



Boat Usage Policy

PURPOSE:

At the Committee Meeting on 13 October 2008, the committee reconfirmed the club's commitment to providing an appropriate, competitive fleet for our rowers in competitions such as state and national championships, Youth Cup etc. It is of critical importance that our boats are in excellent condition for these championships. So, to ensure that we maintain the highest standards of boats and avoid damage and deterioration, all boats are subject to restrictions for training purposes.

It is important to note that access to any boat is a privilege for Club Members. Continued access carries the understanding that the rowers will comply with all Club directives on use including:

- complying with all boat restrictions (usage and weight)
- correct and careful handling
- safe navigation and
- maintenance and care (including, for example, washing boats after every session and thoroughly maintaining boats).

This Boat Usage Policy replaces the previous Boat Allocation, and is effective immediately. This policy will be updated from time to time, and any changes will be communicated to all LRC members.

Boat allocation for regattas

This policy does not relate to boat allocation for racing. That will continue to be done by the Club Captain, which is typically done on the basis of the boat availability and suitability to each crew.

PENALTY:

This will be strictly enforced. A failure to comply with any of these directives may result in temporary or permanent removal of boating privileges and access to the Club.

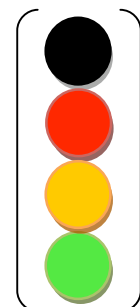
Rowers who use, and coaches who allow rowers to use, boats which they are not entitled to row will be subject to these penalties. This includes a ban on use of particular boats, a ban on competing in races, and a ban on accessing the club.

BOAT CATEGORIES:

The boat fleet is categorised into a new 'traffic light system' of A – Black, B – Red, C – Amber and D – Green.

Members have access to boats in their allocated and lower categories, subject to the weight restriction of the particular boat. Access to boats in category A – Black is at the sole discretion of the Club Captain.

Boat weight restrictions (listed in the table below) mean that no crew member can be more than 10% of the noted weight. For example, the average weight of a crew in a 70kg boat should be 70kg or less, and no crew member can weigh more than 77kg.



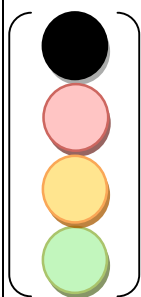
Please refer to the definitions below for each category.

Restriction Level	Boat name	Boat type (& cox position)	Boat weight
A – Black	Tim Tindale	1x	70
	LRC Juniors	1x	60
	LRC Corporates	1x	70
	Lionel Robberds	1x	80
	Ted Curtain IV	2-/x	75
	LRC Masters	2-/x	80
	Wade Hewitt (Filippi)	4x / 4-	70
	Peter Trives	8+	75
	Genesis	8+	75
B – Red	Hermes	1x	65
	David Morrissey	1x	70
	Kim Eddy	1x	85
	Tim Clare	1x	85
	Alan Flint	1x	90+
	Miss Leichhardt	2x	60
	Frances McNamara	2-/x	80
	Rod Richardson	2-/x	80
	LUER	2-/x	85
	Premiers 2007	4x /4- /4x+ /4+ (b)	75
	Kevin Bond	4x	90
	Rod Moynahan	4x/ 4-	90+
	Steve Roll	4x /4- /4x+ /4+ (b)	90
	Bill Monaghan	8+	80
	Richard Stanistreet	8+	80
C – Amber	Bright Waters	1x	75
	120 Years	1x	75
	Old Oarsman II	2x/-	95+
	MaryPamJan	2x/-	75
	Williamson	2x/-	70
	Fullerton	4x /4- /4x+ /4+ (b)	90
	Balcony Boyz 2	4x/4x+ (s)	70
	Super 8 2006	4x /4x+ (s)	75
D – Green	Balcony Boyz	1x	80
	BondyBaker	1x	80
	Shorty	1x	75
	Michael Bath	1x	65
	Ross Ullo	1x	85
	Rod Richardson	1x	80
	Bill Monaghan	1x	80
	Lazarou	1x	80
	Coburn	1x	80
	The Old Oarsman	2-	85
	Jim Hayes	2-	80
	John Coates	2-/x	85
	Ted Curtain III	2x	75
	Ron Bath	2x	85
	The Rusty	2x	70
	Gillian Campbell	4+ (s)	75
	Tom McGill	4+ (s)	85
	Neil McCallum	4x	85
	Mick Lowrey	4x	85
	The Moynahans	4x	90
	Michael Bath	4x /4- /4x+ /4+ (s)	75
	Barry Moynahan	8+	80
	Steve Jaques	8+	80
	Robert Stone II	8+	90+

For example, a person in category C – Amber can train in boats in categories C – Amber and D – Green. They cannot train in boats in categories A – Black or B – Red.

