

CRCA Boat Moorage and Dock Use Policies and Rules

The CRCA Board of Directors has developed and approved the following policies and rules for boat moorage and use of the dock in Columbia Ridge Estates. CRCA's mandate is as follows:

1. Serve as the liaison between RDEK and CRCA and its members on moorage matters
2. Develop policies, provide education, and enforce rules.
3. Manage community moorings in a transparent and fair manner for all community boat owners
4. Promote cooperation among moor owners to ensure idle moors are available for community use.
5. Support the mooring coordinator in enforcement matters.

Background

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) rezoned Columbia Lake in 2010 to prohibit further development and in so doing, grandfathered existing moors and docks. Currently there are community and privately owned moors approved for overnight use at the Columbia Ridge foreshore with the vast majority being privately owned. When not in use, most owners allow their moor to be placed in the mooring pool for use by community members. Despite the limited number of moors, cooperation between moor owners and non-moor owners has served the community quite well.

Mooring Coordinator

The mooring coordinator is a volunteer resident of our community who assigns moors in a fair and transparent manner. Residents are reminded to be respectful to the mooring coordinator and cognizant of the countless hours of volunteer time this position requires. The mooring coordinator answers to the CRCA Board of Directors.

MOOR OWNERS

Moor owners, who place their moors into the mooring pool, benefit from having their moors installed and removed each season as well as having their moor maintained by the community. They are not required to pay the annual moorage fee. Moor owners are asked not to share their moor outside of the mooring pool as this can result in lack of adherence to proper mooring lines, lack of liability insurance, and the potential for considerable risk to other watercraft and community assets.

Moor owners have first priority to their own moor, for whatever timeframe they want, but are asked and encouraged to make it available to the mooring pool when they are not using their moor.

Owners are encouraged to abide by all booking guidelines except for maximum durations. Owners are asked to let the mooring coordinator know if their moor becomes free unexpectedly so it can be used even on short notice.

Moor owners are also subject to the same dock use rules as non-moor owners to protect the considerable investment of all moor users.

Rules:

For contraventions of a rule by a member, member's family or visitor, the following sanctions will be imposed. **First infraction** - a warning and reminder of rules, **second infraction** - a suspension of mooring privileges for two weeks, **third infraction** - a suspension of mooring privileges for the remainder of the season. This applies to cumulative infractions and not to repeated infractions of a single rule (i.e. you do not get three strikes for each rule).

Additionally, a \$50.00 fine may be levied for each contravention of a rule and such fines may be imposed every seven (7) days for continuing contraventions under CRCA Bylaw 9 (1)(b),

- Motorized boats in the swim area are prohibited.
- While entering and exiting the dock speed must be minimized so no wake is created. This is to ensure safety as well as to safeguard community assets.
- Tying to a moor that you were not assigned or reassigning your moor to someone else is prohibited. If the moor is no longer required, contact the mooring coordinator so it can be reassigned
- Do not attach mooring lines to the mooring ball handle. The handles are only for lifting the moor and are not designed for a boat to be fastened to. Mooring lines must be secured to the chain only. The orange and white tires are the exception to this rule.
- Community watercraft (i.e. canoes, paddle boats, kayaks) are not to be left tied to moors. Return these to shore for use by others while you are out enjoying your boat.
- Boats are not allowed to be left attached to a moor if you are not in the community or in the vicinity and unavailable to remove the boat if required.
- The use of improper/poorly maintained mooring lines.
- Circumventing the community mooring pool by entering into a private arrangement with a moor owner.

Booking Process For Residents of Columbia Ridge Estates Who Do Not Own A Moor:

Prior to any bookings, **community dues** (\$300.00) and **annual moorage fees** (\$50.00) must be paid in full. Payment should be made by e-transfer to treasurer@columbiaridge.ca.

Additionally, the mooring waiver form must be completed (see document), and any outstanding fines must be paid.

The mooring coordinator will accept **pre-season requests** for bookings usually in early May. Residents will be notified when requests can be submitted. Residents can request a maximum of two weeks. This may be for two consecutive weeks or as two separate weeks. Pre-season bookings that request every weekend are not allowed.

Throughout the boating season the mooring coordinator will accept additional mooring requests from **Tuesday to Thursday** of each week for assignment beginning 5:00pm Friday up to the following Friday at 5:00pm (this allows everyone an equal opportunity for weekend requests).

Columbia Ridge Community Association
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