

## **MARRA Private boat Rack Policy (Rev 4/11/05)**

Purpose: The intent of this policy is to provide a fair access to the limited rack-space for active rowers who are strong club participants. Active rack-space for storage of boats that are not actively rowed will not be allowed when there are people on the waiting list for boat racks.

1. Dues and Rack Payment and other club voted assessments, must be paid on-time as specified in the dues section. If not paid on time, rack space may be lost, and the boat will be reviewed for removal. The boat owner may be put on the end of the waiting list if they desire a rack space
2. Boat must rowed at least 24 times May-Sept (12 times before August 1<sup>st</sup> and 12 times after August 1<sup>st</sup>), unless other mitigating circumstances to be communicated to Boat Captain. If there are people on the waiting list, the boat with the least usage may be requested to be moved from active rack space.
3. All rack-space owners must participate in Festival or Textile Regattas to be eligible for rack space and be an active participant in other club activities.
4. Rack-space cannot be reserved when away for more than 2 weeks, unless other arrangements are made to boat captain. I.e.: An empty rack cannot be held vacant for the summer until the fall when it will be used again.
5. Rack-space waiting list to be maintained by Boat Captain, club membership must be maintained to stay on the waiting list. Waiting list priority is based on the date of addition to the list and service to the club.
6. The executive committee will determine if any available boat rack will be used for private use or for a club boat.
7. Once space is granted, the rack fee must be paid and it should be filled within 1 month. If a boat cannot be purchased in this time period, this space will be loaned to another person needing the space.
8. Storage space: Riggers must be removed, and 2 people are required to move the boat on & off the rack to prevent damage to other boats. A separate waiting list for storage space will be maintained if required.
9. No boat will be moved by MARRA without a 1 week notice, by email or phone call to owner.
10. Abandoned boats: These are private boats in a storage area the owner does not continue to pay membership dues or storage fees for more than 1 year after rack payment due (Apr 30). An abandoned boat may be moved by the club following 60 day notification to the owner by registered mail using the last address from the membership list. If the owner cannot be located, or if the owner does not reply, or they do not remove the boat within this time period, the boat will be deemed abandoned, to be disposed of by the club according to state laws. It is up to the boat owner to notify the club secretary of any address change.
11. Boat captain will decide placement of boats in racks based on usage, owner's preference, abilities, and availability. No boats will be moved without notification and discussion with all involved.
12. Private oars: Must have the owner's last name easily readable on or near the collar. No-one should use private oars without permission of the owner.

13. It is up to the boat captain to enforce these rules in a fair and equitable manner. Review of compliance to these rules should be completed at a minimum of 3 times a season: May 1<sup>st</sup>, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Protests or exceptions to the policies must be brought to the MRRA executive board for resolution.
14. Boats may be temporarily stored in the boathouse (i.e.: for races) pending approval from the boat captain if there is room. The boat captain must be notified about any boats or equipment left at the boathouse.
15. Signature on membership application signifies understanding to these policies in order to store boat each year.
16. Loss of rack space: Rack space will be lost pending a recommendation to the executive committee by the boat captain after reviewing the logbook. The boat owner will be notified of this action, and the date on which the decision will be made. The executive committee will decide if there are mitigating circumstances or if there are actions that the boat owner could take to keep the rack space. If the rack space is lost, the boat must be removed within one week or it will be moved to a storage rack.
17. MRRA is not responsible for damage to any boats stored. It is the responsibility of the owner to maintain insurance on their boat if desired.
18. FEES: Full rate before Aug 1 and 50% discount after Aug 1, rate to be voted on by club each year. Storage rack space fee is 50% of the cost of the normal rack fee per year. Boats may be stored for the winter Nov 15-Apr 1 for 25% of normal rack fee if there is storage space.