant's Name: _____

Business Name and Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **email:** _____

1. Request Approval For (check all that apply and indicate number of years experience for each):

Mooring Installation -- Years of experience: ____

Mooring Inspection -- Years of experience: ____

Mooring Maintenance -- Years of experience: ____

2. Statement of Qualifications: Provide a brief narrative of qualifications and background installing, maintaining, or inspecting moorings, including credentials of all personnel. Provide a description of applicable experience working with moorings, including past experience in Tomales Bay (or in conditions that are similar) and with the types of mooring tackle specified in the *Tomales Bay Mooring Program Requirements (Policies and Criteria)*. Include a description all of the following:

- a. All available equipment including GPS and navigation software;
- b. Work vessels;
- c. Personnel for conducting each requested service. Names are not required, but the job descriptions of each personnel for each service must be included.
- d. Methods for servicing moorings (installation, inspection, maintenance).

3. Insurance Information: Provide your certificate(s) for commercial marine liability insurance, (including name(s) of, account number(s) and description of coverage provided as applicable).

I, _____ hereby certify under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge: 1) all information provided is accurate; 2) I understand the MP and have read and will abide by the *Tomales Bay Mooring Program Requirements (Policies and Criteria)*; 3) I have read Section I (Executive Summary and Introduction) and Section II.C (Vessel Mooring Program) in the TBVMP; and 4) I have read and agree to the information on pages 1 and 2 of this application.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____