

The Boat Files		Rowing Boats
Robin	Pair Oar	Long and slender giving an elegant swim. One cox and two rowers with a long single oar each. Well rowed, it is fast and exciting.
Mavis	Double Scull	One cox and two rowers, each with a pair of sculls. Shorter and roomier than the pair oars. Ideal for family groups.
Linnet	Cock & Hen	Edwardian 'courting' boats designed for a lady to steer as she is impressed by her hunky chap! Straw boaters and crinolines required.
Martin	Single Scull	A venerable vessel (1907?) but lively and exciting. Fixed seat but fast.
Merlin Swift	Skiff	Lightweight plywood with sliding seats and foot straps. The sculls are supported on outriggers, giving big leverage on a slim hull. Fast and effortless once you get the balance right. They feel wobblier than they are.
Tern	Terhi Saiman	Modern plastic family boat with one or two rowing positions. Buoyant and stable. Can take electric outboard. Captive rowlocks attached to the oars. Steering can be affected by cross winds. A custom made rudder is stored in the boat house.
Magpie	Walker Bay 10	Modern HIMC (High Impact Marine Composite) plastic. Very light and easy to launch and row. Even has a launch wheel built into the stern. Captive rowlocks attached to the oars. Capable of taking an electric outboard. OK for two people if the balance is right.
Jay	Walker Bay 8	2 foot shorter than Magpie which makes a noticeable difference in stability. Best rowed solo. Light as a feather. Ideal for teaching juniors.

See Overleaf

Oars for the vintage boats are stored in the boats. Oars for Tern or the Walker Bays are stored in the rack in the boat house and must be returned after use.

The vintage boats can leak slightly after prolonged dry storage. This soon seals up after a spell on the water, a process known as plimming.

Make sure the sleeves on the oars sit in the rowlocks to avoid wear to the wood. Some oar handles overlap. Row hand over hand to avoid bruised knuckles!

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