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FHL instituted fees for motorboat use in 2009, with exemptions for a couple of groups. We have recently filed new rates with UW and these apply to ALL users, effective immediately. **FHL classes and resident researchers are no long exempt.** For 2014 courses, FHL Interim Director Billie Swalla has included an extra $200 in the student budgets to help offset these new costs (approx. 8 hours of motorboat time).

These hourly rates **include fuel: $24/hour for UW budgets** and **$30/hour for other payment methods**. For frequent users, this new rate system is cheaper than the same use would have been under the old "half- or full-day + fuel" system.

Long-term moorage of private boats at FHL’s docks is now restricted to those used for research ONLY, as dock space allows. Boat owners must pay an annual moorage fee of $500 and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FHL.

SCUBA cylinders filled using FHL’s brand new compressor and/or Nitrox mixer will cost just **$10/fill for air** and **$20/fill for Nitrox**. All FHL divers deploying from boats must have a boat tender in addition to their dive buddy. Contact Pema for details and/or the possibility of hiring a tender at an additional hourly rate.

**Billing for use:**

Motorboat or dive users will be asked to fill out a form recording boat hours and dive tank fills, and submit it to Kristy or Pema. Forms may be deposited in the Kitaeff/Kull mailbox in Fernald, or submitted electronically to one of the email addresses below. For long-term researchers, boat/dive use should be tabulated at the end of each month. Kristy or Pema will enter the charges into FHL’s “Helix” program so that the main office sees the charges on the user’s account.

Thanks,

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