



SOF WEEK DOCK SLIP EXHIBITOR RULES & REGULATIONS

To make SOF Week 2026 a successful event for all participants, the SOF Week Dock Slip exhibitors must review and abide by [SOF Week Exhibitor Terms & Conditions](#) and the [Exhibitor Booth Guidelines & General Rules & Regulations](#). The rules shown below have been extracted from the Exhibitor Booth Guidelines & General Rules & Regulations for your convenience as they most apply to Dock Slip exhibitors. Additional rules will apply to exhibitors participating in marine demonstrations at the Tampa Convention Center.

Note: Exhibitors are advised to whitelist all email addresses from “@mapyourshow.com” as exhibitor notifications and newsletters will be sent from these email addresses.

Exhibitor Schedule

Exhibitor Move-In

Monday, 18 May - 8:00 - 17:00*

** Earlier move-in will need to be reserved in Dockwa, [Tampa Convention Center Marina slip, dock, mooring reservations - Dockwa](#)*

Exhibit Hours

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| Tuesday, 19 May | 10:00 – 17:00 |
| Wednesday, 20 May | 10:00 – 17:00 |
| Thursday, 21 May | 10:00 – 15:00 |

Note: All exhibits must remain staffed and in place until the show closes at 15:00 on Thursday, May 21 and exhibitors may not begin dismantling exhibits before this time. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will not be permitted to have a boat slip for the two following years.

Exhibitor Move-Out

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| Thursday, 21 May | 15:00 – 20:00 |
| Friday, 22 May | 8:00 – 23:00 |

Dock Usage Requirements & Restrictions

Vessels

All vessels must vacate the North and South Docks slips 1-25 during the times listed below. Vessels are required to move outside of the area marked “CLOSE” as shown in the image below by the time stated.

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| Tuesday, 19 May | 1130 - 1300* |
| Wednesday, 20 May | 1130 - 1300* |

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Tents & Awnings

All awnings and tents must be cleared from the docks and seawall during the following times:

Tuesday, 19 May 1130 - 1300*
Wednesday, 20 May 1130 - 1300*

*Return time is an estimate. Boat traffic may resume once the U.S. Coast Guard approves to do so.



Dock Options

As a convenience, two options for dockage during the restricted times listed above are included below.

Davis Island Yacht Club

27°54.47 N - 82°27.09 W
1315 Severn Ave, Tampa, FL 33606
Notes: Largest slip: 40 ft;
of Slips available: 6

Marjorie Park

27°92981 - 82°45481
<https://www.tampa.gov/parks-and-recreation/parks-and-facilities/marina>
813-259-1604
97 Columbia Dr, Tampa, FL 33606
Notes: Largest slip: 95 ft; # of Slips: 51

Violations

All exhibitors must comply with the exhibit and dock timelines listed above. Exhibitors found in violation of these rules will not be permitted to have a boat slip for the two following years.

Access Control

Exhibitors at the TCC docks should be aware that Show Management will not have checkpoints for attendees wishing to access their exhibits on the docks. It is left to the Exhibitor's discretion if they wish to permit people on board their vessel. Show Management recommends that exhibitors only permit individuals with badges who are SOF Week attendees on board.



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Booth and/or Material Abandonment

Exhibitors that leave excessive literature and/or display materials in their exhibit space at the end of the published move-out time will be deemed to be guilty of "material abandonment". Any charges incurred by show management to remove abandoned materials, ensuring compliance with the facility's published move-out schedule as stated in their license agreement for the event, will be billed directly to the exhibitor. Show Management and the TCC will NOT be responsible for the recovery of abandoned materials that are left in an exhibitor's exhibit space past the move-out dates/times as published in this document.

Catering

Aramark is the exclusive provider of all food and beverages at the Tampa Convention Center. In compliance with the Tampa Convention Center's policies, outside food and beverages are not permitted on the property of the Tampa Convention Center during SOF Week. This includes the Tampa Convention Center dock slips.

The Marriott Water Street is the exclusive provider of all food and beverages at the docks on their property.

No outside food and beverages (including Uber Eats or DoorDash) may be delivered to the docks or boats during the show.

For more information or to place food and beverage orders, refer to Aramark and the Marriott Water Street's details in the Exhibitor Resource Center.

