

## Code of Practice

- 1 The Club will generally be accessible Monday to Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings. Members wishing to use club boats are only permitted to do so at the agreed designated squad session times agreed by the Captain and Rowing Committee (see shared equipment plan). Access outside these times can be made by special arrangement (with the Captain).
- 2 No Club boats may be used without the permission of the Captain or Vice-Captain(s) outside regular squad sessions. Please check shared equipment plan before using any club boats. Use of the Club boats is at the discretion of the Captain and generally racing crews will be given priority.  
**Note:** Under no circumstances must a privately owned boat be used or tampered with without the owner's express permission
- 3 Members must select suitable boats (and blades) for their outings. They should consider the designed weight of the shell (for the crew) and the experience of the steersperson. Members must also observe the boat Grading system as described in the Boat Schedule.
- 4 Only members named on the clubs '*Approved Steerers List*' may steer a boat unaccompanied. Non Approved Steers are permitted to steer club boats (to gain experience) provided they remain within audible distance (earshot) of an approved steerer who has agreed to remain with the non approved steer for the entire outing.
- 5 Safety considerations are paramount. Any member going on to the water must have 'assessed the risks' and taken all appropriate measures to ensure that they are safe to cope with the prevailing conditions.
  - a Members must make sure that they are familiar with the Tideway navigation, local safety rules and circulation pattern.
  - b Members must ensure that they carry out a boat safety check on their boat (including; secure Bow Ball, Heel Restraints and access covers)
  - c All steerers **MUST** sign their boat out in the boat outing log
  - d The club will make every effort to inform members of Notices to Mariners as issued by the PLA but members must take responsibility for ensuring that they read and understand all information posted.
  - e All members are required to regularly attend safety briefings.
  - f Coxless boats must stay in groups of at least two after Sunset and before Sunrise (buddy system)\*. Boats may not be taken out after sunset outside regular squad sessions, without the permission of the Captain, Vice-Captain or Safety Advisor.
  - g After sunset and before sunrise, all boats shall display lights as required by the TRRC/BR Water Safety Code.
- 6 Accidents must be reported immediately orally and then in writing, to the Safety Advisor and Captain. Any damage must be reported to the Captain or Equipment Officer immediately and written up in the damage book (and if necessary a note posted/taped on the boat). Please also report general wear and tear. Good care must be taken of all boats and equipment.
- 7 All boats should be cleaned after every outing. Any questions regarding boat care should be addressed to the Captain or Equipment Officer
- 8 The boathouse should be kept clean and tidy with a mind to security at all times. When left unattended the boathouse doors should always be bolted. Last one out locks up.
- 9 All members are responsible for their own regatta fees and travelling expenses.
- 10 Private boats must be insured by the owner. Private blades should be clearly marked with the owner's name.

\* = Unless specifically agreed with the captain

I hereby agree to abide by this Code of Practice

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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