



**LONDON ROWING CLUB  
BYE-LAWS  
ADOPTED 26 OCTOBER 2022**

**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 2022 (or successor document), which provides advice and guidance to help people participate in rowing without putting themselves and others at unacceptable risk;
- (b) The requirements of the Port of London Authority (PLA)'s Tideway Code 2019 (or successor document) and its accompanying Map/Chart;
- (c) The Club's Water Safety and Emergency Plan.

**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 and a three-digit number identification in compliance with the British Rowing Rule which has been accepted as an alternative to a name under the PLA requirements;
  - (ii) If the Captain, or an individual delegated with this responsibility, 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) Unless, if being a privately owned boat, it is insured for third party risks for at least £2m.
  - (v) During a river closure unless its crew is involved in the event named in the river closure
- (c) Members boating during hours of darkness and at all other times of restricted visibility shall ensure their boats carry lights in compliance with the Tideway Code, except that hulls shall carry two of each specified light as a precaution against the failure of one. If more stringent lighting requirements are notified by the Captain or Club Rowing Safety Advisor then Members shall observe such requirements. No member is permitted to take a boat below Putney Bridge during the hours of darkness.



- (d) No member is permitted to take a boat below Putney Pier between Monday and Friday inclusive during the operating hours of Thames Clippers, presently between 07:00 and 10:15 in the morning and 17:30 and 21:00 in the evening.

3. **Members under the Age of 18**

- (a) Members under the age of 18 are not permitted to boat or enter the Clubhouse (including the gym) unless supervised by an authorised adult.
- (b) An authorised adult shall be either 1) a parent of the relevant Member under the age of 18, who is also a Member of the Club and, in the case of boating, has completed the Steers Accreditation Process set out in the Club's Water Safety and Emergency Plan or 2) the designated supervisor of an organised coaching session or other activity authorised by the Chief Coach or Captain.

4. **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 kit.

5. **Use of Private Boats**

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

6. **Signing in and out for Outings**

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 or internet form provided for that purpose prior to the outing and immediately upon return from the outing.

7. **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).

8. **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 or she delegates this responsibility.

9. **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.

10. **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 its crew or user to the email address [fleetrepairs@londonrc.org.uk](mailto:fleetrepairs@londonrc.org.uk);
- (b) A full report will be required for all Club hulls, the report shall contain such particulars as are required by the Thames Rowing Region, British Rowing and as



the General Committee may from time to time prescribe and/or as may be required by the Club's insurers;

- (c) The crew or user shall not admit liability to any third party;
- (d) The 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 including the excess.

#### **11. Repairs**

All repairs needed to Club boats and equipment shall be notified to the [fleetrepairs@londonrc.org.uk](mailto:fleetrepairs@londonrc.org.uk) email

#### **12. Superintendent of the Boat House**

The Captain may appoint from time to time a Vice-Captain or other Member 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.

#### **13. 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.

#### **14. 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 General 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 General 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.

#### **15. Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy**

All Members shall abide by the Club's Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy as amended from time to time.

Members who have concerns about the behaviour of another Member can raise these with the Chief Welfare Officer ([welfare@londonrc.org.uk](mailto:welfare@londonrc.org.uk)) or the Captain ([captain@londonrc.org.uk](mailto:captain@londonrc.org.uk)).

A Member making a complaint or raising a grievance under Rule 18 of the Club's Rules will be referred to the Chief Welfare Officer.



**16. Refreshments**

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

**17. Gratuities**

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

**18. 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.

**19. Removal of Club Property**

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

**20. Residents**

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

**20 Fire Precautions**

Members shall observe all regulations regarding fire prevention laid down by the General 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.

26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

By Order of the General Committee

Andrew Boyle

Hon. Secretary