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Wallingford RC - Private Boats / Singles Racking policy

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1. WRC has 51 racks to be rented for private singles and 19 racks for WRC Club singles.
2. There is a monthly fee for renting a private rack, depending on whether inside or outside. These fees are published on the WRC website and subject to change.
3. The Annual racking fee includes the annual Environment Agency licence for one boat only.
4. It is the responsibility of the private boat owner to ensure that their boat is properly insured and that the WRC boat licence sticker is visible on both sides of the boat. Boat bags used to cover any boat should be clearly labelled with WRC licence number and marked as 'private'. Private boats will be identified with red bungees to secure them in place and a red tag in order to identify them as private boats (WRC will provide these).
5. Sculling blades may be stored in the green sculling shed and must be clearly labelled with the owner's name and boat license number. Unused boat bags and riggers bags should be kept offsite and not stored at the club.
6. The Club takes no responsibility for any damage to privately owned boats.
7. Any private boat owner must take due care and responsibility to ensure that they do not cause damage to other privately owned boats racked in the vicinity. If it is proven that a private boat owner has damaged another boat, they may be asked to remove their boat and forfeit the rack.
8. Our policy for renting private racks is based on facilitating active sculling by members of the club.
9. Racks can only be rented to those with WRC Rowing memberships (i.e. not available to Gym only or Social memberships)
10. All private racks are allocated by the Membership Secretary who maintains a waiting list. The waiting list will be allocated on a first come first serve basis except in circumstances agreed by the Membership Secretary with the Club Captain.
11. Boat owners will be notified as and when the need arises to temporarily move a boat should any maintenance or repairs need to be done in close proximity to private boats.
12. Any cars parked for loading/unloading private singles should be parked 'down stream' of the boathouse doors i.e. not next to the neighbouring cottages boundary fence or blocking access to Castle Priory gates.

13. The Club reserves the right to move any private boats at risk to a safer location in the boathouse should the need arise in the case of an emergency e.g. flooding, general maintenance.

14. Boat owners may not 'sub let' their rack or boat to another member or non member.

Racks are prioritised as follows:

1. Members who use their singles on a regular basis (at least twice a month unless conditions prevail eg illness/injury for up to 3 months at the discretion of the Captain, maternity leave)
2. Members who row as part of a WRC squad and store singles at the club (Masters, Seniors or Junior squad)
3. Members who wish to store their boats at the club but do not use them on a regular basis i.e. at least twice a month nor row as part of a squad

If there are more members falling into the first of these priorities than we have racks free, the club reserves the right to ask members in (3) and then (2) to forfeit their racks.

If the WRC Committee considers that a private boat is not in use on a regular basis following the above criteria, the boat owner will be asked to forfeit their rack. They will be notified in writing via email by the Membership Secretary with approval by the Club Captain. There will be a notice period of 4 weeks after which the member must move their single into private storage, or the club will derig the boat and try to accommodate storage either onsite or offsite. The member will be fully responsible for insurance for either contingency, the club cannot be held responsible for loss or damage. A storage fee may be charged at a rate to be decided by The Committee. No club rack fee will be charged once the boat has been removed.

Any available rack will be reallocated as soon as possible to the member at the top of the waiting list. The member who was formerly renting must rejoin the waiting list if they wish to bring their boat back into usage.

Club racks: these can be allocated to any club boats (or demo boats, or private boats being used by triallists, for a period of no more than 4 weeks) by the Membership Secretary or Captain. They are responsible for which club singles are available for general use or are derigged and put in temporary storage. Club boats have priority over demo or triallists' boats; these can only be accommodated if there are club boats not in demand.