



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 aids or lifejackets 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. The relevant Team Members authorized to sign members off can be contacted via email using the links on the website, to request a sign off session.
- 6) Guests must be accompanied on the water by a competent member at all times. Guests may only use boats that the member they are accompanying are signed off to use. No more than two guests shall accompany any member except when authorised by a Club Officer. Members 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. Unless specifically approved by the committee and noted in the meeting minutes.
- 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 a complete record of their usage in the boat usage app on the tablet. This must include Member Name, Boat/Boats, Number of Guests, Guest Names, Number of Juniors, Destination, Engine if applicable, Number of Days Away and most importantly the members signature proving the member accepts responsibility of liability when using any boat.
- 11) Members must inform a 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 club gear must be recorded in the Repairs Tab of the Boat Usage app on the tablet which will be automatically 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. If members are unsure of how to affect a correct repair they must contact the committee for guidance.

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. After receiving permission from the Club Officer the member must still record the usage via the tablet. 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. If motors are off site over night, they must be locked securely and kill cords removed when unattended.

19) All petrol motors must be flushed with fresh water after use and the underwater parts coated with protection spray. 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 remain in the engine top tanks whilst in the engine store. Club auxiliary fuel tanks must be stored in the separate fuel store. Storage of fuel anywhere else on the Club premises is expressly forbidden. No personal fuel storage containers to be left on club premises.

20) Electric motors must be rinsed and returned to the boathouse after use and the battery placed on charge.

21) All members and their accompanying guests and juniors whilst at the club, on the water or at other clubs are expected to be polite and respectable to all and present a suitable good image of the clubs membership as a whole.

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