



Town of Greenwich
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TOMAC LANE DOCK

Location: Bottom of Tomac Lane near intersection of Shore Road and Tomac

Size: .10 acres

Hr. of Operation: dawn to dusk

Parking: in small lot or on Shore Rd. near top of Tomac Lane.

Facilities:

- 2 - way Driveway down to dock (30 yards)
- 1 - Wooden Ladder leading down to water from cement dock
- ½ foot high cement wall at perimeter of lot
- 1 - lot (empty)

Tomac Lane Dock (.10 acre)

Tomac Lane intersects with Shore Road in Old Greenwich and then continues south about 100 yards as Tomac Lane until it dead-ends at Tomac Cove. A sign reading "Town Dock Closed at Sunset" informs visitors they are on Town property. Adjacent to the dock is a parking area, and just off the pavement to the east, also owned by the Town is a narrow strip of land once used for a marine railway.

While surely one of the smaller of the Town parks or open spaces, the area is not without its own history. Anya Seton Chase, a local author, has vividly described the area in her historical novels. It is believed that the Sinoway Indians who originally sold the land east of the Mianus river to the early English settlers undoubtedly stored their canoes along the shores of this protected cove. The English settlers kept their boats on these calm waters as did much later a part of the local oyster fleet. The property was acquired by the Town in 1899. Public utilization of the dock has been minimal in recent years, due mainly to the fact that at medium to low tide there is no water at dockside.

What was once a white sandy beach rimming Tomac Cove, now has largely silted in, and malodorous mudflats are evident at low tide. However, these same mudflats and surrounding marshes provide excellent habitat for Snowy Egrets and Green-backed Herons and in winter for Mallards and Black Ducks.

While Stamford's industrial park development grows threateningly to the immediate east, it is still a treat most days to visit the dock and take in the sight of the Maine-style rocks shouldering the cove with Long Island Sound in the distance.

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