



Policy: Boat Use

1. RATIONALE AND PURPOSE

1.1 The Torrens Rowing Club is committed to providing rowing opportunities that match skill level and member goals

1.2 The Torrens Rowing Club recognises a balance must be struck between providing access to elite-level equipment and protecting the longevity of that equipment

1.3 This Policy aims to provide guidance on boat use based on minimising risks and maximising appropriate use of resources

POLICY GUIDELINES

2. BOAT USE

2.1 Boats belonging to, and under the care of, the Torrens Rowing Club are classified as one of three categories: unrestricted, general and restricted, as designated by the Captain

2.2 Categories are to be updated each year by the Captain and Vice Captains and published in a prominent place within the Club.

2.2a Unrestricted: For use by any TRC rower in the Learn To Row program and above

2.2b General: General use, for the use of any TRC rower with a minimum of two competitive seasons training experience of sufficient standard; may be used by crews with less experience under the supervision of a coach

2.2c Restricted: Restricted use, to be used by athletes of a high level of proficiency with the aim of being competitive in 2nd grade level of State competition or above, or senior club members with more than five years rowing at a high level. Requires the permission of the Captain, or in their absence vice captain(s) in all cases.

2.3 Boat allocation on ordinary training days is the responsibility of the coach, in line with the Boat Use and Category Policy

2.4a Members wishing to row outside an allocated training session in a club boat must notify the club Captain, or in their absence vice-captain, a minimum of 24 hours prior to training. Members may wish to have a standing arrangement for training outside of scheduled sessions but must notify the Captain (or Vice Captain) 24 hours prior in the first instance.

2.4b Non-members wishing to use TRC equipment must seek permission from the Captain. The Captain, at his/her discretion may defer to the TRC Committee for further approval. In any case, use of TRC equipment will be prioritized for existing TRC members.

2.5a A crew may row a boat under the specified average weight set for the boat if there is not a more appropriate boat available

2.5.b A crew may not exceed the specified average weight set for a boat by more than 10kg

2.6 All boats shall only be used for scheduled training and racing unless permission is given for alternate use

2.7 Rowers and coxswains must be able to swim a minimum of 50 metres, clothed and without assistance

2.8 No permanent alteration in any boat or equipment shall be made without permission from the Captain or Vice Captains.

2.9 Rowers who are not TRC Members are not permitted to use TRC equipment or access TRC facilities without prior approval by the Captain or Vice-Captain. Please see also Policy: New Members and Visitors

3. BOAT DAMAGE

3.1 Boat damage and equipment damage or loss must be reported via the club whiteboard, and emailed to boatdamage@torrensrowingclub.com with a photograph of the damage and description

3.2 Reckless rowing/negligence will incur a fine of up to \$100 per crew member at the discretion of the Captain. This includes but is not limited to:

- colliding with another boat
- beaching the boat
- hitting the pontoon causing damage
- having a rigger hit another boat in the shed causing damage
- failing to secure a boat in high winds, resulting in damage
- bending the fin/rudder whilst placing the boat on the water
- failing to report damage

3.3 Careless conduct that does not result in damage may incur a fine of up to \$100. This includes but is not limited to:

- dropping an oar onto a boat whilst carrying more than two oars
- hitting the ground/pontoon with the hull, no damage
- rowing without a bow light
- knowingly rowing during a thunderstorm or lightning
- rowing on the wrong side of the course
- rowing in contravention of any permissions granted by the Captain or Vice-Captain

4. BOAT NAMING

4.1 Boats will be named by a boat-naming sub-committee, comprising of the current captain, a former captain or president and one other delegate who is either a Life Member or already has a boat named after them.

4.2 The boat naming committee will endeavour to choose names of individuals who have upheld the goals and values of the Torrens Rowing Club

4.3 boats need not bear the name of a person

5. BOAT MAINTENANCE

5.1 All members using the TRC equipment and facilities are expected to participate in one (1) Torrens Working Bee annually.

5.2 All members are expected to assist with boat maintenance. Any damage to boats should be emailed to boatdamage@torrensrowingclub.com.

5.3 All members participating in away regattas are expected to assist with loading/unloading, cleaning and rigging of boats and equipment

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