

### Key Dates for the Current Season

Click on this link [http://www.rapshaw.org/key\\_dates/default.html](http://www.rapshaw.org/key_dates/default.html) for all Rap-Shaw Club key dates for this season.

### Stays at the Club

- The Club operates on the American Plan with the daily rate including dinner, overnight lodging, breakfast and lunch.
- With sufficient advance notice, preferably one full day, the Club staff will provide:
  - a snack for those arriving after dinner (but before 9pm) and a packed lunch for those departing after breakfast.
  - additional meals, at the published rates, for those arriving before lunch or leaving after dinner, or for members and/or their guests visiting the Club during the day.
- Often during prime time, a party arrives on the same day that another party is departing from the same cabin(s). In such instances, which can be confirmed by reference to the Reservations Calendar website or contacting the Club steward, the departing party is expected to be packed and have the cabin cleaned by 11:00 a.m. The arriving party should not expect to move in until 3pm to give the Club staff time to perform housekeeping. On days when many cabins “turn over”, new arrivals may have to wait a bit longer.
- Clothing and other items are available for purchase from the Rap-Shaw Outfitters. See the Club Steward for access to the inventory and for information on available styles, sizes and colors.
- A telephone for Club member use, located on the back porch of the kitchen, is available throughout the year, 24 x 7. Cellular service is available at both Rap-Shaw and in Stillwater. For best signal strength on the island, try the dining hall porch or the boat house.
- Wireless Internet access is available and **free**. Ask the Club Steward for the security password.
- Because of fire risk and insurance issues, the Club no longer sells gasoline and oil to members. Both are available from the Stillwater Shop with gasoline available 24x7 with a credit card.

### Payment of Bills and Gratuities

- The Club Steward will provide a final bill for stays on the island on the day of departure. All bills are payable upon receipt; members are responsible for charges for all people in their groups.
- The preferred payments for Annual dues/fees, reservation deposits, and final bills for stays on the island is by major credit card. Personal checks are also accepted. Cash **cannot** be used for bill payments.
- Gratuities for the employees vary, 18% to 20% of the total lodging and meals bill, including guest charges, is customary. Gratuities should be made as a cash payment or personal check payment made to the Club Steward. Gratuity payments should be separate from payment of bills for Club charges. Gratuities will be split among all staff members.

### Rates and Fees

#### Lodging and Meals –pertains to prime and non-prime time

	Standard daily rate (dinner, lodging, breakfast, lunch)	Additional meals (per person)		
		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Member Adult*(see below)	\$80.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$15.25
Guest Adult (over 20 yrs)	\$115.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$22.30
Teen 13-20 yrs	\$75.00	\$8.50	\$12.50	\$15.25
Child 3-12 yrs	\$25.00	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$6.25
Child 0-2 yrs	Free	Free	Free	Free

\* Full and honorary members and their spouses, and junior members are included in this category for lodging fees. Associate members will pay the Member Adult lodging fee when they have a reservation at the Club during non-prime time and during prime-time Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays for 2025. An associate member who has a reservation at the Club during prime-time weekends, and Thursdays and Fridays will pay the Guest Adult fee.

### Annual Fees

- Annual Dues: Full members - \$1000; associate members - \$500; **jr. members - \$0(see\*\*)**
- Boat house locker: \$75; boat storage: in Stillwater garage- \$300; outside garage-\$125

### Other Fees

- Member’s dog (limit of two): \$5.00 each per day
  - If a guest brings a dog (limit of one), the member may only bring one dog: Guest dog \$30.00 per day.
  - Dogs must always be under verbal control or on a leash. They are not allowed on the islands during Clam Bake weekend. Review the Dog Policy, Appendix D in the Rap-Shaw Handbook for further detail.
  - Lean-to: **\$30.00** per day per person (maximum of 4 individuals).
  - Off-season overnight stays: \$75 per day per cabin. Reserve cabins and make payments through the Club Steward Amy Bissell (315-408-1308) or at [reservations@rapshaw.org](mailto:reservations@rapshaw.org). Plan to pick up keys from the Club Steward. Review the Winter Camping Policy in the Handbook, Appendix B.
  - Full membership application fee: \$200 (non-refundable).
- \*\* Junior membership: Must be 21 -26 and the child of a member. Membership application fee is waived. One-time membership fee to age 26: \$800 payable in two installments for their first two years.**

**Rap-Shaw Club Reservations Policy (Adopted 2019)****January 1<sup>st</sup>** Annual Dues Invoices mailed to membership (Bylaws Section IV.4.ii)**February 1<sup>st</sup>** Payment Due Date of Annual Fees (Bylaws Section IV.4.ii)

Reservation calendar opens

**For managing reservations:**

- Weekend is defined as Friday and Saturday nights.
- Weekdays are defined as Sunday thru Thursday nights.
- Annual club member dues and fees must be paid in full prior to any reservation request. Requests for reservations without full payment will not be honored.
- The club operates on the “American Plan” with the daily rate including dinner, overnight lodging, breakfast and lunch. Early arrivals or late departures are subject to an additional meal fee.

**As stated in the Handbook:**

- Associate members may make reservations for Non-Prime Time only.
- Associate members may visit the club during Prime Time as a guest of a full member and stays will be charged at guest rates.
- Full members may sponsor unaccompanied guests during Non-Prime Time.

**Prime Time Weekend Reservation Schedule and Restrictions:**

An update to the Reservation Policy beginning in 2019 is intended to allow increased opportunity for members to visit Rap-Shaw during “Prime Time” weekends.

