



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR DOCKS/PIERS

**Question:** What are the size restrictions on T-heads, finger piers, platforms and decks?

**Answer:** For lots with shorelines at least 100 feet long, combined area cannot be more than 400 square feet. *(All waterfront lots at Riversound have 100+ feet of shoreline)*

**Question:** What about boathouses and decks?

**Answer:** One can have a boathouse or deck as long as the following requirements are met:

- Boathouses and decks can be a maximum of 400 square feet. Boathouse walls may cover only the top half of the boathouse (from the roofline). The bottom half must remain open. Boathouses, decks and platforms must be single-story. You may roof boathouses, decks and platforms, but no second-story use allowed.

**Question:** What about boat lifts?

**Answer:** Boat lifts are allowed. Areas enclosed by boat lifts, such as a boathouse, cannot be bigger than 400 square feet.

**Question:** How wide can the pier be?

**Answer:** Your pier/dock may be no more than six (6) feet maximum width. Piers are not included in the maximum square footage.

**Question:** How close can I build to my neighbor's property?

**Answer:** You may build no closer than fifteen (15) feet from adjacent property lines extended into the water, unless a waiver is obtained from adjacent property owners.

For more information regarding restrictions and permits please refer to:

[www.soil.ncsu.edu/assist/cas/docks/index.htm](http://www.soil.ncsu.edu/assist/cas/docks/index.htm)

<http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net/Handbook/handbook.htm#Docks>

\*Regulations per Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) of North Carolina. Regulations are subject to change without notice. Permits for docks are provided by Division of Coastal Management (DCM). State law requires that anyone starting any type of development or construction in an Areas of Environmental Concern (AEC) – such as salt marshes, coastal wetlands, ocean and inlet hazard areas, public water supplies, natural and cultural resource areas, estuarine and public trust shorelines, and estuarine waters – must obtain a permit. DCM has offices in the following locations that are closest to RiverSound:

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