

London Rowing Club – Bye-Laws

1. **Water Safety**

All persons using a Club boat or launching a privately owned boat from Club premises shall be familiar with and shall observe

- (a) All applicable requirements and recommendations of British Rowing, and in particular "RowSafe - a guide to good practice in rowing" and
- (b) The requirements of the PLA's Code of Practice for Rowing on the Tideway and its accompanying Map/Chart

2. **Use of Boats**

- (a) No Club boats are to be used without the permission of the Captain or his/her deputies.
- (b) No boat, whether Club or privately owned, is to be launched from Club premises:
 - (i) Unless it bears a British Rowing approved three letter club Code plus three digit number identification in compliance with the British Rowing Rule which has been accepted as an acceptable alternative to a name under the PLA requirements.
 - (ii) If the Captain has imposed a general prohibition on boating because of river or visibility conditions
 - (iii) If any member of its crew is unable to swim the distance prescribed by British Rowing
 - (iv) If being a privately owned boat it is not insured for third party risks for at least £2m
- (c) Members boating after nightfall and at all other times of restricted visibility shall see that the boats carry proper lights in compliance with the Code of Practice for the Tideway which, inter alia, requires the lights to be visible for 360 degrees (180 at the front and 180 at the back) for a MINIMUM distance of 800m in the conditions prevailing. Members should note the requirement for the light to be equally bright at 90 degrees to the line of the boat. If more stringent lighting requirements are notified by the Captain or Water Safety Officer then Members shall observe such requirements.

3. **Dress**

All members of a crew and scullers shall wear shorts and a vest or the equivalent as a minimum. When competing for the Club, all members of a crew and scullers shall wear the Club racing strip.

4. **Use of Private Boats**

No Member shall use a private boat or private equipment without the consent of its owner.

5. **Signing in and out book**

The steersman of, or a single sculler in, any boat launched from the Club's premises must complete an appropriate, legible, (upper case if necessary) entry in the book provided for that purpose prior to the outing and immediately upon return from the outing. Single scullers must include the boat's identification number.

6. **Housing of Boats**

Every Member, on landing from a Club boat, shall assist in housing such boat, oars and other equipment thereof. Boats allocated to Club crews shall be kept clean and in a racing condition by the crew. (See Damage Reporting below).

7. **Selection of Crews**

Members shall be selected to form crews, both for practice and for competition at public regattas, by the Captain or person(s) to whom he delegates.

8. **Command of Club Crews**

The steersman in any Club boat is, by maritime law, master of the vessel and shall have command of the crew who must follow his or her instructions.

9. **Damage Reporting**

- (a) All damage arising from the use of Club boats and/or equipment or from the use of any privately owned boat launched from the Club premises shall be reported by such crew or user to the Thames Rowing Region and British Rowing, as appropriate forthwith in writing online and/or on paper, with a copy in either case to the Hon. Secretary.
- (b) The report shall contain such particulars as are required by the Thames Rowing Region, British Rowing and as the Committee may from time to time prescribe and/or as may be required by the

Club's insurers.

- (c) Such crew or user shall not admit liability to any third party.
- (d) Such crew or user shall be liable (if more than one, jointly and severally) to indemnify the Club against all loss and expense sustained by the Club (including any liability to a third party), which for any reason cannot be recovered from the Club's insurers.

10. Repairs

All repairs needed to Club boats shall be registered in the book or record sheets provided for that purpose.

11. Superintendent of the Boat House

The Captain from time to time may appoint a vice-Captain to superintend the management of the boathouse and make all necessary arrangements for keeping the boats in a good state of repair and cleanliness and all Members shall observe his/her instructions in connection with such matters.

12. Payment of Regatta Costs

The expense of conveying boats to regattas and the payment of race or entrance fees shall be paid by the crews competing.

13. Storage of Private boats

Members' private boats may be kept in the boathouse at their own risk with the permission of the Captain and subject to payment of the charge set by the Committee. Such charge will remain payable from year to year until notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary in writing of the date of removal of the boat. Any Member bringing a boat into the boathouse is responsible for notifying the Secretary's office of its arrival forthwith with details of the rack on which it is placed and its British Rowing number (see 2 (b)(i) above). Any boat whose owner/user cannot be identified may be removed without notice. Any boat for which rack or storage charge has not been paid for more than one year may be taken into the Club fleet or disposed of in whatever manner the Committee thinks fit. If a boat is removed from its rack temporarily the Secretary's office must be informed of its expected date of return, otherwise the rack may be reallocated. No credit will be given against racking charges for such temporary absence..

14. Complaints

Any complaint with regard to the running of the Club shall be addressed in writing to the Committee and shall be signed by the Member(s) making the complaint.

15. Refreshments

No credit shall be given by the Club for Members' purchases in any circumstances.

16. Gratuities

No Member shall give any money or gratuity to any of the Club staff save as may be sanctioned by the Committee.

17. Animals

No Member shall bring a dog or other animal into the Club, other than guide dogs accompanying a visually-impaired Member or their guest.

18. Removal of Club Property

No Member shall without the consent of a member of the Committee take away any property of the Club for any purpose whatever.

19. Residents

Members residing at the Club shall abide by such regulations as the Committee may from time to time make with regard to such residence.

20. Fire Precautions

Members shall observe all regulations regarding fire prevention laid down by the Committee, and shall familiarise themselves with the "Actions to be taken in the event of Fire" posted in the Club premises. Members shall not do anything in the Club's premises which may cause a fire or increase the risk of fire, shall keep all passages and staircases clear, and shall not misuse or move fire extinguishers

16 November 2011

By Order of the Committee

C.C Whyte

Hon Secretary