



PYC Storm Policy

TROPICAL STORM IRENE was a wake-up call that Pettipaug is extremely vulnerable to high winds and flooding. Members (including all schools) who store their boats and/or trailers at PYC need to be aware of important procedures when dealing with a weather emergency.

As a volunteer-maintained club, there is only so much a core group of volunteers can do to secure or remove PYC-owned property as well as the property of members who fail to take appropriate action when a potentially damaging storm is forecast. Such unsecured property becomes a hazard to properly secured boats, equipment and structures. Therefore, the **procedures listed on the following page** have been drafted that members who store their property at PYC need to follow when the **National Weather Service** has issued a storm warning for our area and/or the Commodore has e-mailed a **Storm Alert** to the membership. For this reason, members who store their property at PYC **must register their boat** and provide PYC with a current e-mail address.

Once one's own property has been secured, help securing PYC-owned boats, equipment, clubhouse and docks will be greatly appreciated.

The need to move ALL property off PYC grounds will depend on the nature and severity of the storm. Should this be needed it will be stated in the Commodore's e-mail. After the storm has passed emergency work parties will most likely be needed to clean up and get the club going again.

Register your boat

All boats stored at PYC during the season (*no earlier than March - no later than October*) must have a registration number so the owner can be notified if there is an issue with their boat, i.e. damage, blocking another boat, etc.

A **Registration Sign-up Sheet** is posted outside in the bulletin-board cabinet at the clubhouse. Once signed up, the Boat Registration Chairman will then attach a small decal with your unique registration number to the stern. A boat need only be registered once; the registration is good for the lifetime of the boat as long as the member is in "good standing."

For more information, call or email a club officer.

Member boats must be removed from the premises during the off-season.



PYC Storm Preparation Checklist

IMPORTANT: A member is liable for damages caused by their property to club- or member-owned property if not secured properly.

Members' Boats & Trailers:

- All members must secure their boats, trailers and/or other personal property.
- Un-step masts, if necessary.
- Move light boats – MC Scows, Lasers, Optis, 420s, Blue Jays, Rowing Shells – off PYC grounds. This includes private property being “donated” for club use during PSA’s sailing season.
- Haul boats on moorings and remove from PYC grounds.
- Take canoes, kayaks, dinghies and other small items home.
- If a member is unable to remove or secure their property, he or she must contact a friend or Board member for assistance. *Members should not and cannot assume that volunteers and/or Board members will be able to deal with members' private property.*



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PYC-owned Boats & Equipment:

- Haul all motorboats and, if necessary, move off PYC grounds.
- Haul all Blue Jays and, if necessary, move off PYC grounds.
- Lash windsurfers on trailer rack and move off PYC grounds.
- Remove and break down windsurfer rigs from storage trailer and store in clubhouse.
- Move Optis and Lasers from PYC grounds and/or secure at PYC.
- Un-step masts, if necessary.
- Secure C420s to each other and to trees and/or move off PYC grounds.
- Push windsurfer rig box into the back marsh.
- Lash down all boat racks to trees, moorings or other anchoring devices.

- Lash down outboard gas tanks to Commodore’s deck.
- Secure Opti dollies to a tree and/or move off PYC grounds.

PYC Clubhouse & Docks:

- Store picnic tables on clubhouse deck and store umbrellas in the Commodore’s Room. Secure tables depending on storm severity prediction.
- Move plastic chairs into the Commodore’s Room.
- Move barbecue grills into the Commodore’s Room and secure propane tanks on clubhouse deck.
- Remove window air conditioner from Commodore’s Room.
- Move trash cans and lids into the Commodore’s Room or pump room.
- Store electrical equipment like hoists as high as possible and/or move off PYC grounds.
- Secure docks with extra lines and/or haul out depending on the severity of the forecasted event.
- Take down flag pole and lash to clubhouse railing.
- Shut off main electric breaker.
- Ensure all doors and windows are locked, including the heads.
- Secure all “cubby” doors.
- Remove and store on higher ground any items in the Opti Shed which may be damaged due to high water.
- Depending on the flooding and/or storm surge prediction, additional measures may be needed to secure and/or remove items in the Commodore’s Room, pump room and other locations.

You must **Register Your Boat/Trailer** if it's stored at PYC during the season.
The Registration Form is located in the bulletin-board cabinet on the clubhouse deck.