Freeport Boat Dock Lease/Sign-up procedures

The Borough of Freeport leases 55 riverfront dock spaces along the Allegheny River. Dock spaces start at the public boat launch and continue downstream and are numbered 2-56.

How to obtain a dock space:

Current lessees are offered the opportunity to renew their leases for the following year. Any vacant dock spaces will be offered to new lessees; however, current lease holders will have the opportunity to switch dock their dock space with a vacant space by using the sign-up sheet and writing switch by their name and dock number. This will take place before the dock spaces will be offered to new lessees.

Sign-ups for a vacant dock space begins on January 2nd or the first business day of January if January 2nd falls on a weekend. Sign-ups will commence at 8:00am on a first come first serve basis at the Freeport Borough Building. Sign-ups will conclude January 31st.

Signing up for dock space must be done in person. Individuals may only sign up for one dock space per boating season per household.

Vacant dock spaces will be offered first to current lease holders on the sign-up sheet expressing an interest to switch. Remaining dock spaces that are vacant will offered in order of the sign-up sheet giving priority by residency as follows:

1. Freeport Borough residents
2. Freeport Area School District residents
3. All other Pennsylvania residents

Leases:

Renewed dock space leases will be mailed to current lessees on or about January 15th. Renewed dock lease payments are due by February 15th of the current boating season. Payment must be made in full and accompanied by a signed lease and all required documentation as set forth in the lease.

Individuals who signed up for vacant dock spaces will be notified on or about March 15th of the current boating season of any vacancies. Calls will be made in order of sign-up giving priority by residency.

Dock space leases will be for one year commencing April 15th through April 14th of the following year.

Transfer of dock space leases are not permitted. If a lessee does not renew his lease, the dock space will be made available per these procedures.

Payment, lease, and required documentation:

Payment, lease, and required documentation shall be received at the Freeport Borough building located at 414 Market St, Freeport, PA 16229. Required documentation includes the following:

- Completed and signed dock space lease agreement
- Payment for annual dock space

- Proof of insurance on leased dock space holding Freeport Borough harmless in the amount of at least $100,000
- Proof of boat registration and insurance for all engine powered watercraft required to be registered. Boats must be registered to the leaseholder. Proof of registration must include boat registration number and owner's name.

Guest Boaters

All boats being docked within the leased dock space must be registered/owned by the lease holder. No subletting is permitted. *Exception*: A second boater, otherwise known as a "guest boater", may be granted permission to utilize the lease holders dock and dock space with their boat after obtaining written permission from the lease holder**.**

Guest boaters must provide the following to Freeport Borough prior to utilizing the dock and dock space:

- Completed and signed guest boater lease agreement
- Additional annual payment for guest boater
- Proof of boat registration and insurance for all engine powered watercraft required to be registered. Boat must be registered/owned by the guest boater.

Dock and Docks Space Rules and Regulations:

In addition to requirements above, the lease of a dock space is not valid until reviewed and approved by the Freeport Boat Dock Committee.

All boats, equipment, and docks must fit within the lease holders assigned dock space. Furthermore, all boats, equipment, and docks must not be within one foot of neighboring dock spaces.

Docks may not extend more than 30ft riverward from the normal pool shoreline as indicated per the Army Corps of Engineers.