



TOWN OF TRURO

PADDLE CRAFT RACK REGULATIONS

2025

Purpose:

The Town of Truro Paddle Craft Rack regulations have been established to provide effective utilization of the Town's coastal and inland water venues. This shall be done by controlling the placement of all vessels, establishing delineated rack spaces and annual removal. These regulations will ensure that the fragile coastal environment is protected for all to benefit in the future.

Requirements:

The Town of Truro requires a current Paddle Craft Rack Permit for any vessel that is stored on the town owned racks or designated storage area.

Fees:

A Resident sticker is \$35.00 per year (May 15 - October 15) per rack space or storage space. (Defined below).

Permits: Issued annually.

Locations:

- a) Great Hollow Beach, Great Hollow Rd, Truro, MA 02666
- b) Corn Hill Beach, Corn Hill Rd, Truro, MA 02666

Applications:

- a) Applications will be accepted between January 1 through March 1 on the Beach Office Department's web page <https://www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office>.
- b) Each Paddle Craft Rack application must have its own application fee (cannot use one check for multiple applications).
- c) Applicants may only apply and receive (1) space per year.

Terms of use:

- a) Only one paddle craft vessel is permitted to occupy a rack space.
- b) Available May 15 - October 15
- c) Storage is only permitted in the approved assigned rack space.
- d) No storage of other beach equipment i.e., umbrellas, beach toys, beach chairs... is allowed. These items will be confiscated.

Permit Requirements:

- a) With limited space at each location, rack space must be actively used.
- b) Starting on July 1, any rack left empty for 14 continuous days or more will be forfeited, and that rack space will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Suitable Vessel:

- a) A paddle craft that measures less than or equal to 20 feet long, 39 inches wide and 24 inches high.
- b) Fits within the designated rack space
- c) Does not impair the use of the rack by other permit holders
- d) Does not negatively impact natural resources
- e) Does not exceed the structural capacity of the rack.

Stickers:

- a) Must be current.
- b) Must match the rack number and location.
- c) Must be visible – the sticker shall be attached to the aft port side of the vessel above the waterline.
- d) Must have the owner's name and contact information.

Selection Process:

- a) A random selection process from all the applications received by March 1 will take place by the Deputy Community Service Director: Recreation and Beach, to fill rack space.
- b) Successful applicants will be sent a notification by email with an invoice .
- c) Payment is due within 30 days of being notified. Failure to remit payment will result in the forfeiture of the space for that calendar year.
- d) Once payment is received, the sticker with the rack location, number and space will be mailed to the successful applicant. Lower racks and space on the beach at Corn Hill Beach will be awarded to seniors and people with disabilities.
- e) The number will correspond with a number on the rack, designating the applicant's rack location.

- f) If all spaces are not filled using the random selection process, additional spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis starting with any current waiting list.

Waiting list:

- a) When all rack spaces are filled, a wait list will be established using the same random selection process.
- b) The wait list is for a calendar year only. Spaces will be filled the following year using the same random selection process described above.

Responsibilities:

- a) The Town of Truro shall not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged vessels stored on Town racks.
- b) The Town shall not be responsible for any injuries resulting from the raising or lowering of these vessels onto Town racks.
- c) Vessel owners/operators will be held responsible for any damage caused by them or their vessels.

Permit Inspections:

The Program Supervisor – Beach Office, will inspect all vessels stored on Town of Truro racks. If any vessel does not have the current, visible permit, the Program Supervisor – Beach Office will contact the Truro Department of Public Works to remove the vessel. At no time shall vessels be stored outside of the designated Town of Truro rack spaces.

- a) **Non-permitted Vessel:** Any vessel that is not in compliance with the regulations will be tagged with a violation notice, stating the date, nature of the violation and contact information.
- b) Efforts will be made to notify the vessel owners.
- c) If no notice is taken within 48 hours of the initial notice, the vessel will be removed and stored at the DPW facility.
- d) There will be a \$5.00 per day storage charge assessed, which must be paid before the vessel will be released to its owner.

Abandoned Vessel:

- a) Any vessel that is left on the rack outside of the permitted dates (May 15 - October 15) without the permission of the Program Supervisor – Beach Office, will be tagged with a violation notice, stating the date, nature of the violation and contact information.
- b) Efforts will be made to notify the vessel owners.

- c) If no action is taken within 48 hours of the initial notice, the vessel will be removed and stored at the Truro DPW facility.
- d) The Town of Truro shall not be responsible for loss of property considered abandoned under this regulation.

Vessel Storage:

- a) Any vessel removed will be held at the Truro DPW Facility until the owner has been notified, vessel is claimed, storage fees paid, or for one year at which time the vessel is considered an abandoned vessel and may be disposed of in the best interest of the Town of Truro.

Violations:

Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00 for each offense, and/or loss of ability to obtain a paddle craft storage rack permit for the following year.

Storing a paddle craft or going into the water is a personal choice and people need to manage their own risk.

To be eligible for a Paddle Craft Rack Sticker, the applicant must be one of the following:

- 1. A registered voter in the Town of Truro.***
- 2. Listed as a year-round resident on the Town of Truro Street listing. If not listed, a copy of a year-round lease or a letter from your landlord is required. Vehicles must be registered in the Town of Truro at that address and driver's license in Massachusetts RMV records must reflect the Truro address as well. In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 26A, within 30 days of an address change you must notify the MA RMV.***
- 3. The spouse or domestic partner of a listed property owner with the same year-round address on a Driver's license, picture ID or Student ID.***
- 4. The dependent of a listed property owner with the same year-round address on a Driver's license, picture ID or Student ID.***
- 5. Property owner of record in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.***
- 6. Active military personnel whose home of record is Truro.***
- 7. The owner of record of a property held in trust, owned by an LLC or other legal entity.***
- 8. Possess a valid Beach Sticker to park in the town owned beach parking lots from the 3rd Saturday in June to Labor Day, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.***