



SCULLING RENTAL POLICIES

EQUIPMENT USE: WEATHER AND WIND CONDITIONS

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	EQUIPMENT	MAX AVG WIND	MAX AVG WIND GUST	AREA
ROWING				
Sculling I	Maas 24, Aero	8 knots	12 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel
Sculling II	Maas 27, Double	12 knots	12 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel, Basins
Rowing Teams	Team	12 knots	16 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel
Rowing Teams	Team	16 knots	20 knots	Ballona Creek

The chart above is a guideline. Please note that the Dockmaster has discretion to restrict activities based on weather, experience or other factors.

GENERAL SAFETY

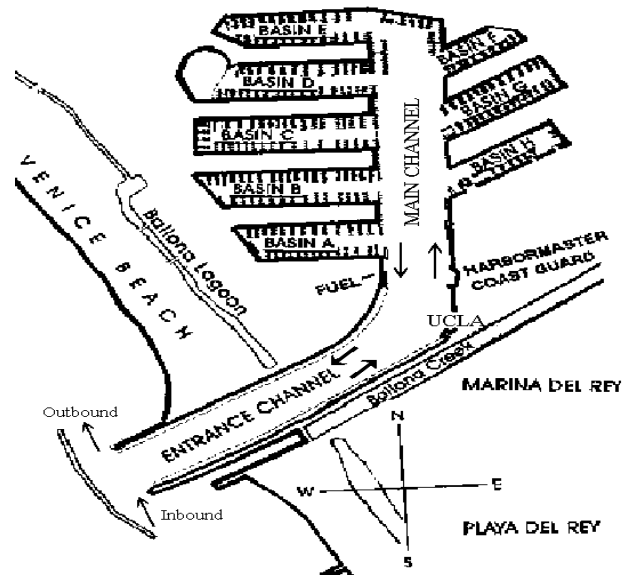
- All participants must be water safe and comfortable swimming a minimum of 100 yards and tread water for a minimum of five minutes.
- Sailors, kayakers, stand up paddle boarders (SUP), and windsurfers are required to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) while on the dock and water, at all times. Rowers are exempt.
- Always communicate with the Dockmaster and indicate on your rental slip where you intend to kayak, SUP, sail, or row and the amount of time you plan on being on the water.
- Complete a safety check of your vessel – make sure everything works and is properly adjusted before entering the water.
- When launching and docking, minimize the time you spend on the dock and the space that you take up to help reduce dock congestion.
- Participants must be able to “self-rescue.”
- If you are unable to self-rescue due to an injury or equipment breakage, stay with the vessel. Do not try to swim to shore. Hail the Dockmaster or other boaters for assistance.
- Participants must be able to steer a safe course through the marina, keeping watch for obstacles to their bow

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- All shells on the water before sunrise or after sunset must use lights.
- **ONLY** Dockmasters & Coaches can operate winches and creekside docks.

MARINA DEL REY TRAFFIC PATTERNS

- Launch and dock with traffic flow. Watch for other boats as you row into the power channel.
- Row counter clockwise around buoys in the Main Channel and counter clockwise around center line of the Entrance Channel.
- Stay closer to the buoy line than the basin entrances to prevent being run over by larger boats exiting the basins.
- Keep a constant lookout. Watch your course to your stern for overtaking vessels and to your bow for boats, buoys and docks.
- It is the general responsibility of all vessels to avoid collision.
- To prevent collisions with other boats exiting the basins, do not cut corners when you enter basins, especially E Basin. When exiting the basin do not swing wide.
- Do not stop where you will impede others. Do not block traffic. If you must stop to receive instruction, or adjust equipment, position your boat out of the main traffic flow.
- Give way to faster vessels.
- If another rower is overtaking you and you are unable to get out of its path, hail the boat to make sure that he sees you. Shout warnings early to prevent accidents and near misses.
- Renters must stay inside the marina, main channel, entrance channel or E Basin. Renters may not row in the open ocean, or in Ballona Creek without special arrangements.



EQUIPMENT CARE

OARS

- Carry and place oars on the dock tips up.
- Never stand oars against building.
- Do not drag blades on the dock while docking or launching. Do not drag grips on the ground. The grips must stay off the ground at all times.
- Rinse oars with fresh water after every use, paying special attention to the sleeves, collars and oarlocks.
- When placing oars in rack do not stack the buttons on top of each other, as this will cause the oars to fall.

SHELLS

- Lift the boat off the rack and walk slowly, keeping the boat level bow to stern and minding the riggers and skeg.
- While carrying boats, Dockmasters and users/renters are responsible for preventing riggers and/or boat from hitting other objects. Communicate with the individual you are carrying the boat with so that the equipment is not damaged.
- When placing shell in water, users need to push boat away from the dock to ensure skeg is not damaged.
- Scullers are responsible for holding the shell off the dock to prevent rubbing due to waves and/or wakes.
- Always rinse and dry boat after a row on both sides, specifically all metal parts as these will easily rust.
- Wipe your boat down with a towel after rowing, and remove hatch covers to facilitate drying.