Compliance with Laws

Exhibitors shall observe and abide by all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, as well as [SOF Week Exhibitor Rules & Regulations](#) and [Exhibitor Terms & Conditions](#). Exhibitors shall conduct themselves, and shall require its agents, employees, independent contractors, and representatives to conduct themselves, always in accordance with customary standards of decorum and good taste in the industry.

Dock Space

All food and beverages must remain on the boat and may not be placed on the dock.

Due to the limited space on the docks, tents may be erected during the day but must be removed at night. Tents will not be exclusive to the exhibitor, as others must be able to walk through the tents.

Furniture is not permitted to be placed on the docks.

Electric Power/Utilities

SOF Week exhibitors requiring dedicated power at the Tampa Convention Center's Docks must order utilities from EDLEN Exhibition Services, the Tampa Convention Center's exclusive in-house partner for temporary utilities, including power. Note: AT the dock slips at the Marriott Water Street power can only be ordered at 30 or 50 amp. Recreational pedestal power at the docks **will not be available for SOF Week**.

For assistance with ordering marine power, please contact our Event Managers at tampa@edlen.com to place an order **by April 23** or call EDLEN's General Manager, Michele Cardello, at 407-401-1066.



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- Electric current may be utilized for the operation of apparatus, provided they do not produce noises of an annoying nature.
- Electrical service is billed directly from Edlen to the exhibitor based on the electrical service required. This billing is in addition to and separate from the SOF Week exhibit space charges.
- All 110-volt wiring should be grounded three-wire.
- Power strips (multi-plug connectors) should be UL approved, with built-in overload surge protectors.

Exhibit Activities/Demonstrations

All exhibitor activities, including "Live" demonstrations promoting an Exhibitor's products, are permitted only within the Exhibitor's purchased space or designated boundaries of the Exhibitor's boat or booth. Exhibitors may not conduct activities on docks or in any area outside their assigned space without prior approval from show management.

Firearms Policy

No weapons of any kind (including Edged Weapons and Firearms) are permitted on the Docks at SOF Week 2026. **No firearm exhibits are allowed on boats at the TCC boat docks. Exhibitors should refer to the Firearm & Edged Weapons Policy in the Exhibitor Contract Terms & Conditions.**

Flammable and Toxic Materials

- All materials used in display construction or decorating should be made of fire-retardant materials and be certified as flame-retardant.
- Exhibitors should be aware of local regulations regarding fire/safety and environment, which must be adhered to.
- Exhibitors should dispose of any waste products they generate during the exhibition in accordance with guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the facility.

Hanging Signs

Banners and signs may not be hung on dock rails or any part of the dock slip.

Insurance

- Prior to show setup, all exhibitors must comply with SOF Week exhibitor insurance requirements as outlined in the Exhibitor Resource Center.
- While show management will not be responsible for collecting evidence of insurance documentation for exhibitors, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to maintain coverage that satisfies the requirements and have a certificate of insurance available on site.
- SOF Week show management reserves the right to request proof of satisfactory insurance coverage, as it deems appropriate.
- Refer to the sample COI in the Exhibitor Resource Center.

ITAR & Export Control: Exhibitor agrees to comply with all U.S. export control laws, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Exhibitor assumes all responsibility for securing necessary licenses for controlled materials and for ensuring that no unauthorized transfers of technical data occur during the event. Failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the exhibition floor without a refund. For more information, visit

https://www.pmddtc.state.gov/ddtc_public?id=ddtc_public_portal_compliance_landing



Literature Distribution

Distributing literature or promotional items outside of the contracted boat/booth space is prohibited.

Noise

Sound levels within the exhibitor's booth should be kept at a respectful level at all times, must not exceed 75 decibels as determined by show management, and must not disrupt the conduct of business of neighboring exhibits or show management events during posted exhibit hours.

Complaints of sound regulation violations may be made directly to the SOF Week Exhibits team. The SOF Week sound enforcement procedure is as follows:

- If a second infraction occurs, the exhibitor will receive a written warning from the exhibits team.
- If the exhibitor continues to violate the policy, the electrical power for the sound-producing elements will be shut down.

An exhibitor in violation of this policy will receive a verbal warning from the SOF Week Exhibit Operations team. Event Management reserves the right to remove the Exhibitor from the exhibition and/or close their boat or booth if any terms of this Agreement are violated.

Weather

Should inclement weather necessitate that outdoor SOF Week activities be ceased, SOF Week will have concessions for refunds for companies with outdoor exhibits, dock spaces or demonstrations.