



Boathouse Rack Space Policy

- A. Club boats will always have priority of rack space over private boats.
- B. The goal of the club is to utilize as much of the club rack space as possible for actively rowed boats.
- C. This policy applies to all privately owned boats – singles, doubles and quads.
- D. Any CRC member certified at the rowing skill level classification of intermediate or above (refer to section 3) may petition the Facilities/Equipment Manager in writing for permission to use rack space for a private boat. The member completes an application for rack space and pays a deposit of \$50 and is then placed on the waiting list for rack space, to be assigned as space becomes available. If a member on the rack space waiting list is in the process of looking for a boat to purchase when a rack becomes available, that member must pay for the rack at that time in order to retain the space. Otherwise the rack can be assigned to the next person on the list.
- E. Current annual rack fees are: Single boat, \$200; Double boat, \$300; Quad boat, \$400
- F. Owners are responsible for their own insurance on their boats. CRC insurance does not apply. There is NO INSURANCE that covers all the boats stored in the boathouse collectively. If a member is asked to remove his/her boat, the collected rack fee will be refunded at a pro-rated basis from the first of the year.
- G. If a private boat owner allows all qualified Club members to use his/her boat (as determined by Equipment and Skill Level Classification in section 3), the Facilities/Equipment Manager, with approval of a majority of the Board, may offer to waive the rack fee, cover the boat under the Club insurance policy, and help pay for repairs required from wear and tear and damage from use by the Club. Limited restrictions on the use may be requested by the Owner of the boat, and may be accepted or rejected by the Facilities/Equipment Manager and/or Board.
- H. Members who are granted rack space for their privately owned boat agree to the following as documented in the “**Cincinnati Rowing Club Rack Agreement**” in the Appendix of the CRC Policies and Procedures manual:
 - Must be a member of the Cincinnati Rowing Club current with yearly dues, rack fees, or any other outstanding balance. Must also meet the requirements to have a key to the boathouse.
 - Is responsible for paying such dues and rack fee by March 1 of each year to continue to be eligible for rack space in the CRC facility.
 - Must meet the volunteer requirement by working or paying for required hours each calendar year.
 - Member’s boat must be actively rowed at least the number of times set as CRC policy, currently 20 times per year, with 10 rows by August 1st. For rack space assigned after August 1st the requirement is 10 rows by the end of the season. The “number of rows” is determined as the number of times a boat is rowed by the owner and/or other rowers authorized by the owner. It is required, however, that the boat owner personally row at least 50% of the 20-per-season required rows and 50% of the 10-per-half-season. (Note: In the case of doubles and quads, “boat owner” rows are considered whenever there is at least one owner in the boat.) If the member’s boat is not rowed regularly the member may be required to give up his/her rack space permanently to another rower who is able to row regularly. (Refer to section J and K below.)
 - If the member is not able to actively row his/her boat and has special circumstances that prevent the member from rowing the member may request a waiver of the above requirements. Such waiver may only be applied for once in a 5-year period.

- If the member sells his/her boat, the new owner is not given the rack space if there are others already on a waiting list for rack space.
- I. Only the Facilities/Equipment Manager has the authority to assign spaces in the boathouse (or the CRC President in the absence of the Facilities/Equipment Manager). In addition, any movement of boats to other rack spaces must be authorized in advance by the Facilities/Equipment Manager.
 - J. The Facilities/Equipment Manager may determine it necessary to ask a Club member to remove his/her boat from the Boathouse. This would usually be required if there is a reduction in available storage for private boats, a redesign of boat racks, the need for additional club boats, and/or a member is on the waiting list for a rack space. The criteria in section k. below will be used to determine those requested to vacate their rack space.
 - K. Boat owners with less than the 20 required annual rows in the previous year will be notified in January by the CRC President or other designated Board member that they may be required to vacate his or her rack space at the beginning of the rowing season (March 1st). In the event that the Facilities/Equipment Manager deems it necessary to ask a Club member to remove his/her boat from the Boathouse, those members who have lost their eligibility for rack space due to financial obligations to CRC will be the first removed (refer to section h. above). This will be followed by the boats that have not met the number-of-rows requirement the previous year (refer to section h. above). These boat owners could lose their rack space at any time, if space is needed before the next count as of August 1.
 - L. On August 1, all boat owners who have completed the required ten rows for the current year will be permitted to remain in their rack space through the end of the year, at which time the count will be taken again for the 20 required annual rows. On August 1, any boat owners that have not completed the required ten rows for the current year may be required to vacate their rack space immediately or any time before the end of the rowing season if there is someone on the waiting list for the space or the club has another need for additional rack space. The process based on number of rows will start with the boat with the least number of trips in the prior year, followed by the boat with the next fewest trips. The process will be continued with the current period mid-season number of trips until all necessary rack space is made available to the Club. In the event the necessary rack space is not obtained through this process, then last in/first out will be applied for additional rack space.

Example:

Boats not meeting mid-season 10 rows	Rows at Mid-Season August 1	Rows in Prior Year	Order of Vacating Rack Space
Member A	4	20+	5th
Member D	8	10	2nd
Member E	9	5	1st
Member H	5	15	3rd
Member M	6	20+	6th
Member U	2	20+	4th
Member W (<i>Note: Until August 1 Member W would be eligible to lose rack space based on prior year rows</i>)	10	5	After Aug 1 retains rack