



**Minneapolis  
Park & Recreation Board**

## **2019 SAILBOAT BUOY**

### **ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES AND REGISTRATION**

#### **BUOY ASSIGNMENT**

Lot shall determine the said preference list as follows: **Completed applications for permits shall be accepted to the Board Offices, until 4 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019.** No buoys shall be assigned to sailboard type boats, which may be easily transported or placed on canoe racks. Applications shall then be sorted into priority groups for each lake on which sailboat buoys are to be maintained. These groups are as follows:

**RESIDENT Qualifications:** A City Resident shall be defined as an applicant; (1) whose permanent legal address is within the corporate City limits; (2) who meets the Resident requirement to vote in City elections; and (3) who has a City Resident address on State watercraft license application. **All three qualifications must be met.**

**A PUBLIC DRAWING** for Minneapolis **Residents** will take place at the Armitage Community Recreation Center, 2500 – 57<sup>th</sup> Street West, TUESDAY APRIL 9, 2019. Applications will be drawn by priority. Individual's present and written proxies will be able to select a buoy location of their choice. All other applications will be assigned by priorities, with Group I having priority over Group II and III.

**GROUP I** Returning residents of the City of Minneapolis staying on the same lake as the previous year. Lake Harriet and Nokomis drawing at 6pm. Bde Maka Ska drawing at 7pm.

**GROUP II** Returning residents of the City of Minneapolis moving to a different lake than they held a permit on the previous year. Drawing for all lakes at 7:30pm.

**GROUP III** Residents of the City of Minneapolis who were not permit holders on a Minneapolis lake the preceding year. Drawing for all lakes at 8pm.

## **NON-RESIDENT**

A **PUBLIC DRAWING** for **Non-Residents** will take place at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Headquarters Board Room, 2117 West River Rd N. Minneapolis, MN 55411, **TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2019**. Applications will be drawn by priority. Individual's present and written proxies will be able to select a buoy location of their choice. All other applications will be assigned by priorities, with Group I having priority over Group II and III.

**GROUP I** Returning non-residents staying on the same lake as the previous year. Drawing for Lake Nokomis, Bde Maka Ska, and Harriet at 6pm.

**GROUP II** Returning non-residents moving to a different lake than they held a permit on the previous year. Drawing for all lakes at 6pm.

**GROUP III** Non-Residents who were not permit holders on a Minneapolis lake in the preceding year. Drawing for all lakes at 6pm.

Buoy assignments shall then be made by the Board Staff in accordance with this reference list, giving consideration to a proper distribution to the number of boats in each class. Assignment notice shall be mailed, together with a decal, which must be displayed on the transom of the craft.

Should any applicant, at the time of the drawing, request a buoy assignment will take such a request into consideration within the area for that class of boat.

## **BOAT REGISTRATION**

All Bona Fide boat owners are required to have a current Minnesota Watercraft License from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has informed our office the waiting period is 3 to 4 weeks. Registration may be accomplished at 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, (651) 296-2316 or at the public Service Section, Hennepin County Government Center; Brookdale, Southdale and Ridgedale Centers.

## **EXCHANGE OF ANCHORAGES**

Subject to approval of the Superintendent and the recording of the reassignment thereof in the Park Board Office a permittee shall be allowed to exchange anchorages with another permittee, or to place a newly purchased boat on the same anchorage, provided the new boat is not of such size as to be unsuitable for said buoy; or to have the name of a permittee changed to the new owner of the boat (in the case of sale to a City Resident, only). The Park Board Staff will reassign vacated buoys. **In case of transfer of boat to a new owner, assignment of buoy to the new owner will continue for the current year, but no priority will be allowed for the subsequent year;** and application must be made under GROUP IV. Prior owner, if he so states at time of sale may retain his priority for the following year.

## **BOATS TO REMAIN ON ASSIGNED BUOY**

All boats are to remain on assigned buoy, unless permission for exchange or reassignment is obtained through Park Board Office. Boats that are found to be placed on buoys not assigned to the owner will be impounded and charged a rate of \$50.00

### **PERMITS TO BONA FIDE BOAT OWNERS, ONLY**

No permit shall be issued to anyone except a bona fide boat owner who certifies on the form provided that the address stated is his legal residence; that the boat to be licensed is seaworthy; and that the boat is to be sailed primarily by a member of his immediate household. Suitable identification of boat must be made in the application, including a legible name to be placed on the transom or other location on the boat easily visible when boat is at anchor and covered. However, it is recognized that with the limited number of buoys on the various lakes as hereinafter noted, it is impractical for a new applicant to purchase a boat without some assurance of obtaining a buoy assignment. Therefore, if the applicant submits a letter of intent to purchase a boat provided a buoy assignment is obtained and has this letter verified by the individual or company from whom the boat is to be purchased, said applicant will be considered to have status as a bona fide boat owner. Upon purchase, all information referred to above must be furnished.

