

LMRC PRIVATE BOAT STORAGE POLICY

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The scullers' representative will maintain a) a list of members, in order of their seniority, who are currently storing their boats at LMRC and b) a waiting list for those wanting to store a private boat at LMRC. The scullers' rep will keep the lists up to date and post the lists in a manner that any club member can conveniently access them.

1. **Requirements for storage of privately owned boats.** Each one of the provisions listed in this section must be met in order to continue to store a privately owned boat at LMRC.
 - a. The "usage requirement:" For at least three out of any four consecutive quarters, each boat must be rowed 15 times per quarter; at least half the rows must be by the boat owner(s).
 - b. Those with private boats must:
 - i. be a member in good standing at all times.
 - ii. be current on club dues and boat storage fees.
 - iii. be current on volunteer hours: currently 12 hours per year.
 - iv. have a signed storage contract on file with the club.
 - v. sign in and out every row.
2. **Boat storage fees** are due with membership renewal. The board may change the storage fee structure for an upcoming membership year as they see fit.
3. **Usage counts.** The board will appoint a volunteer to count the use of private boats as recorded in the sign-out logs at the end of each quarter and to submit the counts to the board at least three days before the first board meeting following the end of the quarter. The same volunteer will immediately notify the owner(s) of any boat which failed the usage requirement that the under-use will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting.
4. **Failure to meet the storage requirements.** At the first board meeting following the end of a quarter the board will review usage counts and other storage requirements for private boats stored at LMRC during that quarter.
 - a. First underuse: unless they have granted the owner a waiver, the board will send a warning notice to any boat owner who has failed the per-quarter usage requirement for the first time in the last four quarters. A warning notice advises the owner of the underuse in the preceding quarter and notes that another underuse in any of the next three quarters will result in a removal notice.
 - b. Second underuse: absent a waiver, and on the condition that a warning notice was issued for the first quarter of underuse, the board will send a removal notice for a second quarter of underuse in any of the last four quarters. A removal notice advises the owner that they must remove their boat from LMRC premises within 45 days.
 - c. The board will treat violations of other provisions of the storage policy on a case by case basis.
5. **Other cause for boat removal.** If an exceptional and compelling reason arises the board may

direct a boat owner to remove their boat and associated equipment within as little as 45 days. Absent exceptional and compelling circumstances, the board may not direct owner(s) who are in good standing to remove their boat unless the number of private boat spaces is being reduced, in which case removals will start from the bottom of the seniority list.

6. **Failure to remove boat.** Failure to remove privately owned equipment as provided in this Storage Policy constitutes abandonment of that equipment. The LMRC board of directors, on behalf of Lake Merritt Rowing Club, may take sole possession of equipment abandoned on LMRC premises and dispose of it as they see fit.
7. **Refund of storage fees.** Upon removal of a boat from LMRC for any reason, the club will refund the prorated amount of any prepaid storage fees.
8. **Notification of proposed changes.** Prior to revising the storage policy or changing the number or configuration of private boat storage spaces, the board will solicit input from the private boat owners and specify by when input must be received.
9. **Waivers.** Before, or within two weeks after, a warning or removal notification, a boat owner may ask the board to waive any provision of the storage policy based on injury, illness, or other hardship. The owner will direct such a request to the scullers' rep, who will present it to the board at the next board meeting. The board will take care to respond to breaches of the storage requirements evenly and will consider what is fair for both the delinquent owner and for those on the waiting list.
10. **Designation of storage spaces.** The board will designate which spaces are available for private boats, and reserves the right to make changes at any time. If the board reduces the number of storage spaces allocated for private boats, they may require the least senior of the boat owners to remove their boat(s) within 45 days.
11. **Assignment of storage spaces.** The scullers' rep will coordinate assignment of storage spaces as they become available, in order of seniority according to the list. A more senior list member may take a space already occupied by another owner only with board approval based on a significant change of circumstances. The board may assign specific spaces to specific owners in order to meet the needs (physical or otherwise) of members storing their boats at LMRC.
12. **Change of ownership.** Change of ownership of a boat stored at LMRC does not give the new owner a right to the space where the boat has been stored. Unless the new owner already has storage space at LMRC, s/he must remove the boat at the time of the change of ownership.
13. **Waiting list.** Members should contact the scullers' rep in writing to request that their name be added to the waiting list for boat storage. If someone on the waiting list is not ready to purchase a boat when a space becomes available, they can maintain their seniority on the list for six months while securing a boat. Members may request an extension to this period from the board of directors.
14. **Joint ownership.** Private boats stored at LMRC can be owned by any number of people. Seniority of jointly owned boats is assigned on the basis of the least senior owner. Joint ownership cannot be

used to bypass others on the seniority list or the waiting list. If a member who jointly owns a boat leaves the club or relinquishes their share of the ownership, seniority will remain unchanged for the other boat owner(s).