Americans with Disabilities Act

Accessibility Guidelines for Recreational Facilities
Final Guidelines

- 36 CFR parts 1190 and 1191 published Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in the Federal Register
- Includes Access to Boating Facilities, Recreation Guidelines, Section 15.2
- Effective October 3, 2002
What does this mean?

- Accessibility guidelines serve as the basis for Department of Justice standards for newly constructed and altered recreation facilities
- Final Rule will be incorporated into ADAAG (Americans with Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines)
What’s involved?

- Accessible route
- Boat slips, minimum number
- Boarding piers at launch ramps
- Accessible boat slips
Accessible Routes

Including gangways must comply with rules in AADAG

EXCEPT

1. Existing gangway(s) replaced or altered, increase in gangway length not required by 4.1.6(2)
2. Maximum rise does not apply
3. Total length at least 80 feet, maximum slope does not apply
Accessible route exceptions (cont.)

4. Facilities with fewer than 25 slips, total length of gangway must be minimum 30 feet. Maximum slope doesn’t apply.

5. Gangway connection to transition plates, landings (4.8.4) doesn’t apply.

6. Handrails at connections to transition plates aren’t required. Handrail extensions don’t need to be parallel to float.
Accessible route exceptions (Cont.)

7. *Cross slope of gangways, transition plates and floats shall be a 1:50 maximum.*

8. *Limited-use (limited-application) elevators or platform lifts can be used in lieu of gangways.*
Number of Accessible Slips

- Minimum number of accessible boat slips required varies from 1 to 12 depending on the size of the harbor.
- For example, a harbor with 300 slips requires 5 accessible slips.
Dispersion of Accessible Slips

*Types of boat slips are based on*

- Size (length)
- Configuration (single or double)
- Water depth
- Transient or assigned
- Covered or uncovered
- Utility access
Use of Accessible Slips

- Accessible boat slips are not “reserved” like vehicle parking spaces
- Accessible boat slip use is comparable to accessible hotel rooms
- Hold until all other rooms are filled. Then used on first come, first serve basis
Boat Launch Ramps

Boarding piers – at least 5% but not less than one shall be served by an accessible route with three exceptions

1. Floating access subject to exceptions for accessible route (1, 2 and 5 though 8)
2. Minimum 30 foot gangway
3. Where accessible route within boat launch ramp, not subject to rise, slopes, . . . 4.8
Accessible Boat Slips

- Clear pier space of 60 inches wide minimum at least as long as the accessible slip.
- Every 10 feet maximum of linear edge shall contain at least one 60 inch minimum opening
- See figure 59
Accessible Boat Slips

Fig. 59
Pier Clearances
Clearances: Exception 1
Clearances: Exception 2

Fig. 61
Edge Protection at Pier
Cleats and Other Boat Securement Devices

Cleats and other tie downs don’t need to comply with 4.27.3 reach ranges for operating mechanisms
Other harbor related

Newly designed or altered Fishing Piers and Platforms are covered under A15.3

1. Accessible route
2. Railings
3. Edge protection
4. Height
Resources

- **US Federal Access Board**
  - (www.access-board.gov)

- **Alaska Department of Law**
  - (http://www.labor.state.ak.us/ada/)

- **Access Alaska, Mona McAleese, ADA Partners, Technical Assistance**  248-4777