### **APPLICANT**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will consider the person who registers as being the responsible holder of said buoy. At no time; however, may the holder(s) of said buoy sub-lease or receive remuneration for the use of his (their) leased buoy without acquiring authorization from the Board.

### **REVOCAION OF PERMIT**

Permit for the current year may be revoked in case; (1) the assigned buoy remains unused with out sufficient cause by the permittee for any consecutive 4 week period, (2) in case the boat is not sufficiently seaworthy to swing free about the buoy without danger to nearby boats. Boats swamped must be righted and bailed within 1 week or the permit may be revoked.

### **NOTIFICATION OF BOATS REMOVED FROM LAKE**

Owners of boats moored at Lake Calhoun, Lake Harriet and at Lake Nokomis shall notify the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Special Services Permit Office at 612-230-6400, **anytime the sailboat is removed or replaced for any period of time.**

### **NUMBER OF BUOYS AVAILABLE**

Buoys shall be installed at Lake Calhoun, Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis in a number deemed desirable to accommodate interest shown but not in a quantity to large for the recreational use of those enjoying this privilege. Permits will not be granted for individuals to place their own buoys and anchors in the above-named lakes for sailboat anchorage.

### **SAILBOAT TENDERS**

Sailboat tenders in reasonable number will be provided at each of the lakes for the use of sailboat owners and owners may use them in the order of "first come, first served". Should any individual or group of individuals desire to furnish their own tender, application for mooring or docking shall be made to the Board in the same manner and by paying the same fee as provided for other rowboats, and canoes; and assignment of space shall be in the same manner as for like craft.

### **LIFE PRESERVERS**

**Each sailing craft must carry at least one Coast Guard approved lifesaving device per occupant at all-times.**

## **BUOY TIE-DOWN**

Mandatory use of chain or cable is required as a tie-down from boat to buoy. This policy is in place to prevent sailboats from breaking loose during weather events such as high winds or storms.

## **BOAT REMOVAL AT SEASON'S END**

All boats must be removed from all lake buoys no later than **\*\*\*Monday, October 14, 2019.\*\*\***

## **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that I voluntarily have applied to participate and use sailboat buoys designated by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). I understand that mooring my vessel on a public lake involves risks of damage, vandalism or theft. I expressly assume these risks and responsibility for my vessel. I understand that no agent or employee of the MPRB will supervise the sailboat buoys at any time. I further understand and agree that the MPRB is not liable for any loss or damage sustained while mooring on a Minneapolis lake. I therefore expressly assume all risks associated mooring. By agreeing to this release of liability and renting a sailboat storage buoy, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge the MPRB, their employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my intended use of said Minneapolis lake premises, facilities, or equipment. I have carefully read this release of liability and understand, agree with and accept its terms and conditions. I also have reviewed a copy of the assignment procedures and storage rules agree to abide by these rules.

## **RACES**

Upon application, permits may be granted to any group of three or more permittees to conduct formal races at specified times and dates. Applications for such permits shall indicate the names of the boats eligible to participate and the owners thereof. Each group granted such permits shall provide its own officials and shall bear all expenses involved. Permits to any group shall not imply exclusive use of the lake during the scheduled races but other boats shall endeavor to keep clear of participating boats during such races.

Groups so authorized shall furnish and maintain their own course-marking buoys at such locations as approved by the Superintendent and such buoys once installed shall be available to all groups sponsoring races.

During the conduct of an approved race, the sponsoring group shall be granted the privilege of the use of a privately-owned outboard motor on one sailboat tender **WHEN AVAILABLE** as a safety aid to the conduct of the race; but this boat and motor are to be operated within the framework of the general regulations of motorboat operations, except in case of emergencies.

A special permit may be granted to any group of one or more permittees to conduct invitational regattas, but such groups shall provide adequate temporary anchorages for visiting boats and temporary buoys shall be removed within 48 hours from the close of the regatta. The final schedule of races shall be established by the Superintendent and her Staff, bearing in mind that races may be scheduled on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings but that no races be scheduled in cases of justified postponement of previously scheduled races or other afternoons, races may be scheduled any other time in the week. The recreation interest of all buoy holders, however, is most important.