

***Murwillumbah Rowing Club***  
***PRIVATE BOAT STORAGE POLICY***

**1. General**

Private boat storage is a privilege granted by the Committee and is not an automatic right by members of MRC.

- 1.1. The Committee shall endeavor to rack as many boats as reasonable, given appropriate space.
- 1.2. The Committee will be responsible for this Policy and the Club Captain will implement this policy.
- 1.3. Decisions made by the Committee and/or the Club Captain on matters relating to the implementation of this policy, must be justifiable to Members.
- 1.4. Boat storage location is at the discretion of the Club Captain having taken into consideration factors such as the club's own requirements, the amount of usage by the owner (as recorded in the log book), the ease by which other members need access to get their to own boats subject to health and fitness and any other relevant factors.
- 1.5. Only fully financial Ordinary, Junior or Life Members shall be entitled to apply for, or have, boat storage privileges.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.6. If, in the opinion of the Committee, the rack space taken up by a private boats is required for the Club's fleet then the Committee, at its absolute discretion, may cancel a private boat storage facility and request the removal of the private boats from the boathouse. The balance of storage fees will be refunded to the Member.
- 1.7. Should a Member not use their boat for a period of an extended period (as recorded in the log book) without satisfactory explanation of the circumstances, and the space is required for the Club's fleet or for private boat storage, then the Committee may request that Member/Boat Owner to remove their boat from the boatshed.
- 1.8. Should a Member/Boat Owner not respond to such request of the Committee then the Committee may take any steps that it deems justified and necessary to effect such removal at the-Boat Owner's expense.
- 1.9. Boats in arrears may be moved and stored in an appropriate location as determined by the Committee, after inaction from a Committee request for the Member/Boat Owner to remove their boat.
- 1.10. The Club Captain will consult with the affected members and notify the members, prior to the move, of any decision regarding boat storage movement of their boat.
- 1.11. If contact with the affected parties is not able to be made by the Club Captain in a reasonable time, then the Club Captain may go ahead with the move.
- 1.12. Boat storage position can be swapped between two members by mutual agreement. The members will notify the Club Captain and get the Club Captain's approval of such a move. prior to the move.
- 1.13. Should a member feel they are not treated fairly with regard to the Boat Racking Policy or their allocated rack, they may lodge an appeal to the Committee within 60 days.
- 1.14. For the purpose of this Policy, Schools are to be considered as ordinary Club Members.

**2. Application**

- 2.1. In order to gain storage privilege for a private boat, an application must be made, by the boat owner, in writing, to the Committee that includes the following details;
  - 2.1.1. Boat details and name shown on it, if applicable
  - 2.1.2. Rigger type (quick release or otherwise)
  - 2.1.3. Oar details if they are also to be stored

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<sup>1</sup> Modified by MRC Committee April 2012 to specify Member types eligible to store boats.

- 47 2.1.4. Envisaged amount of usage
- 48 2.1.5. Any other information such as if a cradle is to be stored or if there are special access
- 49 requirements, etc.
- 50 2.2. All private boats and equipment are to have an identifying name on them. If no identifying name is
- 51 present on the boat, the Club will allocate an identification to be fixed to the inside of the hull.
- 52 2.3. All private boats with fixed riggers are to have approved gate covers.
- 53 2.4. All MRC Club boats are to have an identification on them to identify them as club boats.
- 54 2.5. Where all available storage space is taken, a list of boats requesting to be included in Club space is
- 55 maintained by the Committee. This list is not a first come first served list but subject to factors in
- 56 section 1.4.
- 57 2.6. This list is to be maintained by the Club Captain and be part of the Club Captain's report.
- 58 2.7. The list is to be posted on the Club noticeboard. The list will be in alphabetical order.
- 59 2.8. The list will be updated periodically as new requests are made, cancelled or filled
- 60 2.9. When appropriate space becomes available, the member on the waiting list will be notified
- 61 immediately, in writing, and must make every effort to occupy the space as soon as practicable with
- 62 his or her own boat. If the member is unable to occupy the space as soon as practicable, the
- 63 Committee may offer the space to the next appropriate boat on the list.
- 64 2.10. If a boat is rowed a minimum of 26 times per Calendar year (as recorded in the log book), the boat
- 65 owner will be entitled to renew his or her lease for the next year.
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**3. Storage Fees**

- 68 3.1. Annual storage fees for all boats are to be recommended by the Committee and subject to review
- 69 from annually at the AGM.
- 70 3.2. Members with storage privileges will be advised in writing when storage fees change.
- 71 3.3. Should a Member become unfinancial or not pay the annual storage fee then the Committee may
- 72 request that Member remove their boat from the Clubhouse.
- 73 3.4. The storage fees are published in the manner as the annual membership.
- 74 3.5. The storage fees are to be paid at the same time as the annual membership and are for the Club
- 75 Membership Financial Year.
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**4. Insurance**

- 78 4.1. Neither the Club nor the Committee take any responsibility for damage or otherwise to private
- 79 boats.
- 80 4.2. Insurance of private boats (and equipment) is the responsibility of the individual owners.
- 81 4.3. Owners storing their boats at the club, do so entirely at the owners risk.
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**5. Transfer of boat ownership**

- 84 5.1. Should a Member sell his/her boat to another Member such transfer of ownership does not carry
- 85 with it any actual or implied right or preferential access to boat storage facilities.
- 86 5.2. Members are to notify the Club Captain or Committee, as soon as possible, if there is a change in
- 87 ownership of a stored boat.
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