

# Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

## Watercraft Storage Rack Rental Policy

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to govern the rental and use of an outdoor storage rack for watercraft, including kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.

### GENERAL TERMS OF USE

*Eligible watercraft:* Each rack slot is designed to support watercraft not exceeding 80 pounds, 18 feet in length, 36 inches in width and 20 inches in height.

*Rental season:* The rental season begins April 1 and ends on November 1.

*Cost:* The annual cost of one rental rack space is \$30 for Town residents; \$100 per space for non-residents subject to the limitations described below.

*Limitations:* Rentals are limited to one per household in advance of the rental season. If space is available after April 1, Town residents may request additional rental spaces. If space is available after April 15, non-residents may rent at an annual cost of \$100 per space.

*Seasonal Permit:* The permit issued by the Town to store watercraft is for one rental seasonal. No permit holder is guaranteed a renewal for subsequent seasons.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

An Application form is available on the Town website or by contacting the Town Office. Applications will be accepted by mail or in person on a first come, first served basis beginning January 1 of each year.

- Only complete applications will be processed.
- An application and rental payment is required before watercraft can be stored.
- Potential renters will be put on a waiting list if a space is not currently available.
- Rentals are approved only after a rental agreement is signed, payment received, and a registration decal issued.
- Renters will be assigned a storage space by the Town Manager or his or her designee.

### RENTAL POLICY

Renter must agree to the following:

1. Registration decal must be attached by the renter to the port side of the watercraft prior to placement in the assigned space.
2. Watercraft must be stored in the assigned space. Failure to do so may result in removal.
3. Watercraft must be reasonably secured in its assigned rack space so as not to pose any danger to others. Renter must provide locking mechanism.
4. Storage racks are for the registered watercraft only. No other personal property (e.g., paddles, floatation devices or other watercraft) may be stored.
5. There will be no alteration of storage rack or fixture without permission of the Town Manager or designee.
6. Watercraft left on the storage rack after November 1 will be removed and reclaimed at the renter's expense.
7. **Watercraft storage rack rental is at renter's own risk. The Town of Bowdoinham accepts no responsibility for loss of or damage to the watercraft or any other personal property.**

8. Failure to comply with these terms will result in termination of this agreement with no refund of rental fee.
9. Watercraft found not in compliance with these rules will be removed at the owner's expense without prior notice.

**POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

This Policy shall be administered by the Town manager or his or her designee and may be modified or amended by the Town of Bowdoinham Select Board without public hearing.

First adopted by the Bowdoinham Select Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

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**Application**  
**Watercraft Rack Storage Rental**  
**Town of Bowdoinham**

*Please Print*

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Watercraft:**

Type:  Canoe  Kayak  Paddle Board

Watercraft weight: \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Watercraft dimensions (in inches): Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms of Agreement**

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I agree to abide by the rules and registration stated above and I hold myself solely responsible for any mishap/injury or damage to the registered watercraft.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For Office Use Only*

Decal Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Rack Space: \_\_\_\_\_