This policy makes **two significant changes** from current practice:

1. An extended “early reservations window” is in place that includes two Reservation Request periods.
2. During each early Reservation Request period no more than three (3) cabins can be reserved at any one time.

**Feb 1 – Feb 28 - Primetime Weekend Reservation Request Period #1****Mar 1 – Mar 31 - Primetime Weekend Reservation Request Period #2****During each of these two Reservation Request Periods:**

- Full Members may submit up to two (2) Prime Time Weekend reservation requests during each reservation period.  
*-Members who do not make reservations within the first request - period may only make two Prime Time weekend reservations in the second request period.*
- No more than three (3) cabins total during any one Prime Time weekend can be requested.  
*-This includes the member cabin and two additional cabins.*
- Requests cannot be used for the same weekend within the same request period.  
*-During the second request period, you may add on to your first request period weekend should it be available.*

- Requests that include a prime-time weekend must include an alternate date and will be considered equally during each early request period.
- Reservation requests that include more than one member will be made in each member’s name, and (if they include a Prime-Time weekend) will count towards each member’s maximum of two (2) requests.
- The reservation calendar should be updated within 7-10 days of the close of the Reservation period for requests handled equally. For requests handled first-come, first-served, the calendar will be updated as soon as the request is confirmed.

**Prime Time Weekdays and Non-Prime Time Season:**

- There are no restrictions on the number of cabins or the number of times a member can make reservations during Prime-Time weekdays or during Non-Prime Time season. These reservations will be processed on a “first come-first served” basis and the Calendar will be updated as soon as these reservations are confirmed.

**April 10 - “Open” Reservation Period Begins, in which:**

- All restrictions on Prime-Time weekends will be lifted.
- All reservation requests submitted on or after this date will be accepted and processed on a “first come-first served” basis.

**How to make a reservation – Easy as 1-2-3**

1. Determine when you’d like to stay at the Club (first choice and alternate date(s) during reservation periods #1 and #2), the makeup of your party (member, spouse, guests, children by age group), cabin preference(s), and estimated arrival and departure times.
2. Submit your reservation request – contact the Club Steward, either –
  - a. By submitting your reservation online using the [Reservation Request Form](#) to ensure accuracy and efficient processing.
  - b. By e-mail at [reservations@rapshaw.org](mailto:reservations@rapshaw.org)
3. Within 10 days of acknowledgement of your reservation request, remit your 50% deposit payment to the Club Steward at the address shown on the acknowledgement form. A reservation confirmation will then be sent to you, in most cases by e-mail.

**Reservation Tips**

- **Your reservation, once the deposit is paid, is a firm contract between you and the Club.** You expect your room(s) to be available when promised and for quality meals to be served to your group. Similarly, the Club expects you and all members of your group to arrive on schedule, stay for the duration of your reserved time, and to respect the rights of other members particularly regarding noise level, and fire and water safety.
- Please only book space you fully intend to use; late cancellations and no-shows reduce opportunities for other members to use the Club and impact the Club financially
- Members, or their spouses, must make their own reservations, pay their own deposits and be responsible for cancellation fees except:
  - when a member agrees to pay all charges for other members in his/her party
  - groups of members who wish to be at the Club together may appoint one member as coordinator, but reservations will be made in each member's name and each will be responsible for his/her reservation deposit, other charges and cancellation fees.
- **Reservations are not confirmed until the 50% deposit payment is received.** Late deposit payment may result in reservation cancellation if other members request rooms on the same dates.
- Once confirmed, reservations are firm. However, cabin assignments may be changed to better accommodate others staying at the Club at the same time.

**Cancellation Policy**

- Reservation deposits (50% of estimated charges) are nonrefundable except:
  - For small groups, when cancelled at least 30 days before arrival.
  - For groups occupying 6 or more rooms, when cancelled at least 60 days in advance.
  - For emergencies, upon appeal to and with approval of the board of directors. Cancellation fees apply to late arrival or early departure (1 day or more) of people in a group, and to cancellation of people in a group within 30 days before arrival.
- **Emergencies are the only valid reason for a member, guest or the Club to cancel a reservation within 30 days of planned arrival. An emergency is defined as a serious, unexpected and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.**
  - In the case of the Club, fire or wind damage, extended power outage or sudden unavailability of key employees might cause the Club to be closed for a time during the operating season. It hasn't happened in recent memory but it's always a possibility.
  - In the case of members, their families and guests, sudden onset or discovery of serious illness or a serious personal injury would likely be considered an emergency. Other situations are tougher to call, and they are too numerous to list in a set of rules. The Board of Directors has reserved the right to determine when an emergency exists and when a refund of an otherwise non-refundable reservation deposit is warranted.
  - If you incur a cancellation fee for which you feel a refund should be made based on an emergency at the time, send your request for such consideration to the treasurer, who is principally responsible for reservations and payments, or to any other member of the board. It will be considered at the next meeting of the board, and then you will be sent a written reply explaining the board's decision.

**Other Information**

- All charges – including dues, fees and deposits – are subject to 8 1/4% sales tax.
- Reservation requests, confirmations and inquiries should be sent by e-mail. Check the Club web site ([www.rapshaw.org](http://www.rapshaw.org)) for the latest reservations status and other news of Club events.
- The Rap-Shaw Website will have the latest changes to any Club policy.
- The Rap-Shaw Handbook includes information on dues, fees, rates and Club policies. The Handbook is reviewed and updated after the Rap-Shaw Club Annual meeting in November. Upon request, a downloadable version of the Handbook will be sent to you after your dues are paid each year.