ERGOMETERS

- When using ergs outdoors, carefully wheel them out of the boathouse paying special attention to the surrounding areas (boats, oars, other ergs, etc.).
- Wipe ergs down using a clean towel after workout including the rail, seat, and the handle.
- Ergs should be properly stored after each use. Handles should be stored in the fully returned position against the cage to keep the resistance firm.

LIGHTS

- Attach and detach lights in staging area. To prevent dropping the lights into the water, do not attach lights while boats are in the water at the dock. You will be financially responsible for lost or damaged lights (approx. \$25).
- Remove lights before rinsing off boat.

SLINGS

- Never sit on slings.
- Never place tools, or other objects that may damage the hulls between slings and hulls.
- When moving boats in rolling slings, always hold the sling and boat. Go slow and watch for pebbles, tape, etc. that could cause the sling to jam or tip.

FACILITY POLICIES

- Parking at the MAC is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Facility users are encouraged to ride their bike or carpool. Do not park on any yellow striped area; doing so will force other vehicles to drive on the bike path to get around you. Do not park in the Breakwater Apartment's parking lot or garage - you will be towed. Overflow parking is available at Dock 52 and Fisherman's Village
- Drive slowly and carefully to and from the MAC parking lot. Watch for pedestrians and cyclists on the bike path and the Breakwater access road. Once you reach the Marina Aquatic Center facility, drive on the striped access lane only. DO NOT drive on the LA County bike path. When exiting parking spaces, watch for bike path traffic; stay on the striped driving lane and back into the turnaround area provided.
- Do not use any tools or other supplies owned by the Marina Aquatic Center. Do not attempt to fix or customize any equipment while in your use. See your instructor or the Dockmaster on duty if you need help with equipment.
- The MAC is not responsible for any personal gear, clothing, etc. left in the locker rooms, boat bays, or other areas of the facility. Please store your gear in lockers provided or in your vehicle. Remember to pick up your gear before you leave.
- If you are using the docks on Ballona Creek at low tide, never attempt to jump or walk over the algae growth on the hoist docks. Ask MAC Staff to lower you down to the water with the dock.
- Never step over a boat on the ground, always walk around it.
- Please pick up after yourself - trash, water bottles, & towel etc!
- Help us conserve! Turn off lights in restrooms, locker room, classrooms, and boathouse bays when not in use. Turn showers, faucets and hoses off completely when finished. Recycle plastic, glass and aluminum in bins provided.
- Report all injuries and equipment damage immediately to the Dockmaster, coach or instructor.
- To protect your feet, always wear shoes at the MAC. Shoes should have sufficient tread and heel support to prevent you from slipping on the wet surfaces around the dock. Bare feet are only allowed on the dock as you are launching or docking rowing shells, stand up paddleboards, windsurfers, kayaks, lasers or surfboards. Shoes should be replaced first thing after docking.

The following is prohibited at the UCLA Marina Aquatic Center:

- Alcohol
- Smoking or vaping
- Dogs off of their leash.
- Launching of personal equipment.
- Running, roughhousing, and/or riding bikes or scooters anywhere around the facility.
- Talking loudly or making excessive noise that may disturb our neighbors, before 8am and after 9pm.
- Sitting in or riding on the rolling equipment.

WEATHER POLICIES

WIND

- No outside sailing or kayaking if gale flag is up at the Harbormaster's Office.
- Conditions within three hours of the rental, current weather, and trends will be considered.
- Weather forecast and/or warning flags will be used as justification for amending or suspending water activities in the entrance channel, marina, and Santa Monica Bay.
- Dockmaster will use both Wind Gusts/Maximum Wind Speed and 10-Minute Wind Average in deciding whether to allow rentals.
- If the small craft warning is posted with measured, or expected winds exceeding 20 knots, there will be no water activities.

FOG or LOW VISIBILITY:

- Dockmaster must be able to see the opposite shore for at least 15 continuous minutes before allowing any water activities.
- All renters, and unaccompanied vessels, must maintain visual contact with the MAC at all times.

DARKNESS or LOW LIGHT:

- Lights must be used during early morning and nighttime rentals.
- All boats must display a red and green bow light and a white stern light.

LIGHTNING:

- At the first sign of lightning, all water activities will be immediately suspended and all users – renters, teams, class participants, and staff – should return to the MAC without delay.

RAIN:

- Following significant rainfall, certain water activities shall cease for a minimum of 48 hours after the rain has stopped. All other activities will be allowed on the water after signing a water quality waiver. Please call the Marina Aquatic Center before leaving home to find out whether water activities have resumed.
- No water activities are permitted when there is a thunder and lightning storm.