

St Denys Boat Club Boating Code

- 1) MEMBERS AND GUESTS USING THE CLUB PREMISES, SLIPWAY AND BOATS, DO SO ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE CLUB DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS HOWSOEVER CAUSED.
- 2) Personal buoyancy should be worn at all times when afloat. Under 18s must wear buoyancy when near the water. The provision of personal buoyancy is a matter for the individual and is NOT the responsibility of the Club.
- 3) Other than accidental immersion, swimming in the river from the Club premises, jetty or boats is not permitted at any time.
- 4) No member shall use or store their own vessels on Club premises without the permission of a Club Officer.
- 5) No member may use a club boat, except in the company of an approved member, unless they have been signed off for that boat. A list of people approved for assessing Members, prior to signing them off for use of boats, is on display on the notice board.
- 6) Guests must be accompanied on the water by a competent member at all times. No more than two guests shall accompany any member except when authorised by a Club Officer. Members will always have priority use of the boats over guests.
- 7) No individual guest may use the club boats more than 5 times in any membership year.
- 8) Juniors (under 18) do not have any membership rights and must not use any boats unless accompanied by a competent and responsible adult member (parent, guardian, in loco parentis). No member must take afloat more juniors than can be safely supervised with a recommended maximum of 1 member to 2 juniors.
- 9) All members are required to familiarise themselves with the basic rules governing rights of way and safety on the water.
- 10) All members and any accompanying juniors and guests using the club boats shall, before going afloat, enter in the log book in BLOCK LETTERS their name, the name of the boat to be used and the date and time of departure. Guests signing the log book must understand that they accept waiver of liability when using any boat.
- 11) Members must inform any Club Officer if there will be a delay in returning any boat being used. At busy times, members should be aware of others waiting to use particular boats and behave with due consideration.
- 12) On return, all boats must be in a clean condition, internally dry and replaced in the allocated position, with all gear restored to the correct place of stowage.
- 13) Any damage found or caused to a boat or to any gear must be recorded in the Log Book and reported to a Committee Member. Members are to be personally liable for any damage caused by negligence or misuse and are required to repair or to help to repair any damage for which they are responsible.
- 14) Canoes, paddle boards and rowing boats may only be used away from the club or below the Itchen Bridge with the prior permission of a Club Officer. Members doing so may take one boat for themselves and one other for a named Guest or Junior. Members taking sailing boats away from the club overnight must seek the permission of a Club Officer. Members so doing may take one guest. An Off Site Booking Form must be filled in and pinned to the noticeboard above the logbook, notifying the whereabouts of the boats. Exceptions to this rule are strictly at the discretion of the Club Committee.

- 15) Any boat in use away from club premises must be stored or moored safely and securely. Any member who by their actions or negligence invalidates the insurance, resulting in a loss to the Club, will be held personally liable for that loss.
- 16) Those boarding boats must not wear footwear which may damage the boats.
- 17) No modifications may be made to boats without the prior authorisation and approval of the Committee.
- 18) Outboard motors may only be used on appropriate boats by members signed off for the use of that motor.
- 19) All motors must be flushed with fresh water after use. All petrol motors are to be returned after use in a clean condition to the special store provided. The store must be locked and the key returned to its correct location. Small quantities of fuel may be stored on the Club premises in the engine store. Storage anywhere else on the Club premises is expressly forbidden.
- 20) Electric motors must be rinsed and returned to the boathouse after use and the battery placed on charge.