

Introduction

Council manages over 1200 dinghy and kayak storage racks/ bays across 25 reserves, which cater for the storage of private watercraft vessels. A set of fees are applied for the use of these facilities to provide some compensation for the use of open space for this convenience. The fees and management processes aim to keep these areas tidy, safe and accessible.

The following provides an overview of the process and the terms and conditions of use.

1. The Annual Permit

The period for use of a watercraft storage location is from 1 October until 30 September each year. Once payment is received, a permit sticker will be sent. The following must be adhered to:

- 1.1. All vessels in storage locations must have a valid sticker corresponding to the specific allocated rack or bay. A permit sticker is required for each vessel (dinghy or kayak).
- 1.2. The permit sticker must be affixed to the outside of the vessel and be clearly visible.
- 1.3. The storage of a second craft in an allocated rack or bay is reviewed on a case by case basis and subject to Council approval, additional fees apply.
- 1.4. The permit sticker cannot be sold or transferred to another person. The sticker is no longer valid if the vessel is sold or gifted. New owners must apply for a permit.
- 1.5. It is the permit holders responsibility to contact Council if the permit sticker is missing, damaged or lost.
- 1.6. Council reserves the right to terminate a permit at any time if the permit holder breaches the conditions or misuses the permit in any way.

2. Storing Watercraft Vessels on Council Land

The following terms and conditions must be adhered to in relation to watercraft vessels using Council wharf tie-up facilities.

- 2.1. Vessels are stored entirely at the permit holder's own risk and Council does not accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or theft of the vessel.
- 2.2. The vessel must be securely fixed to its allocated rack or bay.
- 2.3. All stored vessels must be operational and sea-worthy (i.e. capable of undertaking a voyage). Any un-used or old vessels cannot be stored in a rack or bay nor can they be dumped on Council land.
- 2.4. The storage of engines and fuel containers is not permitted on the reserve, on vessels or the storage racks.
- 2.5. The vessel must be stored in a manner that limits the accumulation of water from rain within the vessel.
- 2.6. The stored vessel must not obstruct pathways or impede access to the storage area.
- 2.7. The vessel must not be longer than the maximum permissible length relevant to the location. Refer to the table in Section 5. Permissible Vessel Sizes at each location.

3. Compliance and Impounding/Auction

Council regularly monitors all watercraft storage areas to ensure permit holders are adhering to the terms and conditions of the permit. Watercraft stored in Council facilities that do not

comply with the terms and conditions may be deemed unattended or abandoned and issued with an infringement notice.

In accordance with the [Public Spaces \(Unattended Property\) Act 2021 No 38](#) abandoned and unattended articles (watercraft) may be removed and fines and retrieval fees applied. Under this Act watercraft that are not claimed after 28 days may be sold or otherwise disposed of. Council may host a public auction when there is sufficient unclaimed vessels available for sale. Council may also dispose of any unclaimed watercraft if there are reasonable grounds that the item has no monetary value or the proceeds of the sale would not cover the costs of the sale.

Please contact Council for details of the next scheduled auction.

4. Renewal process

The watercraft storage permits are renewed annually for the period starting 1 October. Subject to meeting the terms and conditions, permit holders are eligible to renew their permit.

Council will endeavour to contact all permit holders by 1 September regarding the renewal process. It is however the permit holders' responsibility to contact Council to initiate the renewal if notification is not received by 1 September.

Council is to be notified of any changes to postal addresses, contact numbers or email addresses during the permit period. This is to ensure all correspondence and renewal details are received.

5. Permissible Vessel Sizes at Each Location

The following table outlines the maximum permissible lengths of watercraft at each location.

Dinghy Storage Locations

Maximum 2.5 metres vessel length	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maybanke Cove, Bayview Paradise Beach, Avalon Beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regatta Reserve (Salt Pan Cove), Newport Snapperman Beach, Palm Beach
Maximum 3 metres vessel length	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berry Reserve, Narrabeen Botham Beach, Church Point Careel Bay, Avalon Beach Church Point (dinghy), Church Point Clareville Beach (dinghy), Clareville Currawong Reserve, Palm Beach Lucinda Park, Park Beach McCarrs Creek Reserve, McCarrs Creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Wharf Reserve, Clareville Riddle Reserve, Bayview Sandy Beach, Palm Beach Dark Gully, Palm Beach Jamieson Park, Narrabeen Taylors Point Baths, Clareville Taylors Point Wharf, Clareville
Maximum 3.5 metres vessel length	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forty Baskets, Balgowlah Fishermans Beach, Collaroy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Manly Beach (dinghy), Manly Sandy Beach (dinghy), Clontarf

Kayak Storage Locations

Maximum 4 metres vessel length	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilarong Reserve, Narrabeen • Berry Reserve (kayak), Narrabeen • Church Point Reserve (kayak), Church Point • Clareville Beach (kayak), kayak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamieson Park (kayak), Narrabeen • Harold Reserve, Scotland Island • Little Manly Beach (kayak), Manly • Paradise Beach (kayak), Avalon Beach • Sandy Beach (kayak), Clontarf

Dragon Boat & Outrigger Canoe Locations

Maximum 14 metres vessel length	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riddle Reserve West, Bayview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowland Reserve, Bayview

6. Payments

The annual fees for wharf tie-up permits are outlined in Council's [Fees and Charges](#). These are reviewed annually, and draft fees are open for public comment prior to Council adoption each June.

Fees for the wharf tie-up permits are paid in advance to secure the permit for the period. Council will cancel the permit if fees are not paid on time, and this may result in an infringement notice and the vessel being impounded.

Permit holders are welcome to contact Council regarding their account at any time.

7. Cancellations and Refunds

A permit can be cancelled at any time within the annual period. To cancel a wharf tie-up permit, please notify Council in writing and return the permit sticker to Council. If a permit is cancelled with more than 6 months remaining (written cancellation received by 31 March) a refund may be considered. Maximum refund is 50% of the annual permit.

8. New applications and waitlist

Applications for watercraft storage can be made at any time throughout the year. At some popular locations Council manages a waitlist and residents are placed in a queue and notified when a space becomes available. Applications and further information can be found on our [Council website](#).

9. Contact Details

If you have any queries related to the wharf tie-up permits or use at any time, please contact the Watercraft Bookings Team on 02 8495 5009 or email OpenSpaceBookings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au