

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Rack Allocation Procedures

Rack space for singles and doubles is one of the Upper Valley's most precious commodities. Our goal is to accommodate the club's fleet and still have onsite storage for a large number of private boats. Seniority and "Use it or lose it" together make the simplest description of our system for allocating rack space.

A waiting list for rack space, "The List", is open to UVRF members only and is maintained by the Fuller Steward and reviewed by the Board annually. Members will be added to The List in the order in which their requests are received. All requests to be added to The List must be made in writing, dated, and include the name, address, phone number and email address of the requestor. Requests may be emailed to: uppervalleyrc@gmail.com (Subject: Sculling Request) or mailed to: UVRF, PO Box 419, Hanover, NH 03755. It is your responsibility to make sure that the steward continues to have your current contact information. The Steward will contact everyone on The List annually at the beginning of the season to confirm his or her status. If the steward is unable to reach you by phone or email, your name will be removed from The List.

When our dock is in the river, Fuller is not a warehouse. Rack tenants must row a minimum of 20 times per season from the Fuller sculling dock. If a boat is shared by more than one user, one of them must reach this 20 row threshold. Any rack holder who does not meet this threshold will be asked to remove his or her boat and reapply on the wait list. An active sculler should have no difficulty accomplishing 20 rows during a typical six-month season. A logbook is provided for scullers to record their outings. No more than one row per day will count towards the required 20 and each row must be entered in the logbook at the time of the row. It is your responsibility to make a legible and accurate entry in the logbook when you row. Misrepresentation in these records is unacceptable.

Whenever an indoor rack becomes available, the steward will proceed from the top of The List to identify the next person ready and willing to move in. Any one declining this offer maintains their position on The List. Once assigned an indoor space they are removed from the wait list.

With approval by the Fuller Committee a waiver of the 20-row policy can be granted to individuals who are unable to meet the threshold due to medical reasons (or other reasons approved by Fuller Committee) and who remove their boats for the whole or partial season. If you anticipate that such an absence will prevent you from completing your 20 rows, please notify the steward in writing in time for your rack to be temporarily reassigned for the season. In no case will your rack rent be refunded.. After an approved absence of 2 years or less your boat can immediately return to an indoor rack. If the absence exceeds 2 years you will become an outside rack tenant. Importantly your name will be installed at the top of The List so that you will be offered the first vacancy.

The "Fleet Rule" limits an individual to no more than one indoor rack and calls for every actively sculling member on The List to be offered an indoor rack before any member on The List is offered a second indoor space. Outdoor tenants have not recently been held to the 20-row threshold. However, if at any time we have insufficient space for all members' boats, those who are least active will be the ones left without a rack.

Each rack is rented to a specific member and is non-transferrable. The steward will assign specific racks and may from time to time relocate boats. The racks are not identical and are not equally desirable. The dimensions of the boat, and the owner's height and the frequency of use invariably are given more weight than seniority indoors or on The List. The Steward does endeavor to balance these and many other constraints and requests. The hope is to minimize the aggregated inconvenience of all private boat owners.

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