



Rio Vista Community Association  
Post Office Box 254  
Saint Michaels, MD 21663

## **BOAT SLIP RULES & AGREEMENT APPLICATION**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **For Returning Boat Slip Renters (Residents)**

1. **March 1, 2026 – March 30, 2026**
  - a. Resident slip renters from 2025 in good standing (RVCA fees are current through 12/31/26) receive priority access
2. Complete and sign the attached **Rules and Rental Agreement**
  - a. Send the completed **signed** form (both pages) to [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) or mail to RVCA, PO Box 254, St. Michaels, MD 21663
  - b. Confirmation of a completed form will be sent to the applicant's email address
2. Upon receipt of a completed and signed **Rules and Rental Agreement** an invoice will be sent to the applicant's email address for \$225 from [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) .
3. Upon receipt of payment (credit card, check by received by March 30<sup>th</sup>) the Applicant will be assigned a slip # by the Dockmaster.
  - a. The Dockmaster will contact the Applicant for any additional information needed
  - b. The Slip # will be provided to the Applicant with any additional information.

#### **For NEW Boat Slip Renters (Residents)**

1. **Beginning April 1, 2026**
  - a. Any available slips will be made available to residents in good standing (RVCA fees are current through 12/31/26)
2. Complete and sign the attached **Rules and Rental Agreement**
  - c. Send the completed signed form (both pages) to [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) or mail to RVCA, PO Box 254, St. Michaels, MD 21663
  - d. Confirmation of a completed form will be sent to the applicant's email address
4. Upon receipt of a completed and signed **Rules and Rental Agreement** an invoice will be sent to the applicant's email address for \$225 from [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) ..
5. Upon receipt of payment (credit card, check) the Applicant will be assigned a slip # by the Dockmaster.
  - a. The Dockmaster will contact the Applicant for any additional information needed
  - b. The Slip # will be provided to the Applicant with any additional information.

#### **For NON-RESIDENT Boat Slip Renters**

1. **Beginning May 1, 2026 (approximately)**
  - a. Any available slips will be made available to non-residents
2. *Non-resident applicants that hold commercial crabbing or commercial fishing licenses will not be accepted.*
3. Complete and sign the attached **Rules and Rental Agreement**
  - a. Send the completed signed form (both pages) to [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) or mail to RVCA, PO Box 254, St. Michaels, MD 21663
  - b. Confirmation of a completed form will be sent to the applicant's email address
4. Upon receipt of a completed and signed **Rules and Rental Agreement** an invoice will be sent to the applicant's email address for \$500 from [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) ..
5. Upon receipt of payment (credit card, check) the Applicant will be assigned a slip # by the Dockmaster.
  - a. The Dockmaster will contact the Applicant for any additional information needed
  - b. The Slip # will be provided to the Applicant with any additional information.



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## **2026 RVCA Boat Slip Rules and Rental Agreement**

*Term of rental: April 1, 2026 through November 15, 2026*

Email Completed Agreement to [RVCAInformation@gmail.com](mailto:RVCAInformation@gmail.com) or Mail to: RVCA, PO Box 254, Saint Michaels, MD 21663  
Questions? Contact the DockMaster: Hunter Plog Cell 443-786-2051 or by email [Boaterfamily0305@gmail.com](mailto:Boaterfamily0305@gmail.com)

Name of Boat Slip Lessee Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, agree to the following conditions regarding the lease and use of boat slips owned by RVCA:

