

Dinghy Storage Policy

These spaces are a premium privilege that we can only extend to 61 of our members due to space constraints. This year, there are 45 Dinghy Dock spaces, 8 in-water spaces, and 8 rack spaces. As in years past, the demand for space exceeds the number of spaces available.

This policy outlines the procedure for obtaining dinghy spaces, placing a space in suspension, and for relinquishing a space when it is no longer needed.

There are three types of dinghy spaces at WYC – on the dock, in the water, and on the rack. To be considered for dock storage, the dinghy must fit within the marked width and length of the spaces. Importantly, the overall length of the dinghy, including motor and propellers, may not exceed the length of the dock space. To retain on the dock storage privileges, the entire vessel, including propellers, must be on the dock to avoid injury from protruding propellers to passengers passing by the dock.

Any full time Active or Senior member in good standing may request the use of one, two, or all three types of space, but may only receive permission for one active dinghy space at a time. This provision may be waived by the Fleet Captain on a season by season basis if there is no one on the waitlist for a type of space and there is an open space available.

If there is not space to accommodate a member's request, the member will be placed on one, two, or all three waiting lists, according to the date of the request.

If a member who is granted storage space wishes to remain on other wait lists, they may do so.

Once a space has been secured, the member will automatically be renewed for the use of the space in future years as long as the member remains in good standing and follows the protocol and procedures for dinghy storage.

The protocol and procedures for dinghy storage are as follows:

- Only the member who has been awarded the dinghy space may use the dinghy space. However, when the space may be available for some time, the holder should contact the Fleet Captain who will then offer the space temporarily to the next person on the waiting list.
- All dinghies with engines must display the appropriate Rhode Island DEM registration numbers, and for those dinghies without engines a WYC dinghy storage decal, obtained from the Fleet Captain.
- When a member wishes to relinquish their space, they must let the Fleet Captain know, as soon as possible, so that the space can be assigned to the next member on the waiting list.
- Under no circumstances is a member free to informally transfer their assigned space to another member, even in mid-season. All storage space assignments are made through the Fleet Captain. Members who relinquish their space mid-season may receive a pro-rated rebate if another member accepts the offer of taking over the space.
- A member who loses their good standing is immediately assumed to be in violation of these procedures and protocols.

- Violation of these procedures and protocols will result in the revocation of the assigned storage space and removal from any and all dinghy storage waiting lists. The member may return to the waiting list on a date no earlier than five years after their privileges have been revoked. Both lessor and lessee will be considered to be in violation.

The waiting list procedures for dinghy storage are as follows:

- Waiting lists are independent of each other.
- A member's priority on the list will be determined by the date the Fleet Captain received the request.
- Once the number of spaces has been determined, the Fleet Captain will contact the names on the waitlist in the order of their priority.
- A member who declines the opportunity to be assigned a space does not lose their priority on the waiting list for the following year.
- A member who does not respond within 15 calendar days is assumed to have declined the opportunity to be assigned a space, but will not lose their priority on the waiting list for the following year.
- A member who loses their good standing is immediately assumed to be in violation of these procedures and protocols.
- Violation of these procedures and protocols will result in the removal of the member's name from the waiting list for a period of at least five years.

Request for Inactive Status – Member with dinghy storage space

Members who have a storage space and who receive permission to go inactive for a season or part of a season will lose the use of their assigned dinghy space during the time of their inactivity. During the period of inactivity, the Fleet Captain will backfill the space from the waitlist. For the purpose of retaining dinghy storage rights, a member may only be inactive for one season or a part of one season. If the member remains inactive after this time frame they will lose their dinghy storage space privilege. To be reassigned a space, the member will request placement on the waitlist based on the date of their return to full good standing.

Request for Inactive Status – Member without dinghy storage space

Members who are on the dinghy storage space waitlist and who receive permission to go inactive for a season (or part of a season) will retain their place on the waitlist during the first season of their inactive status. If the member remains inactive, they will lose their placement until they make a new wait list request.