

Private Boat Storage Policy

The Argonaut Rowing Club makes space available for **members in good standing** to store privately owned single sculls and occasionally larger boats. The Storage Policy was developed in 1989 to provide a fair system for the allocation of new and existing spaces. The Singles Storage Committee was established in order to administer this policy. This has been changed to the Storage Committee in recognition that under exceptional circumstances requests may be accommodated for storage of larger boats.

In 2012 the Storage Committee will be made up, at a minimum, of the Membership Director, Head Coach and Captain/Head of the Rowing Committee.

General:

1. Individuals storing privately used boats must be **full year members in good standing** with the Club. This means all membership, storage fees and dues owing have been paid in full. Non payment of fees may result in loss of rack space and removal of the boat. The deadline for removing a boat for non-payment of membership fees is four weeks after receipt of the invoice, usually May 1 (storage fees are due by April 1). After May 1 and if the membership and storage fees have not been paid, the owner will be informed in writing and the Club may exercise its right to remove the boat from the Club and store it outside.
2. Storage fees will be determined on an annual basis by the Board of Directors.
3. Individuals storing shells will complete and abide by the storage contract.
4. Contracts for storage of larger boats will be negotiated on an individual basis. Requests must be made in writing to the Storage Committee and the contract must be signed prior to placing a boat in the boathouse. Appropriate fees including storage and membership will be due immediately.
5. The Club is a competitive, active Club and demand for storage is high. Priority will be given to those who regularly row their single. Members who do not row regularly may be asked to remove their boat from the Club.
6. The assignment of specific rack space is at the discretion of the Storage Committee. The Committee may use the following criteria to ensure the allocation of the more accessible racks is as fair as possible. The criteria are:
 - a. frequency of use
 - b. performance on the water/competitiveness
 - c. contribution to the Club
 - d. availability for use by other athletes (larger boats only). Other factors taken into consideration when assigning racks may be rigger type and weight or size of boat.
7. Articles that can be stored under the rental agreement include **one boat, one set of blades and rigging.**
8. Single scullers and other private boat owners are required to familiarize themselves with the ARC Safety Policy and other Club Policies and Club Rules. Violation of any of these Policies or Rules may result in the loss of rack space.
9. **Athletes who are not national team and who store their privately owned boats at the Argonaut Rowing Club agree that they will train at that Club and will compete only for the Argonaut Rowing Club at regattas.**
10. All privately owned equipment is stored or transferred at the risk of the owner. The Club does not assume responsibility for damage, loss or theft of members' equipment stored on Club premises or while being transported to or from a regatta. It is the responsibility of the member to obtain the appropriate insurance protection.

Renewal of assigned rack space:

11. Members in good standing from the previous year will be eligible to renew their storage rack through completion of the contract and payment of membership and storage fees.
- 12. Rental fees for storage racks are due on April 1st of each year and cover a 12-month period. Fees must be paid in full within thirty days of receipt of an invoice or electronic notification. If fees are not paid within this period, the Committee may remove the boat from its assigned rack and reassign the rack to the next person on the waiting list in accordance with the Storage Contract.**
13. Members who have been assigned rack space and wish a different spot in the boathouse must make their request in writing and submit it to the Storage Committee. The Committee will assess the request and if feasible, will make an attempt to accommodate the request with minimal movement to other boats.

New Requests for Single Scull Storage:

14. New requests for singles storage must be made in writing and forwarded to the Club office to the attention of the Storage Committee. Requests will be ranked based on the date on which they were received. The only exception will be the assignment of Captain's racks.
15. The waiting list will be posted in an area accessible to all members. The list will be updated periodically as new requests are made, cancelled or filled.
16. When space becomes available, the first person on the waiting list will be advised. The person will be invoiced immediately for the cost of storage. Payment is due immediately. If the rack becomes available in the middle of the membership year (i.e. between April 1st and March 31) then the cost of the single storage will be pro-rated on a month-by-month basis. Membership will also be due immediately and must be paid at the same time as the rack fee. If the rack is available in the middle of the membership year, then membership fees will be set according to the membership schedule in existence at that time.
17. The member must make every effort immediately to occupy the space with his or her own boat. If s/he is unable to occupy it immediately, that individual may sublet the rack but must sublet to the next person on the list. The member has the remainder of the season to fill the rack with his or her own shell. If s/he is unable to do so, s/he will forfeit the rack at the end of the season. The rack will then be offered to the next person on the list. This process also applies to racks that become vacant during the year should a member sell their boat. The person who was unable to fill the rack will have his/her name added to the single storage wait list, if s/he so desires.

Captain's Racks:

18. Two rack spaces will be reserved as Captain's racks for discretionary assignment to scullers training at a high level for competition in a single. Selection of the scullers will be made in consultation with the Captain / Rowing Committee Co-Chair(s), Head Coach and Storage Committee. Regular rental fees apply. One additional rack will be allocated for use by current National Team members. Arrangements for this rack will be made through the Club Captain.

Disputes:

19. Loss of rack space through failure to comply with the Storage Policy requires that the member reapply for a rack through the new application process and be placed on the waiting list.
20. Disputes concerning storage that cannot be resolved with the Storage Committee are to be referred, in writing, to the Board of Directors.