

Grandmasters dragon boat club hurricane preparation guide for Lake Miona

It is recommended that teams who use Lake Miona assign 3 or 4 members of their teams, who live nearby, to be on call and make the following preparations. Contact information should be made available among the emergency preparedness team. A text list is suggested in order to activate the response team in the event of an emergency concerning the boats.

- In the event of hurricane warnings, the emergency response team should be called.**
- Boats should be removed from the trailers and placed on the sand parallel and close to the wall. They can be placed side by side. Thus making them easier to stake and strap down.**

Note: Care should be taken to prevent damage to the steering yoke.

Note: (If left on the trailers, should the boat fill with water the boat may be damaged as the trailer does not provide support for the full length of the boat.)

- Once on the sand the boats should be filled with a few inches of water to help prevent them from blowing away. Too much water can cause the sides to bow out and may cause damage.**
- They should be staked down on each side with Rebar or with rods that drill into the ground, (these can be found on Amazon, see below)**



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A minimum of 8 of these anchors would be necessary. 6 for the boats if positioned side by side.

2 for the trailers when stacked.

Frames can be secured with rope.

- Ratchet straps are then placed across the boats, securing them to the anchors while not over tightening them so as to cause deflection of the gunnels. In addition, a rope from the front of each boat should be secured to a solid object such as the posts by the canoe storage, a tree or the wooden post by the white storage boxes.
- Rope is run from the boats to a solid object in the event that the boats should somehow float, preventing them from getting out on the lake.
- The trailers can be stacked and strapped down using two of the same type anchors and a strap that is used on the boats and secured with rope to a solid object as suggested for the boats.
- Boat frames should be placed under the canoe rack and ropes or straps run around the post so that the frames are secured to the ground. The boat covers should be rolled up and put into the storage cabinets or moved to a secure storage location.

A preparedness kit should include:

- Anchors that are 18" or longer
- Ratchet straps to secure boats, trailers and frames.
- Strong rope with sufficient length to reach posts, trees or the dock depending on the placement of the boats.
- A waterproof bag to hold the aforementioned items in the kit.

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