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SPORTS AND EXERCISE PROFIT CENTRE

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Espoo Sports and Exercise operates 10 marinas. The boat berths at the marinas are owned by the city but some are managed by boat clubs. The maintenance of the marinas is the responsibility of the Espoo Sports and Exercise profit centre.

A boat club or clubs operate in each marina and take care of the marina security.

Marinas and winter storage areas

Haukilahti

Kivenlahti

Laajalahti

Nokkala

Nuottaniemi

Otsolahti

Sepetlahti

Soukka/Klobben

Suomenoja

Svinö

Ämmäsmäki

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GENERAL

The operating principle of the marinas

The purpose of the City of Espoo marinas is to create the conditions for the residents to enjoy boating and boating-related activities in cooperation with various boating and boating-related organisations.

City of Espoo's marina rules

The marina rules were approved by the Sports Committee on 2 December 2021, and are valid until further notice.

These marina rules apply to all marinas owned or managed by the City of Espoo, as well as to winter storage and storage areas for boats. The marina rules apply to all marinas and storage areas of the city.

Anyone renting a boat berth, trailer parking space and/or winter storage site from the city, or otherwise operating in the city's marina or boat winter storage areas must comply with these rules.

In addition to these marina rules, separate marina or winter storage area-specific rules and guidelines may be adopted, which may be supplementary, permanent or temporary. Separate permits are issued by Espoo Sports and Exercise.

Lease agreement for a boat berth

The object of the lease is a boat berth, winter storage site or trailer parking space designated by the City of Espoo Sports and Exercise unit, or a boat berth or winter storage site designated by a boat club.

By accepting a berth, the lessee accepts the marina rules and agrees to comply with instructions and regulations provided. An approved berth is the same as a lease agreement.

Lessor

The City of Espoo's Sports and Exercise profit centre or a boat club authorised by the city is the Lessor.

Lessee

The lessee is a private person, company or association involved in maritime activities that has concluded a lease agreement with Espoo Sports and Exercise. The lessee's domicile must primarily be Espoo.

The lessee must be the owner or holder of the boat kept at the marina. In the case of a jointly owned boat, the majority of the co-owners must be residents of Espoo. Upon request, the lessee must prove the accuracy of the information they provide.

A berth may also be leased by a person, association or company not based in Espoo, but preference will be given to applicants from Espoo. In such a case, the lease agreement will be concluded for one season at a time.

The boat clubs operating in Espoo's harbours have a separate concession agreement between Espoo Sports and Exercise and the club for the use of the city-owned marinas and winter storage areas.

Boat clubs may also agree on mooring rights by separate agreement.

Fees for boating

The fees are decided by the Sports Committee. The price list is on the city's website. (<https://www.espoo.fi/en/sports-and-nature/archipelago/boating/boat-berth-and-winter-storage-site-fees>)

Transfer of lease agreement

The lessee may not temporarily transfer the lease or assign their boat berth to a third party. Violation of this rule will result in immediate loss of the boat berth.

If the lessee dies, their beneficiary is entitled to have the lease transferred to him/her, provided that the beneficiary meets the conditions set for the lessee.

If the lessee sells their boat, the buyer has the possibility to have the boat berth lease transferred to them, provided that the buyer meets the conditions set for the lessee.

Termination of lease agreement

Espoo Sports and Exercise will terminate the lease agreement if the lessee does not comply with these marina rules.

The reservation of a boat berth, trailer parking space and winter storage site, as well as the Ämmäsmäki storage site will be cancelled if payment is not received by the City of Espoo by the due date specified by the city. The due date must be observed.

You may terminate your lease agreement yourself electronically. The termination of a boat berth also terminates the winter storage place at the end of the current season. A paid berth fee will be refunded if the cancellation is made by the last working day of March.

Espoo Sports and Exercise may terminate the lease if the lessee fails to notify the lessor electronically of any changes of address or boat information.

BOAT BERTHS, TRAILER PARKING SPACE AND MOORING AREAS

Applying for a boat berth, trailer parking or a winter storage site and the allocation of places

Applications for boat berths, trailer parking spaces or winter storage sites managed by Espoo Sports and Exercise are made by filling in an electronic application form issued by Espoo Sports and Exercise. The application is for a single season only. The application period starts on the first working day of March each year.

Vacant boat berth and trailer parking spaces will be allocated on a seasonal basis after the opening of the application, based on the size of the boat and the marina options presented in the application.

Lessees can electronically confirm their existing berth in early December each year.

Espoo Sports and Exercise may, if necessary, change the lessee's boat berth or trailer parking space in the middle of the season, if the size of the boat or the conditions of the boat berth/marina so require.

A lessee with a valid boat berth lease agreement may apply to exchange a boat berth or trailer parking space from the beginning of December, and is eligible for a possible exchange as long as the old berth has been paid for the coming season. The exchange period always ends on 30 September each year. Exchange applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and places for exchange are allocated during February and March according to the marina options and the size of the boats notified.

