

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. It has proven to be a manageable surrogate for the ideal that the most active users enjoy the most convenient and desirable spaces.

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.

A waiver of the 20-row policy can be given for individuals who are unable to meet the threshold due to injury and who remove their boats for the season. If you anticipate that an injury 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. This exception will not be available for more than two consecutive seasons.

A waiting list for rack space 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 waiting list in the order in which their requests are received. All requests to be added to the waiting 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 Fuller steward will contact everyone on the waiting 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 waiting list.

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. Once assigned an indoor space they are removed from the wait list. The "Fleet Rule" limits an individual to no more than one indoor rack and calls for every member on the list to be offered a rack before any member is offered a second space.

Outdoor tenants have not recently been held to the 20-row threshold. However, if at anytime we have insufficient space for all members, those who are least active will be moved back to the bottom of the wait list.

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 invariably are given more weight than seniority on the list. The Steward does endeavor to balance these and many other constraints, considerations and requests.