

Barrie Rowing Club

Private Boat Storage Policy



In February 2003, the Board of Directors of the Barrie Rowing Club (BRC) established the Private Boat Storage Committee (PBSC). The mandate of the PBSC was to:

- a) establish and administer rules/policies to govern the use and storage of private boats, and
- b) establish a plan for future growth of private boat storage that was consistent with the club's long-term strategic plan.

Rules/Policies:

The Barrie Rowing Club makes space available for members in good standing to store privately owned boats. A member in good standing is defined as a member who abides by the rules/policies established by the BRC and PBSC and has paid both the applicable full membership fee and storage fee, or arranged a payment plan, either before going on the water or no later than May 1st, whichever comes first.

The storage rules/policies have been established to provide a fair system for allocation and use of both rowable (active) space and storage (inactive) space. The rules/policies are as follows:

1. Individuals storing private boats on rowable (active) space/racks/slides must be full active members of the club and in good standing.
2. Requests for private boat storage must be made **in writing** and forwarded to the PBSC. All requests will be ranked based on the date on which they were received.
3. Individuals requesting storage for their private boat/shell agree to pay the allotted annual storage fee in advance by May 1 of each calendar year. The annual storage fee for private boats/shells will be established each year by the BRC Board of Directors. **For the 2026 rowing season, the storage fee will be \$100 per boat.**
4. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, a waiting list will be established and posted in an area accessible to all members. The list will be updated periodically as new requests are made, cancelled or filled.
5. When space becomes available, the first member on the waiting list will be notified immediately, **in writing**, and must make every effort to occupy the space immediately with his or her own boat. If the member is unable to occupy the space immediately, the PBSC will sublet the space/rack/slide to the next person on the list. The member has the remainder of the season to fill the space/rack/slide with his or her own boat, failing which s/he will forfeit the space/rack at the end of the season. The space/rack/slide will then be offered to the next person on the list. This process also applies to space/racks/slides that become available during the year should a member remove/sell his or her boat.
6. Articles that can be stored under this storage agreement include **one boat**, one set of blades and rigging.
7. The assignment of specific space/rack/slide is at the discretion of the PBSC. The PBSC reserves the right to reassess private boat storage locations on an annual basis. All space/rack/slide allocations are made with the expectation that they are accessible for a team of two people to safely place or remove the shell from the assigned storage location. The committee will use the following criteria to ensure the allocation of the more accessible spaces/racks/slides is as fair and equitable as possible. The criteria are as follows: frequency of use; height of rower, experience, ability of athlete; weight, length/size of shell, rigger type; contribution to the Club.
8. Individuals storing private boats are responsible for any damage caused to any boats, equipment, or the facility by the private boat owner while transporting or storing their boat. To reduce the risk of damage, private boat owners are encouraged to use a two person system to move their boat to and from the dock.

9. The BRC reserves the right to temporarily move or relocate any privately owned boat for the purposes of facility maintenance or repair, access to parts of the facility, access to other boats or equipment, or cleaning purposes.
10. The PBSC reserves the right to move, relocate or remove any privately owned boat (POB). The affected member will be notified by the PBSC, **in writing**, prior to initiating such action. The notification will explain the reasons for such movement, relocation or removal of the POB. If the affected member disagrees with the action taken by the PBSC, a written appeal may be initiated by the member to the BRC within 30 days. The BRC Board of Directors will be the final authority for all appeals regarding PBSC decisions.
11. Disputes concerning private boats that cannot be resolved by the PBSC are to be referred, **in writing**, to the Board of Directors (BOD).
12. Storage (inactive) space for privately owned boats is limited. Under special circumstances, the PBSC will consider and adjudicate written applications from members in good standing requesting movement of their private boat to inactive storage. The application must outline the reason(s) and duration of use of storage space. Members requesting this option will: a) be subject to a \$50 storage fee in addition to the applicable full membership fee and storage fee determined by the BRC BOD and b) lose their assigned space/rack/sling and will need to re-apply for an active space. Inactive boats will be derigged and placed on storage racks.
13. A member who has been assigned a space/rack/sling and wishes a different location in the boathouse, must make a request **in writing** to the PBSC. The PBSC will assess the merit of the request in accordance with the criteria outlined in No. 7 above.
14. All private boat owners store their boat/equipment at their own risk. The Club does not assume responsibility for damage, loss or theft involving members' boats/equipment stored at the Club's premises. The private boat owner is responsible to monitor and assess the suitability and level of repair of the rack/sling prior to placing their shell and at regular intervals during the season. It is the sole responsibility of the private boat owner to obtain the appropriate insurance protection and to follow the BRC safety rules.
15. The PBSC will consider and adjudicate, on a case by case basis, written requests from private boat owners with special circumstances.
16. Private boat owners wishing to discontinue occupancy of their space/rack/sling should notify the PBSC, preferably **in writing**, as soon as possible. With regards to the upcoming season, notice should be given before April 1st and the shell removed as soon as possible. Storage and membership fees will apply for the time the boat is on the racks.
17. All private boat owners will complete and sign the Private Boat Storage agreement which includes a description of the equipment stored and a list of authorized users. This agreement will remain valid for as long as the private boat owner is in good standing.

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