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FHL instituted fees for motorboat use in 2009. We filed new rates with UW in 2014 and these apply to ALL users. **FHL classes and resident researchers are no longer exempt from boat fees.** For 2015 courses, FHL 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 compressor and/or Nitrox mixer cost **$10/fill for air** and **$20/fill for Nitrox.** **UW scientific divers are exempt from paying for air fills, but will be charged for Nitrox fills.** Visiting divers (with reciprocity) will be charged for all tank fills. 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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