



SURFERS PARADISE ROWING CLUB



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BOAT & EQUIPMENT STORAGE POLICY as at January 2012

Boat and equipment storage space is extremely limited. The privilege of storing boats and equipment in the SPRC rowing shed is available for members only. The Boat and Equipment Storage Policy was developed to provide a fair system for the allocation of new and existing spaces.

Application for Boat and Equipment Storage is to be made in writing, by completing the attached *Boat & Equipment Storage Request & Renewal Form*, and forwarded to Carla White via the club internal letterbox or to the club P.O. Box. New applications will be placed on a *waiting list* based upon the date on which they were received.

Storage Fee. The fee of \$250 per seat per annum should be paid to GUSPRC. No pro rata of fees are available and the allocated boat storage space is not transferable or refundable.

Good standing members will have paid, in full or payment set up, all fees owing by **January 30** of each year. Failure to do so will result in immediate cancellation of existing shelving allocation and will place the Boat and Equipment Storage Application at the end of the current application waiting list. Nonfinancial owners who have been notified that their boat and all stored equipment must be removed from the GUSPRC premises, have *thirty (30) days* from the date of notification (not the date of receipt) to remove the same. Stored boats and equipment that have not been removed within the time frame indicated may become *uncollected goods* (see attachment – Dealing with Uncollected Goods) and will be moved to an outdoor stretcher at the owners risk.

Boats and equipment which has been left on GUSPRC premises after the stated removal period has expired for a period of *(6)months* will be considered *abandoned* and will be disposed of as per the determination of the GUSPRC Committee.

Space Allocation. Individuals storing privately owned boats and equipment must be members in *good standing* with the GUSPRC. The storage space allocation for privately owned boats and equipment is at the discretion of the Club Captain and the committee. Existing space allocations will be given priority for renewal over new applications. When space becomes available, the first member on the waiting list will be notified and has *seven (7) days* to accept or decline the available space. If notification of acceptance is not received within 7 days or the offer is declined, the member's application will be cancelled.

Rights to boat storage racks that remain empty for a period longer than *thirty (30) consecutive days* will be cancelled unless special written permission has been obtained from the Club Captain. If cancelled, the member may re-apply for boat storage.

Storage. GUSPRC Boat and Equipment Storage Policy specifies that the equipment that can be stored includes: boat, blades and rigging. Separate arrangements will be required for additional equipment. All equipment must be stored neatly, safely, economically and clearly labeled. Personal items such as clothing, towels etc will not be permitted on the floor or to hang from boats or boat racks. Any compromise to this rule may result in suspension or cancellation of storage allocation, as warranted by the situation.

Any privately owned boats which are used *less than once a month* will be de-rigged and placed in *passive storage*, i.e. on the much less accessible, high storage racks in the shed. Although written notification will be sent out prior to such an action taking place, owners should inform the Club Captain of any circumstances resulting in the less regular use of the stored equipment, such as an extended illness or holiday.

Insurance. All privately owned boats and equipment is stored at the GUSPRC shed at the owners own risk. The GUSPRC does not assume responsibility for damage, loss or theft of members' boat or equipment stored on GUSPRC premises or during transportation to and from regattas. Privately owned boats and equipment is not covered under any of the GUSPRC insurance policies. It is the responsibility of the owner to obtain the appropriate insurance protection.

Identification. All items on the *Boat & Equipment Storage Request & Renewal Form* must be adequately labeled. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that the labeling is secure and legible.

Oars. The storage position of private oars (and other equipment) is at the discretion of the Club Captain. Coaches will make every attempt to ensure that club rowers do not use privately owned blades, but this cannot be guaranteed. Permission from the club captain is required should you do not own a set of blades and wish to use GUSPRC blades.

Keys. Reasonable access to the GUSPRC shed is available but not guaranteed. Keys are held by all Committee Members, Club Captain, most Coaches and approved members who have valid reasons for needing access to the SPRC shed outside of regular shed hours, i.e. club maintenance, administration, school or special programs. A written application, which states the reason why a key might otherwise be required, can be forwarded to the GUSPRC Committee. A charge of \$30 is applicable if the key is misplaced.

Safety. The GUSPRC Committee and Club Captain recommend that single scullers do not row alone. River and club rules (outlined on website) must be adhered to. In particular, between sunset and sunrise, and when visibility is restricted, lights are mandatory (QLD Maritime).

To ensure that no one is locked out of the shed and to verify boat usage, *all rowers*, including those taking out privately owned boats, must sign in and out, each and every session. A diary is provided on the front counter for this purpose. The information to be recorded in the diary must include the following: i) names of every crew member, coxswain, and coach, ii) boat name or type, and iii) time out and time in. Person/s locking up the shed should check the diary to be certain that all rowers have returned safely.

Regattas. Please inform the Club Captain, at regatta sign-on, should a privately owned boat be required to be transported on the GUSPRC trailer. Club boats will be given priority. Private boat owners are responsible for the rigging, loading and unloading of their own boat and equipment and for payment of Transportation levy. As GUSPRC members, private boat owners are also required to assist with the rigging, loading and unloading of club boats and equipment. Spare parts provided by GUSPRC are for club boats and equipment only.

Acceptance of these Terms & Conditions in full is a prerequisite for the granting or continuance of storage rights and is indicated by the Owner's signature below. Any breach of this policy brought to the attention of the SPRC Committee will be reviewed by the SPRC Committee on a case by case basis to determine the appropriate consequence, if any. All decisions, including cancellation of a member's boat and equipment storage, by the GUSPRC Committee are final and binding.

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Signature of Owner/Representative Date

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Signature of SPRC Representative Date