

Use and Care of Club Boats and Equipment



At present full and family club members are entitled to borrow kit owned by the club, as are non-members taking part in organised sessions, subject to charges determined by the club committee.

As slalom kit is expensive (and not indestructible!) the following conditions for use of the club kit must be adhered to:

1. Club members may borrow club boats/paddles and other kit during coached/supervised sessions at Stone. Kit may also be borrowed to take to other venues for training purposes, organised and attended by a club coach. All borrowed kit taken away from Stone must be signed out in the book available in the Club boat store and signed back in with any damage reported. It is the paddler's responsibility to ensure boats have fully inflated airbags.
2. Kit may be borrowed by members up until they achieve promotion from Division 3 in any category, by which time they will be expected to have bought their own. Exceptions to this are trialling different classes of boat to that usually paddled, e.g. C1, C2 and subject to rules 6 and 7 below.
3. Due to increased demand/limited kit and heavier use, adults members are expected to have bought their own boats/kit within 12 months of membership, irrespective of their division.
4. Anyone requiring kit for use on Stone outside of formal paddling sessions should request approval for use from a committee member or coach and arrange to borrow and return a key for the Club Boat Store, by prior arrangement. Members can also paddle independently, and use kit, whilst other coached sessions are taking place, but must be prepared to get off the water and return kit to enable the session coach to leave and lock up when they have finished their session.
5. As kit is limited, the newest members, and non-members taking part in organised sessions will have priority when demand exceeds supply.
6. Members wishing to take boats/paddles away from Stone for training or competition purposes, when a coach **will not** be formally leading the session, must gain prior approval from a coach/committee member and sign the kit out in the book provided in the club store. Club boats/paddles are to be used **ONLY** on water of Division 3 standard and below (div 2/3 competitions are allowed). Kit must be signed back in and any damage reported to the committee.
7. In special circumstances paddlers may apply to use club boats at Division 2 events by making advance written application to the club committee. Each application will be processed with consideration of the circumstances and, particularly, of the standard of difficulty of the water at the proposed event.
8. Members using club kit must at all times ensure that they look after it as if it were their own, avoiding unnecessary damage and should not leave items unsupervised in places where they may be damaged/stolen.
9. **Where damage or loss to club kit occurs, the committee will consider the circumstances and may pass on the full or part cost of repair or replacement to the individual responsible.**
10. Any kit borrowed over a weekend **MUST** be returned by the following Monday lunchtime at the latest, as it may be required for coached sessions in the evening.
11. Should any member face unexpected circumstances, e.g. theft or serious damage to their own kit, they may, at the committee's discretion, be able to borrow club kit for a temporary period for training and competitions.

12. Any boats or equipment belonging to GB or British Canoeing that are on loan to the club are subject to the same “Use and Care” conditions as club equipment. If these boats are required for use on sites deemed to be above Division 3 standard, authorisation can only be given by a GB or British Canoeing coach. The Club’s committee or coaches do not carry this authority.