

City of Bristol Rowing Club Bye-Laws.

1. The boats of the club shall be for the use of the full rowing members, at the discretion of the Captain or Vice-Captain, and in their absence a Committee Member.
2. No visiting oarsman shall be permitted to row in a club boat to the exclusion of a member of the club.
3. Any dispute concerning rowing in any particular boat or boats shall be settled by the Captain, or in his absence, by a member of the committee.
4. The selection of crews to train and be entered for regattas shall be entrusted to the Captain and a Sub-Committee of Coaches approved by the committee.
5. Every member on landing from a boat must assist in washing and housing the same under the direction of the cox or steersperson in the case of coxless boats. The last crew on the water shall ensure that all equipment is stored and the boat houses are secured.
6. In the absence of a coach, the cox or steersperson in any boat shall have charge of the crew.
7. Any member wishing to house a private boat must obtain the sanction of the Executive Committee who shall decide what fee, if any, is payable.
8. No private boat for which permission has been granted for housing in the boathouse shall be used without the consent of the owner.
9. Should payment not be received by the due date for any private boat housed in the boathouse shall be informed in writing by the Captain that the boat in question will be removed from its rack and placed outside the boathouse unless payment is received within 14 days.
10. Orders to tradesmen shall only be given by persons expressly authorised by the Executive Committee.
11. Each full member of the club, and selected members of affiliate clubs shall be entitled to a key of the boathouse, which must be surrendered to the Secretary when their membership of the club ceases.
12. A prize of not equal division shall be the property of the club, but the crew shall take a prize capable of equal division.
13. All members rowing in the club boats or in any rowing event MUST wear current club kit.
14. Without first obtaining the permission of the Captain no member shall be allowed to row for any other club.
15. The Executive Committee may refund out of club funds the whole or any part of the expenses of crews competing at regattas.
16. No member shall compete in any race if his subscription to the club or entrance fee for that particular race remains unpaid at the time of entry.

17. The personal effects of members in the dressing rooms and boathouse shall be kept on the premises at their own risk. The Executive committee shall not be held responsible in anyway.
18. Any member having a complaint concerning the conduct of any servant of the club must state it in writing to the Hon. Secretary.
19. Guests and visitors shall leave the club premises before or at the same time as the members introducing such guests or visitors.

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20. No junior coxswain shall be elected until the written consent of his parent or guardian has first been obtained. After such consent as aforesaid shall have been given and before any election is confirmed the Executive Committee must satisfy itself upon the candidate's ability to swim.
The stroke of the crew shall at all times except as hereinafter mentioned be responsible for:
 - i. The safety of junior coxswains whilst afloat and for their transportation to and from regattas.
 - ii. Ensuring that all junior coxswains are properly dressed when representing the club at regattas or similar competitions.
21. The Captain of the club shall be responsible for the general control and discipline of junior coxswains in matters not specifically referred to above, PROVIDED THAT on such occasions as the Captain of the club may be absent to unable to undertake them, the responsibility shall rest upon the stroke of the boat for which the services of the coxswain are at that particular time being provided.
22. The following are prohibited from going afloat before sunrise or after sunset:
 - (i) Beginner single scullers.
 - (ii) Inexperienced single scullers without the captain's permission.
 - (iii) Inexperienced crews or crews with an inexperienced steersperson or coxwain without the captain's permission.
 - (iv) Inexperienced Junior crews.
 - (v) Junior single scullers.
 - (vi) Junior crews or scullers without the safety launch.
23. All persons wishing to go afloat from the club shall ensure that the boat is signed out, and a licence taken. If there are no licences remaining then boating is not allowed.
24. All boats wishing to be afloat before sunrise or after sunset shall display suitably bright steady WHITE lights to be seen clearly fore and aft.
25. Side by side racing will not attempted during busy boating times, and not without lookouts. Care should be taken so as not to impede other users of the harbour.

26. Coaching launches shall not break the harbour speed limits (6 MPH and 4 MPH on the feeder canal) unless following a crew, or in an emergency situation. Care must be taken as to the effects of the wash generated. An all-round white light is mandatory before sunrise or after sunset.
27. All members of Affiliate clubs shall row as guests of the Executive Committee, and must abide by the byelaws of the City of Bristol Club, and any other rules imposed by the Harbour Authority. In the case of any infringement of said rules the Executive Committee decision is final.
28. The Executive Committee reserves the right to revoke the permission to row of any individual, club, or affiliate club for infringements of the club byelaws for any period.
29. 'Notices To Mariners' are published regularly by the Harbour Authority and are displayed on the safety notice board. These contain important variations to navigation and rules of navigation in the harbour and must be obeyed. These notices contain details about Saturday water-skiing times.
30. All rowing and sculling boats, and coaching launches, have to give way to all other craft on the harbour at all times.
31. It is forbidden to row in the area West of the entrance to Bristol Marina (CBRC pontoons) without first obtaining the permission of the Harbour Authority each time.
32. The pontoons are for rowing and sculling boats getting on or getting off the water only. Boats must not be left unattended in this area, or anywhere on the public slipway.
33. The harbour is a narrow channel consisting of a navigation lane in each direction except at the following 'pinch points' – Prince's Street bridge, Redcliffe Bridge and the entrance to the feeder canal. All boats must keep right at all times, and give way at the pinch points.
34. Crossing between navigation lanes to change direction must be done at right angles to the lanes as quickly as possible while keeping a good lookout.
35. All boats must keep an adequate watch for other boats and obstacles at all times.

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36. The boathouses shall be secured when going on the water or if they are to be left unattended.
37. All persons shall, upon leaving the boathouse, remove or dispose of properly all rubbish introduced by them, leaving the whole area clean & tidy.
38. All equipment stored at the boathouse shall be stowed properly when not in use and not left in the aisles.
39. Bicycles are not allowed anywhere in the boathouse or annex.

40. Allocation of all racking and other storage space is at the discretion of the Captain or Executive Committee. No boats, equipment, or other materials may be introduced to the boathouses without their express permission.
41. Storage of launch fuel is limited to one approved steel 4 gallon jerrycan (in addition to the launch tank) per organisation, to be kept in the designated area only.