For club berths, please contact the relevant clubs.

Those applying only for winter storage sites, provided that they are available, will be allocated them in the Suomenoja and Ämmäsmäki winter storage areas, once the priority applicants have been processed.

Lease period

The lease period for a boat berth starts when payment is received in the city's bank account, and ends on the last day of that year. The boating season runs from 10 June to 14 September each calendar year.

The lessee may, at their own risk, bring their boat to their rented berth before the start of the boating season, weather and natural conditions permitting, taking into account any refurbishing work being done at the marina and any consequent restrictions on use.

Unless otherwise agreed with Espoo Sports and Exercise, the lessee must remove their boat from the marina's boat ramp after the end of the boating season, before the marina freezes over but no later than by 31 December.

Espoo Sports and Exercise is not liable for any damage or harm to a boat left at or brought to a berth outside the boating season, due to maintenance, repair or damage to the marina and dock structures or to mooring equipment.

The winter storage period starts on 15 September and ends on 10 June the following year.

The trailer parking lease period starts on 1 May and ends on 30 April.

The season for winter storage only, starts on 15 October and ends on 10 June the following year.

Boat berth and trailer parking space

Espoo Sports and Exercise allocates a boat berth or trailer parking space to the lessee. The storing of a boat or trailer in any other place is forbidden.

Club berths are allocated by the relevant boat club.

A boat/trailer in a boat berth and/or trailer parking space must have identification showing entitlement to the berth or space provided by the lessor. The identification must be attached in a visible place that facilitates monitoring, for example on the windscreen or steering wheel, so that it is visible and easy to check from the dock.

Espoo Sports and Exercise may, without any obligation, move to storage a boat trailer or other goods that are abandoned and in an unauthorised place at the marina or without identification.

Espoo Sports and Exercise and a boat club contracted by the city may, upon request, issue a temporary permit for the storage of a boat or trailer in the dock- and marine areas under their control. The special permit must be displayed on the boat or trailer during the temporary storage.

It is prohibited to store any kind of goods, such as nets or dinghies, at the docks or in the other marina areas of the City of Espoo.

Dinghies may be stored in specially designated areas.

Boat sizes in boat berths

A boat moored bow-to must be 0.4 m narrower than the nominal width of the berth, and a boat moored with its stern attached to a buoy 0.5 m narrower than the nominal width. A boat moored bow-to must be no more than 1 m longer than the nominal length of the berth.

The maximum weight of the boat moored at a marina owned by the city of Espoo is 10,000 kg, the maximum length is 15 m and the maximum width 4.5 m.

Boat mooring

At marinas owned by the City of Espoo, a boat must be moored in such a way that the load on the dock, mooring point, buoy or boat is as low as possible. Loads caused by boat movements must be reduced using enough sufficiently effective springs at the moorings.

Any displacement of a buoy due to a mooring error and/or the other costs of repairing damage caused by negligent mooring may be charged in full to the party responsible.

Two boats may not be kept side-by-side/one behind the other in a boat berth.

Winter storage

A boat berth lease agreement gives the right of first refusal/possibility of winter storage at a site designated by Espoo Sports and Exercise/a boat club.

A winter storage site for a boat is allocated either by Espoo Sports and Exercise or by the marina's authorised boat club.

A boat in winter storage must have winter storage identification provided by the lessor. The identification must be attached in a visible place that facilitates monitoring, for example on the bow of the boat or on its capstan.

Masts should be kept in a mast rack if they do not fit inside the designated area. Keeping the masts upright is forbidden.

The lessee must ensure that a boat in leased winter storage is well supported. The lessee must ensure that the cover is properly secured. The boat and its docking equipment must fit inside the winter storage area.

The lessee must also ensure that no danger, injury, harm or other damage is caused to the structures, equipment and fittings of the winter storage area or to other users of the area or their property. The lessee is always liable to the City of Espoo or third parties for any injury, damage or loss caused by their boat, its winter storage equipment or other equipment owned or possessed by them.

Docking equipment brought to the winter storage area before the start of the winter storage season will be removed from the area by Espoo Sports and Exercise at the cost and responsibility of the owner of the equipment.

After the winter storage period, summer storage of trestles and trailers is allowed in designated areas. The summer storage area must be emptied by 15 September.

Storage of boats and docking equipment in a winter storage area is only allowed during the winter storage period. A boat owner is obliged to remove the equipment and clean up the area immediately after the end of winter storage or temporary docking.

Docking equipment in winter storage after 10 June is considered to have been abandoned. Espoo Sports and Exercise will remove discarded docking equipment, either for scrapping or storage. The cost of removal, scrapping or storage will be charged to the lessee.

Espoo Sports and Exercise will, without obligation, remove a boat that is in winter storage in an unauthorised place, without identification or that has been docked without authorisation during the boating season.

