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SPYC Summer Storage Policy

Effective 2026 Season | Clarification on secondary boat storage, trailer storage, and summer land storage return-to-water incentive.

PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

St. Paul Yacht Club offers land storage as a service to its members under a clearly defined set of categories, rates, and conditions. This policy establishes four storage categories — Trailer Storage, Secondary Slip Boat Storage, Land and Launch, and Summer Storage — each with distinct eligibility requirements and rate structures.

The guiding principles of this policy are: equitable and consistent billing across all members regardless of tenure, active discouragement of long-term derelict storage through escalating rates, and a clear incentive for members to keep their boats in the water and in active use on the Mississippi River.

This policy is effective immediately for the 2026 season and supersedes all prior informal storage arrangements, verbal agreements, and any historical rates not consistent with the categories defined below. Members with existing arrangements that do not conform to this policy will be transitioned to the appropriate category.

2026 STORAGE RATE SUMMARY

Storage Category	Voting Member	Associate Member	Escalation
Trailer Storage	\$125/season	\$150/season	Does not escalate
Secondary Slip Boat	\$125/season	\$150/season	Escalates if boat does not launch — see Section 3
Land and Launch	\$35/foot	\$35/foot	Escalates summer storage rate if boat does not launch
Summer Storage (on blocks)	\$35/foot (Year 1)	\$35/foot (Year 1)	Escalates to \$85/ft Year 2+

SECTION 1 — TRAILER STORAGE

Category 1: Trailer Storage | Voting Member: \$125/season | Associate Member: \$150/season

1.1. DEFINITION. Trailer Storage applies to any trailer stored in the SPYC yard.

1.2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. To qualify for the Trailer Storage rate the following conditions must be met:

- (a) The trailer must be in moveable condition as determined by SPYC yard staff. SPYC reserves the right to require the trailer to be moved at any time and at short notice.
- (c) The member must hold an active summer slip at SPYC.

1.3. RATE STRUCTURE. Trailer Storage is a flat seasonal rate of \$125 per season for voting members and \$150 per season for associate members. This rate does not escalate based on years of storage and is not tied to the trailer's length. The rate applies to both summer and winter storage seasons.

SECTION 2 — SECONDARY BOAT STORAGE

Category 2: Secondary Slip Boat | Voting Member: \$125/season | Associate Member: \$150/season

2.1. DEFINITION. Secondary Slip Boat Storage applies to a second, smaller vessel owned by a member who holds an active summer slip at SPYC for a primary vessel. This category recognizes that some members maintain a second boat - dinghys, fishing boats, or small runabouts - that would otherwise qualify for Land and Launch storage but is maintained primarily as a companion to the member's primary slip vessel.

2.2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. To qualify for the Secondary Slip Boat rate all of the following conditions must be met simultaneously:

- (a) The member must hold an active, paid summer slip at SPYC for a primary vessel during the same season.
- (b) The secondary vessel must be 25 feet or under in overall length as measured by the SPYC Dockmaster. The Dockmaster's measurement is final and binding. Members who dispute a measurement may appeal to the Board of Directors per Section 6.
- (c) The secondary vessel must be stored on its own trailer while on SPYC property.
- (d) The trailer must be in moveable condition as determined by SPYC yard staff at any time and without advance notice.
- (e) The secondary vessel must be launched and operated under its own power at least once during the storage season. This requirement is administered on an honor system. SPYC Staff reserves the right to require the member to provide advance notice of the launch and to confirm completion directly for any vessel where compliance is in question.

2.3. LINKAGE TO PRIMARY SLIP. The Secondary Slip Boat rate is expressly contingent on the member maintaining an active summer slip at SPYC. If the primary slip is surrendered or not renewed for any reason, the secondary vessel's storage classification changes immediately to Land and Launch under Section 3, and the applicable Land and Launch rate applies from the date the primary slip ends. No prorated refund of the Secondary Slip Boat rate will be issued.

2.4. ESCALATION FOR FAILURE TO LAUNCH. If a secondary vessel does not meet the annual launch requirement under Section 2.2(e), the following escalation applies in the subsequent season:

- The vessel loses Secondary Slip Boat eligibility for the following season regardless of whether the member retains their primary slip.
- The vessel is reclassified to Summer Storage (Section 4) with the escalation clock beginning at Year 1 — the rate for the following season is \$35 per foot.
- If the vessel again fails to launch in that subsequent season, the rate escalates to \$85 per foot per the Summer Storage escalation schedule.
- Eligibility for reinstatement to Secondary Slip Boat status requires the vessel to complete a full season at the Summer Storage rate with a documented launch before the member may reapply.