1. Boat slip rentals are available exclusively for prior years slip holders, **March 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, after March 30<sup>th</sup>** slip rentals will be available to RVCA property owners, their family or renters of Rio Vista property.
  - a) Non-resident applicants that hold commercial crabbing or commercial fishing licenses will not be accepted.
2. Rio Vista residents or landlords of rental properties must be current on all RVCA annual fees **and** the slip fee of **\$225** fee shall be paid prior to being assigned a slip or occupying a slip. Upon receipt of the Agreement and Approval by the Dockmaster, an invoice will be sent to the lessee. Once paid, the Slip # will be sent to the lessee.
3. Slips that are not leased may be made available to non-RVCA residents for a fee of **\$500**.
4. Boats secured at the RVCA slips must be owned by slip lessee, or the renter of his/her property. **It is the responsibility of the lessee to carry the proper insurance to cover their vessel, damage to other vessels, salvage costs, fuel spills, and damage to the dock.**
5. Lessee must follow all Federal, State, and local laws regarding the discharge of fuels, oils, and toxic materials into the water or onto the land. Violators will be reported to the appropriate authorities, forfeit their slip privileges, their rental fee and accept liability for legal fees. Lessee shall reimburse RVCA for any cleanup or legal fees pertaining to toxic spills resulting from sunken boats, spills or any other activity.
6. **NO overnight sleeping on vessels.**
7. Lessee shall reimburse RVCA for any cleanup or legal fees pertaining to toxic spills resulting from sunken boats, spills or any other activity.
8. Lessee shall have exclusive right to use the slip during the boating season. Lessee shall not construct or place any permanent locker, chest or dock box or in any other way obstruct the dock. Lessee shall keep their boat secured in such a way as not to interfere with the lines of other boats or in any way pose a hazard to navigation.
9. Lessee shall **remove or designate someone to remove the boat and equipment within 24 hours prior to the arrival of a named storm or an anticipated tidal surge.**
10. Lessee shall be held financially responsible for all damage caused by his/her boat to the RVCA dock or other boats secured to the dock.
11. To the full extent permitted by law, Lessee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Rio Vista Community Association and each of its officers, directors, contractors and agents against all losses, claims, damages and costs arising from Lessee's use of the boat slip and the RVCA dock.
12. Lessee shall remove his/her boat and all associated equipment including lines and weights no later than **November 15<sup>th</sup>** (earlier if freezing is occurring).
13. Lessee shall immediately report any damage of dangerous conditions on or around the dock to the DockMaster.
14. Lessee shall not modify any portion of the dock without prior written permission of the DockMaster.
15. Failure of the lessee to remove all garbage, litter and other debris from the dock area shall result in the forfeiture of the slip for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of the rental fee.
16. No boat, trailer or gear of any kind shall be stored on the dock area, shoreline or parking area.
17. Boats may **NOT** be launched or retrieved from the boat dock area. Boats must be put in and retrieved at an approved ramp/launch (see list of DNR Certified ramps on page 2\*\*)
18. Vehicles shall be parked with front tires facing the Miles River. This is to allow more vehicles to fit during the height of the boating season.
19. No activity of any kind shall in any way disturb the vegetation or wildlife in the area.

**Slips not leased by April 1<sup>st</sup> may be made available to non-RVCA residents, so reserve your slip early.**

**Complete the Vessel and Lessee information and Sign that you agree to all Rules listed above on the next page**

Please complete all information:

Mailing/billing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Important for updates on marina activities)

Boat manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Boat Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Call name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone # (s) \_\_\_\_\_

*For security, please list the names of persons authorized to use the boat (include more if necessary).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lessee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*To be completed by DockMaster upon receipt of fee and contract (Updated 2/1/2025)*

Invoice #: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment/Check#/CC \_\_\_\_\_ RVCA Fees PD Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Slip # \_\_\_\_\_

Dock Master Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Keep a copy for your records*

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***\*\*Approved Ramps for Launching or Retrieving your Boat.***

***Please contact each for any fees or permits required.***

*There are several boat ramps in St. Michaels, Maryland, including the St. Michaels Public Boat Ramp, Bellevue Landing, and Neavitt Landing.*

***St. Michaels Public Boat Ramp***

- Located in St. Michaels Harbor, opposite the town dock and shuttle boats*
- There's street parking nearby*
- [Waze has](#) driving directions*

***Bellevue Landing***

- Has a boat ramp, sandy beach, picnic area, playground, and parking for cars and trailers*
- Also a launching point for the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry*

***Neavitt Landing***

- Has a boat ramp, fishing, crabbing, and a bulkhead*
- To get there, take Route 33 toward Tilghman Island, then turn left on Neavitt Road toward Bozman*

***Other boat ramps in the area:***

- Bar Neck Landing*
- Claiborne Landing*
- Cummings Creek Landing*
- Dogwood Harbor*
- Easton Point Landing*
- Miles River Bridge*
- New Bridge Landing*

*You may also want to check out: St. Michaels Marina, Talbot County Parks and Rec, Delmarva Trails and Waterways, and SaltChef.com.*