Ämmäsmäki storage area

The Ämmäsmäki storage area is intended for the storage of boats and trailers. The lease period for a place there is from 15 September to 14 September the following year.

The gate is open all year round between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Cars must be kept outside the area. Snow conditions can affect the use of the area in winter.

An electronic access pass is available from the Suomenoja Maintenance Manager on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. after paying for the storage space. Access passes are personal, and cannot be transferred to another person. The holder is responsible for the proper use of the pass. Once the storage area has been relinquished, the access pass must be returned to the Maintenance Manager.

No separate permanent structures or boat shelters are allowed in the storage area, so they must be disassembled. Your own storage place must be kept clean and tidy. Mixed waste should be placed in large waste containers, and waste from the painting of hulls and engine maintenance/repair should be put in the hazardous waste container. The door to the hazardous waste container must be kept closed.

The washing of boat hulls is only allowed in the washing areas in front of the entrance gate.

Keeping boats in winter storage areas during the boating season

During the boating season from 11 June to 14 September, a boat to be lifted out of the water for repair or other compelling reason must be reported on the first possible working day to the marina Maintenance Manager, who may issue a temporary permit to dock the boat in the repair area. Docking is subject to a fee.

A weatherproof A4-sized notice, available from Suomenoja Marina, must be attached to the boat. The notice must be clearly visible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS

Exceptions and monitoring

Espoo Sports and Exercise may issue additional guidelines and regulations within the framework of the marina rules.

Compliance with these marina rules is monitored by Espoo Sports and Exercise or by the marina's authorised boat club.

Limitation of liability

Espoo Sport and Exercise is not liable for property damage or personal injury caused in marinas, on land or water, by storms, floods, high water, abnormal weather or other exceptional natural conditions, or by poisons, fuels, etc. or fires.

Storage and redemption

Espoo Sports and Exercise is not liable for any damage to a stored boat, trailer or other goods.

A boat, trailer or any other goods must be redeemed within three months of the date of recovery. Redemption can be made by the certified owner of the goods by paying the costs of removal and storage. After payment, redemption must be carried out within one week. The removal and storage price list is displayed on the city's website.

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If the boats, trailers or goods are not redeemed within three months of recovery, the city may either scrap the item or sell it. The sale will be announced separately.

Boat maintenance and refurbishment

Espoo Environmental Protection Regulation, Section 14

Solvents or other harmful substances must not be discharged into the sea or a water body when washing a boat in the water. In connection with the washing of and removal of primer paint from docked boats, the release of harmful substances into the soil shall be prevented as far as possible. Grinding dust and other harmful waste originating from the boats must be delivered to an appropriate collection point or treatment facility.

Glycol used to protect the cooling systems of the engines during winter storage must be collected in spring and treated as hazardous waste. Engines should already be tested in spring in the docking area to prevent glycol from entering the sea.

Oil changes in the marina must be carried out on an impenetrable substrate, and in such a way that no oil can enter the soil or waterways. Waste oil must be carefully collected and disposed of in the hazardous waste container for oils.

Blowing sand, soda, glass, etc. from boats is prohibited in the marina areas. If the marina has a maintenance area with a septic tank, the removal of toxic paints must be done in these areas.

The use of electricity at marinas

Depending on conditions, electricity is available at marinas from 15 March to 30 November, and is available to boaters for boat repairs, maintenance and battery charging. The maximum current is 10 A or about 2,400 W.

Electricity must not be used to heat boats.

Any extension leads used must be for outdoor use and installed in such a way that they do not present a tripping or other hazard to marina users.

Electrical leads that poses a hazard or are used to heat a boat will be removed, and the recovered leads can be reclaimed during office hours from the marina's Maintenance Manager.

Espoo Sports and Exercise will not pay for electrical repairs of an emergency nature ordered by the lessee, for example on weekends, unless the repairer can prove that there was an actual hazardous incident.

Summer water

The water points at marinas, both berths and winter storage areas, and at Ämmäsmäki are connected to the summer water supply and are generally available between the first week of May and mid-October of each calendar year. Weather conditions may affect the time during which water points can be used. Water must be used with care and not wasted.

Living and overnighting on a boat

Living on a boat in a marina or in the winter storage area is strictly forbidden. Overnight stays, even temporary ones, are not allowed in the winter storage area. It is forbidden to park camper vans and caravans in the winter storage area.

Marina security

The marinas are patrolled by boat clubs that operate there. Espoo Sports and Exercise urges all boaters to participate in security activity organised at the marinas. Further information is available from the relevant boat clubs.

Other instructions and regulations

Due to maintenance work that may be carried out at the marinas, boaters must immediately move their boat when advised to do so.

In addition to the speed limit, an even lower speed limit must be observed in the marina area if a boat's wake formation is potentially damaging.

A boater is obliged to dispose of their waste by sorting it into the waste receptacles designated for different types of waste.

Only lessees and members of concessionary boat clubs may store boats and boat-related docking equipment in marina areas owned by the city.