Secondary Slip Boat storage is a discounted privilege tied to active slip membership and active vessel use. It is not a default storage category and is not grandfathered from prior seasons without meeting current eligibility requirements.

SECTION 3 — LAND AND LAUNCH STORAGE

Category 3: Land and Launch | \$35 per foot — trailer storage included | No distinction by membership type

3.1. DEFINITION. Land and Launch Storage applies to vessels that are stored on land at SPYC between uses but are actively launched and operated during the season. This category is intended for members who use their boat regularly but do not require or desire a permanent wet slip. Trailer storage is included in the Land and Launch rate — no separate trailer storage fee applies.

3.2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. To qualify for Land and Launch storage the following conditions must be met:

(a) The vessel must be launched and operated under its own power at least once during the storage season. This is the defining characteristic of this category. A vessel that does not meet this requirement is not a Land and Launch boat — it is a Summer Storage boat and will be billed accordingly.

(b) The member is responsible for arranging their own launch at a public boat ramp or other facility. SPYC does not operate an on-site boat launch. SPYC's travel lift is available for launch and haul-out at the published service rates.

(c) The vessel must be stored on its own trailer while on SPYC property between launches. The trailer must be in moveable condition as determined by yard staff.

(d) The Land and Launch rate is self-reported on an honor system. Marina staff reserves the right to require advance notice of launch from any member where compliance with the launch requirement is in question, and to confirm launch completion directly.

3.3. RATE STRUCTURE. Land and Launch storage is billed at \$35 per foot including all aspects of the trailer and vessel, as measured by the SPYC Dockmaster, for the first season in which the vessel meets all eligibility requirements. Trailer storage is included — no additional trailer storage fee is charged.

3.4. ESCALATION FOR FAILURE TO LAUNCH. If a Land and Launch vessel does not meet the annual launch requirement under Section 3.2(a), the vessel is reclassified to Summer Storage in the subsequent season. The rate for the following season is \$85 per foot per the Summer Storage escalation schedule in Section 4. There is no intermediate year at \$35 per foot — failure to launch a Land and Launch vessel results in immediate escalation to the Year 2 Summer Storage rate.

The intent of this category is to keep boats active on the water. A vessel that sits in the yard for an entire season without launching is a Summer Storage boat by definition, regardless of the member's original intention when registering.

SECTION 4 — SUMMER STORAGE (ON BLOCKS)

Category 4: Summer Storage | Year 1: \$35/foot | Year 2 and beyond: \$85/foot

4.1. DEFINITION. Summer Storage applies to vessels stored on blocks in the SPYC yard for the summer season with no expectation or requirement of going in the water. This category also serves as the reclassification destination for vessels in other categories that fail to meet their respective launch requirements.

4.2. RATE STRUCTURE AND ESCALATION. Summer Storage is billed at \$35 per foot of overall vessel length for the first season. The rate escalates to \$85 per foot for every subsequent season the vessel remains in summer land storage. The escalation is designed to discourage multi-year derelict storage and to incentivize members to either return their vessels to the water or make arrangements for their removal.

- Year 1 Summer Storage: \$35 per foot
- Year 2 and all subsequent years: \$85 per foot
- The escalation clock resets only if the vessel is removed from SPYC property for a full season or returned to active wet slip or Land and Launch status with a documented launch.

4.3. MID-SEASON REVIEW. The Executive Director will conduct an annual review of all Summer Storage vessels in August of each season. Any Summer Storage vessel that has not launched by August 1 will receive written notice that the vessel must be observed floating under its own power before October 1 or the

Year 2 rate will apply the following season. This review applies regardless of whether the vessel was originally registered as Summer Storage or was reclassified from another category.

4.4. DERELICT VESSEL POLICY. Vessels that remain in Summer Storage for three or more consecutive seasons are subject to formal derelict vessel review under the SPYC Standing Rules and the SPYC Summer Storage Contract. SPYC's possessory lien rights under Minnesota Statute Chapter 514 apply to all vessels on SPYC property with outstanding balances. The Executive Director may refer any vessel to the Board of Directors for derelict vessel proceedings at any time.

SPYC is a marina, not a boat storage facility. The escalating rate structure for Summer Storage is an intentional policy choice to keep the yard active, accessible, and free of vessels that are no longer being used. Members who do not intend to use their vessel should make arrangements for its sale or removal.

