

Research Equipment, Space, and Service Rates
Baruch Marine Field Laboratory (BMFL)
University of South Carolina
Georgetown, SC

Boats: Available to BMFL-approved operators. BMFL staff operators are available for a fee. Requests to trailer boats off-site require a week's notice and may require an additional preparation charge.

14' and 16' aluminum skiffs, 20 HP or 25 HP	\$70 / day
15' Boston Whaler, 60 HP	\$100 / day
17' Boston Whaler, 90 HP	\$120 / day
18' Boston Whaler, 150 HP	\$200 / day
21' Boston Whaler, 200 HP	\$250 / day
23' Parker Sport Cabin, 250 HP	\$300 / day plus \$125 operator fee
(there is an additional fee for gas for the Parker- \$6/gallon)	

Vehicles: Available to State of South Carolina-approved drivers.

Pickup truck or SUV (on-site only)	\$35 / day
Highway-ready vehicle (off-site)	\$35 flat fee plus \$0.27 / mile

Research Space:

Screened seawater lab (per sq ft)	\$0.30 / day / ft ²
Indoor air-conditioned laboratory (per sq ft)	\$0.40 / day / ft ²
Teach lab, seminar, classroom (combined flat rate)	\$150 / day
Office or mixed-use space	\$0.10 / day / ft ² , \$0.50 / week / ft ² , \$2 / month / ft ²

Services and other charges:

Boat operator	\$125 per outing
Off-site boat/trailer preparation and use	Rate available upon request
Staff assistance for research, education, or construction	\$50 per hour
Guided marsh experience (2 - 3 hours)	\$100 per outing
Guided boat experience (4 - 6 hours)	\$200 per outing (in addition to boat rental)
Data services and water chemistry lab services	Rate available upon request
Field equipment and expendable supplies	Replacement and repair costs only
Large volume filtered or unfiltered seawater	Rate available upon request

Please check with the BMFL front office (843-904-9024) for availability well in advance of intended use.

Costs of repairs to boats, trailers, vehicles, research space, or research equipment due to accidents or user negligence will be charged.

University of South Carolina-Columbia campus users should submit a Baruch Institute Trip Request form prior to visiting.

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Fees are based upon operation, maintenance, and depreciation costs and have been confirmed to be within sector norms. Depending upon availability and services provided, rates can be flexible in cases of financial exigencies or long-term programs.