Marine Operations | Recreational Boating

UD Lewes Campus Recreational Boat Use Program Overview

Eligibility/General Requirements: Program is open to all full-time and retired UD employees. Full time UD students are also eligible in addition to DBRC current employees. When a UD full time student transfers from UD they will remove their boat.

How to Apply: Application is made to the Director of Marine Operation via the Business Administrator, email jharms@udel.edu.

- Applicant must be the owner of the boat and trailer.
- Both boat and trailer registrations must be up-to-date and maintained current throughout the year while on UD property. Copies must be included with the application.
- Contract and Hold Harmless Agreement must be filled out in their entirety.
- Personal Water Crafts (PWC) are excluded.
- Kayaks can be launched from the Marine Operations ramp.

Annual Fees: Checks shall be made payable to the University of Delaware. Registration and fees are for a full calendar year only (01 January to 31 December). Fees will not be prorated. Fees are "per boat" and are non-transferable or refundable. Annual fee is due when trailer and boat are brought on UD property or when first using ramp, dock or trailer storage area.

Availability: Right of first refusal is always given to the previous year’s users. A waiting list is used, if necessary, after categories are filled and will be carried over to the following year if necessary. Two boat maximum per person as space is available.

UD Lewes Campus Recreational Boat Use Program Guidelines

These guidelines have been created and are enforced so that the Marine Operations’ facility is maintained in a safe and orderly manner. Recreational use of facilities shall be on a "Not To Interfere Basis" with CMES operations at all times.

- Unsightly or derelict boats will not be permitted.
- UD employee/student must accompany guests at all times.
- Ramp lock should remain as it is found; lock if locked or unlocked if unlocked.
- Trash shall be disposed of in proper containers.
- Boat trailer must display a valid UD tag in addition to having valid State registrations for the boat & trailer.
- Copy of up-to-date registrations must accompany contract/payment. If these are not included the entire application will be returned for completion. Trailer/boat registrations expiring during the year, are to be kept up-to-date with a copy sent to Marine Operations.
- Stored boats shall be parked in designated storage areas only. Trailer couplers shall not be locked in any manner. Empty trailers/vehicles should also be kept in this area. DO NOT block emergency vehicle access, fire lanes, or other parked vehicles.

- The ramp will be closed to recreational use each year for "Coast Day" weekend (first Sunday in October).

- Privileges revoked and fee forfeited for those who choose not to obey these requirements.

- All lines and mooring hardware are supplied and owned by individuals. Mooring hardware design is to be submitted for approval along with the application. Both deployment and recovery of hardware is the owner's responsibility and must be removed prior to dredging operations. Mooring location will be assigned depending on boat requirements and space availability.

**The following activities are prohibited on the docks, floats, and parking areas at all times:**

- Cleaning of fish.

- Drinking of alcoholic beverages.

- Sleeping on boats.

- Leaving a boat unattended at any float or dock, unless at paid/assigned slip.

- Maintenance on boats stored or/on UD-CMES property including winterization, oil changes, painting, etc.