Michigan Sailing Club
Private Boat Storage Policy

Background and Rationale
This policy governs the storage of boats owned by someone other than the club on the club grounds at Baseline Lake.

The club’s primary mission is to teach sailing and to provide members with the opportunity to sail the club fleet. Providing members with a place in which to store boats of their own is not a part of the club’s mission.

The right to store a boat at the club is not a perquisite of membership; it is an extra-ordinary privilege that can be granted to only a few members.

In particular, this policy is intended to address the following concerns:
1. Encouraging the use of club equipment and participation in club activities;
2. Keeping the club property free of clutter and, in particular, of boats that seldom sail;
3. Making limited space available to club members in an equitable fashion.

Policies:
1) No private boat shall be stored at the club without advance permission of the Executive Board. Approval is good for one season and must be requested again at the start of each year.

2) The board may grant any member permission to keep a non-motorized boat, eighteen feet or less in length, at the club subject to the following constraints:
   a) The requester must have been a member for at least two terms.
   b) The requester must undertake to perform a clearly specified amount of work on the club’s behalf during the period that the boat is stored at the club.
      The exact work to be performed is negotiable; a suggested level of effort is the equivalent of teaching at boat school for 3 hours every second week.
   c) The boat must be of acceptable appearance, in sailable shape, and be sailed regularly.
   d) The requestor agrees that the club will not be responsible in the event of theft of or damage to the boat or any related gear.

3) A member who fails to meet either the agreed level of work or to maintain and sail a boat will be asked to remove the boat from the club grounds.

4) All private boats must be removed at or before dock-out each year.

5) The location of each boat at the club shall be determined by the Dockmaster. The Dockmaster may move a boat on the club property in the owner’s absence.

6) If the Executive Board feels that it is wasting an excessive amount of time in dealing with issues related to a private boat, the owner will be asked to remove the boat from the club for the remainder of the season.

7) This policy will not apply to Racing Team boats during the Fall/Winter term.