SECTION 5 — RATE ESCALATION REFERENCE TABLE

Scenario	Season	Rate	Notes
Trailer Storage	Year 1	\$125 / \$150	No escalation — rate is flat
Secondary Slip Boat — launches	Year 1	\$125 / \$150	No escalation — remains secondary boat rate
Secondary Slip Boat — does not launch	Year 2	\$35/foot	Reclassified to Summer Storage Year 1
Secondary Slip Boat — does not launch	Year 3	\$85/foot	Summer Storage Year 2
Land and Launch — launches	Year 1	\$35/foot	No escalation — remains Land and Launch
Land and Launch — does not launch	Year 2	\$85/foot	Reclassified to Summer Storage
Summer Storage	Year 1	\$35/foot	First season on blocks
Summer Storage	Year 2+	\$85/foot	Escalated — boat has not returned to water

SECTION 6 — APPEALS AND DISPUTES

6.1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY. The Executive Director is the primary administrator of this policy. All storage category assignments, Dockmaster measurements, yard staff movability assessments, and launch verification decisions are made by or under the authority of the Executive Director. The Executive Director's determination is the first and operative decision in any storage classification matter.

6.2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPEALS. Any member who disputes a storage classification, rate assessment, or category reclassification under this policy may appeal to the Board of Directors in writing within 30 days of the disputed determination. The Board's decision on appeal is final and binding. Appeals do not suspend the obligation to pay the assessed rate pending the appeal outcome — disputed amounts will be credited or adjusted following a successful appeal.

6.3. DOCKMASTER MEASUREMENT. Vessel length measurements are performed by the SPYC Dockmaster and are final for the purposes of storage billing. The Dockmaster measures overall length including any bowsprits, swim platforms, outboard motors, or other protrusions. Members who dispute a measurement may request a Board appeal per Section 6.2.

SECTION 7 — STANDARDIZATION OF HISTORICAL BILLING

7.1. BACKGROUND. Prior to the 2026 season, SPYC yard storage billing was applied inconsistently. Some members were billed at \$35 per foot for secondary boat storage while others in materially similar circumstances were billed a flat \$150 per season. This inconsistency was not the result of intentional policy — it reflected an absence of a clearly documented storage policy and changes in administrative personnel over time.

7.2. COMMITMENT TO EQUITABLE BILLING. SPYC has a legal and ethical obligation to apply its rates consistently across all members regardless of membership tenure, personal relationships with staff or board members, or historical billing patterns. Inconsistent billing is unfair to members who have been paying the correct rate, creates liability exposure for the club, and is incompatible with sound nonprofit governance.

7.3. EFFECTIVE DATE OF STANDARDIZATION. Effective immediately for the 2026 season, all members will be billed under the category that accurately reflects their storage arrangement as defined in this policy. No member will receive a rate that is not available to all similarly situated members under this policy. Historical billing rates that are not consistent with this policy are not grandfathered and will not be continued.

7.4. MEMBER COMMUNICATION. The Executive Director will communicate directly with any member whose rate is changing as a result of this standardization. The communication will explain the applicable category, the new rate, and the reason for the change. Members who believe their storage arrangement has been miscategorized may request a review under Section 6.

A storage rate that was not uniformly available to all members was never a valid rate — it was a billing error. Correcting that error is not a rate increase. It is the equitable application of SPYC's published rates to all members equally.

SECTION 8 — GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1. SUPERSESSON. This policy supersedes all prior SPYC storage policies, informal arrangements, verbal agreements, and historical billing practices that are inconsistent with its terms. The effective date is the start of the 2026 summer storage season.

8.2. MEASUREMENT STANDARD. All vessel length measurements are overall length as determined by the SPYC Dockmaster. Members may not self-report vessel length for billing purposes. SPYC reserves the right to re-measure any vessel at any time and to adjust billing accordingly.

8.3. STORAGE CONTRACT REQUIRED. All vessels stored on SPYC property must have a fully executed Summer Storage Contract on file prior to the start of the storage period. No storage services will be provided to any vessel without a signed contract and current Certificate of Insurance on file.

8.4. YARD STORAGE POLICY. This policy governs storage categories and rates. It is complementary to the SPYC Yard, Trailer and Small Boat Storage Policy which governs operational matters including unauthorized storage penalties, identification requirements, movability requirements, and removal proceedings. Both policies apply to all vessels on SPYC property.

8.5. ANNUAL REVIEW. Storage rates and category definitions are reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. Rate changes for subsequent seasons will be communicated to members no later than November 1 of the preceding year.