



SAILBOAT BUOY ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES AND REGISTRATION

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SAILBOAT BUOY

Assignment Procedures & Registration

BUOY ASSIGNMENT

Completed online applications for permits will be accepted until registration has closed. Buoys will only be assigned to bonafide sailboats, all other watercrafts will not be allowed. Applications will then be sorted into priority groups for each lake on which sailboat buoys are maintained. A public drawing is done to determine buoy assignment.

The priority groups are as follows:

RESIDENT

Qualifications:

A city resident is defined as an applicant: (All three qualifications must be met)

- 1) whose permanent legal address is within the corporate City of Minneapolis limits.
- 2) who meets the Resident requirement to vote in City of Minneapolis elections.
- 3) who has a City of Minneapolis Resident address on the State watercraft license application.

A PUBLIC DRAWING for Minneapolis Residents will take place at the Armitage Community Recreation Center, 2500 – 57th Street West on the date listed online. Applications will be drawn by priority. Individuals who are present and those with written proxies will be able to select a buoy location of their choice. All other applications will be assigned by priorities. Group I has priority over Groups II and III.

GROUP I

Returning residents of the City of Minneapolis staying on the same lake as the previous year.

GROUP II

Returning residents of the City of Minneapolis moving to a different lake than the previous year's permit.

GROUP III

Residents of the City of Minneapolis who were not permit holders on a Minneapolis Lake the preceding year.

Buoy assignments will then be made by the Park Board Staff in accordance with this reference list and they will consider proper distribution to the number of boats in each class. Assignment notice will be emailed after the drawing and decal placed in the mail, which must be displayed on the transom of the craft.



NON-RESIDENTS

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) on the date listed online. Applications will be drawn by priority. Individuals who are present and those with written proxies will be able to select a buoy location of their choice. All other applications will be assigned by priorities. Group I has priority over Groups II and III.

GROUP I

Returning non-residents staying on the same lake as the previous year.

GROUP II

Returning non-residents moving to a different lake than the previous year's permit.

GROUP III

Non-Residents who were not permit holders on a Minneapolis Lake in the preceding year.

Buoy assignments will then be made by the Park Board Staff in accordance with this reference list and they will consider proper distribution to the number of boats in each class. Assignment notice will be emailed after the drawing and decal placed in the mail, which must be displayed on the transom of the craft.

APPLICANT

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

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.

BOATS TO REMAIN ON ASSIGNED BUOY

All boats are to remain on their 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 \$50.00 fee.



NUMBER OF BUOYS AVAILABLE

Buoys are installed at Bde Maka Ska, Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis in a number deemed desirable to accommodate interest shown but not in a quantity too 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.

BOAT LENGTH

Based on the buoy grid layout, the MPRB will require all *new* sailboats stored on Minneapolis Lake buoys to be less than 22 feet in length. This requirement is due to drag and strain on the buoy assembly caused by larger boats.

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. Any boat that breaks from their buoy due to a non-chain or cable tie down is subject to a \$75 admin fee if the MPRB assists in retrieving the watercraft. Maximum tie-down is 3-4ft in length.

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 their legal residence; that the boat to be licensed is seaworthy; and that the boat is to be sailed primarily by a member of the 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, 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.

EXCHANGE OF ANCHORAGES

Subject to approval from the Superintendent and the recording of the reassignment itself at the Park Board Office, a permittee will be allowed to exchange anchorages with another permittee. The permittee may place a newly purchased boat on the same anchorage, provided the new boat is not of such size as to be unsuitable for assigned buoy. The name of a permittee may be changed to a new owner of the boat (sale to a City Resident, only). The Park Board Staff will reassign vacated buoys. In case of transfer of a 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. Prior owner, if desired at time of sale, may retain priority for the following year.

REVOCATION OF PERMIT

Permit for the current year may be revoked if; (1) the assigned buoy remains unused without 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 Bde Maka Ska, Lake Harriet and at Lake Nokomis must 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.

SAILBOAT TENDERS

Sailboat tenders in reasonable numbers will be provided at each of the lakes for the use of sailboat owners. The 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 can be made to the Board in the same manner and by paying the same fee as rowboats and canoes. The assignment of space will be in the same manner as similar crafts.

LIFE PRESERVERS

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

TOILETS ON BOATS

All marine toilet pumps must be removed and discharge valves ("Y valves") locked on sailboats that rent MPRB buoys prior to the watercraft being launched into the lake. The MPRB reserves the right to inspect any boat believed to hold marine toilets with pump and discharge capabilities. This requirement is an effort to protect the ecological health of Minneapolis waterbodies and the health of the public recreating in those waters. The MPRB works to protect the lakes from any potential sources of pollution and this requirement builds on existing federal and state laws prohibiting the discharge of sewage into waterways.

AMERICANS with DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the MPRB does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in its services, programs, or activities. If assistance is needed to complete registration, please contact us at 612-230-6400.

BOAT REMOVAL AT SEASON'S END

All boats must be removed from all lake buoys no later than Indigenous Peoples Day each year, generally taking place in early to mid-October.



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 must indicate the names of the boats eligible to participate and the owners thereof. Each group granted such permits must provide its own officials and bear all expenses involved. Permits to any group do not imply exclusive use of the lake during the scheduled races and other boats must endeavor to keep clear of participating boats during races.

Authorized groups must furnish and maintain their own course-marking buoys. They must be approved by the MPRB permitting staff and these buoys, once installed, must be available to all groups sponsoring races.

During an approved race, the sponsoring group will be granted the privilege of the use of a privately-owned outboard motor on (1) one sailboat tender 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 must provide adequate temporary anchorages for visiting boats and temporary buoys must be removed within 48 hours from the close of the regatta. The final schedule of races will be established by the MPRB permitting 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.