Category A (Black):

Who can row category A – Black boats?



What is category A – Black? It's a category that limits the use of the top level boats to preserve them for championship competition. Access to boats in this category is at the sole discretion of the Club Captain.

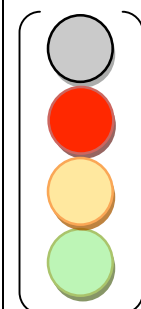
Who is in category A – Black? Only rowers who have prior approval from the Club Captain and are rostered to row in these boats are allowed to row category A – Black boats for training.

How do I get to train in category A – Black boats? Access to category A – Black boats for training is significantly limited so our best boats are in their best condition for championship regattas.

The Club Captain has discretion to approve training in category A - Black boats for rowers who are preparing for championships (such as state and nationals, including masters).

Category B (Red):

Who can row category B – Red boats?



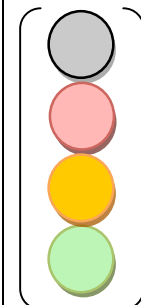
Access to boats in this category is limited to the following squads and groups of rowers:

- Senior and elite development squad
- Advanced Junior Squad (formerly referred to as 'J4' squad) and
- Intermediate Men & Women (ie typically have competed for at least 1 full season and have a scull or sweep grade score of 3.5 or lower).

Rowers not participating in one of these squads or groups, or do not have a coach, should confirm their status with the Club Captain.

Category C (Amber):

Who can row category C – Amber boats?



Rowers who are:

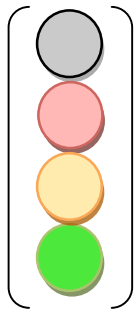
- 1) LRC financial competing members - includes novice (ie senior/probationary competing members) and competing juniors (ie school student (under 18) members)

and

- 2) Rowing NSW registered competing club rower.

Category D (Green):

Who can row category D – Green boats?



All financial registered LRC club members, including non-competing associate members (eg social rowers).

Boats 'Not In Use':

From time to time it may be necessary to rest boats or completely prohibit their use, perhaps because they are undergoing maintenance or repairs. When a 'Not In Use' sign is placed on a boat, that boat **must not be used by any person**.

Inclusion in a higher category:

Coaches and rowers may apply in writing to the Club Captain to be considered for inclusion in a different category or for the use of a particular boat for training purposes. A discussion on the pontoon before training is not the appropriate means or time to request access to boats in a higher category.

Your written request must briefly state why the coach/rower believes they should be in a higher category and why the change would be within the scope of the Committee's purpose in restricting boat usage. If rowers or coaches are seeking to use category A – Black boats for training, the written request to the Club Captain must contain the following information:

- The rower and/or crew
- The boat/s requested to be used
- An overview of the rower's/crews' regatta results, time trial and/or erg times, commitment to the program, which championship regatta they are seeking to compete in, and their racing goals
- Whether the rower/crew has previously been involved in an incident dealt with under the LRC Accident Policy or other relevant information
- Whether the rower/crew appropriately maintains boats and contributes to Club life, and
- Any other relevant considerations.

Please note:

- The request and any approval must be made in writing, prior to the boats being used.
- Any such approval would typically be for a short period of time in the lead up to championship regattas (eg. 3 or 4 weeks only).
- During such training time, Black boats will be used in accordance with a roster, to ensure they are used no more than 3 or 4 times per week.
- Once agreed, the roster is to be put up on the noticeboard at the shed.
- This 'exception' does not apply to general club members wanting to train in higher category boats before grade or age regattas.

Mixed category crews:

A crew may only take a boat in a category if more than half the members are in that category.

Regatta boat allocations:

This policy does not relate to boat allocation for racing.

Boats for regattas will continue to be allocated by the Club Captain, typically on the basis of the boat availability and suitability to each crew.

Members are required to accept and observe the boat allocation directions of the Club Captain or Vice-Captains, including for regattas. During a regatta is not the time to query boat allocation decisions. The Club Captain will be pleased to discuss the allocation rationale at a time away from the pressures of a regatta.

BENEFIT

In summary, the purpose of this policy is to ensure our boats are in excellent condition for regattas and championships, and are a key resource for supporting crew development. As Club Captain and on behalf of the committee, I expect all members to adhere to this policy and I appreciate members' efforts in doing so.

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