

## REGULATIONS FOR WEDDINGS IN THE MARINERS' CHAPEL

1. The Office of the Superintendent – USMMA, has final Approval of any application. For more information on services (e.g. times and date restrictions) at the Mariners Memorial Chapel please check our website [usmma.edu/chapel](http://usmma.edu/chapel).
2. You are responsible for securing the services of clergy. If clergy listed on application cancels, I understand that I am responsible for finding a suitable replacement. I further understand that **only religious services presided over by a duly ordained or authorized clergy may be held in the Chapel**. Civil ceremonies are not permitted under any circumstances.
3. Please note that all Catholic marriages are registered either with the Diocese of Rockville Center, and therefore it is necessary to have your Priest contact the diocese as soon as your wedding date is confirmed to ascertain requirements. Their contact information is: Sister Kathleen Schaetzle, S.C., Chancellor, Diocese of Rockville Centre – Chancery Office, P.O. Box 9023 – 50 Park Avenue, Rockville Centre, New York 11571. Telephone – 516-678-5800 X583, Fax – 516-764-3316, Email – [chancellor@drvc.org](mailto:chancellor@drvc.org). or with the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA. All paperwork regarding the marriage should be sent to one of these agencies, **not** the Mariners' Chapel.
4. It is strongly suggested that all couples getting married at the Chapel speak with their clergy at the earliest date to make sure that all religious requirements are met 3 months prior to the wedding. Also be sure to meet any civil requirements. The Chapel is not responsible for following up on your paperwork.
5. Initial contact should also be made with the Chapel Organist/Music Director within 1 month of application being approved.
6. **MUSIC** - No DJ's are permitted in the Chapel. ***Music for the wedding service must be approved by the Chapel staff prior to your wedding.*** The chapel staff reserves the right to reject any music.
7. A donation to the Chapel is requested to promote Midshipmen programs and morale.
8. A wedding assistant will be assigned to you for your rehearsal and wedding service. If you are requesting an Honor Guard, please let the Chapel staff know as early as possible.
9. Please have your florist and/or wedding planner contact the Chapel Manager regarding any planned Chapel decorations 1 month prior to your wedding regarding restrictions and regulations for decorations in the Chapel. Please note: ***no decorations will be allowed in the Chapel without prior approval.***
10. The throwing of rice, rose petals, confetti, releasing of balloons, etc. is strictly FORBIDDEN.
11. The use of alcohol on or around the Chapel grounds is strictly FORBIDDEN.

I have read the above, as well as the regulations on the Chapel website, and agree to abide by all set forth.

---

Bride

Date

---

Groom

Date