

# Minerva Bath Rowing Club

## Policy, Terms and Conditions for storing of private boats.

**To be read and signed by all Minerva Bath RC members storing or wishing to store private boats at Minerva Bath Rowing Club.**

- 1) The storage of privately owned boats at Minerva Bath Rowing Club (MBRC) is a privilege, not a right, of MBRC membership.
- 2) The Club's requirements for boat storage take priority over private applications.
- 3) The allocation of and subsequent use and retention by a member of a rack is at the discretion of the Committee.
- 4) The allocation and private use of racks is available only to the following classes of member: Full (adult). Student. Junior. Life Member. An applicant must be in good standing with the club including that their subscription and any other fees are paid up to date.
- 5) Private racks are for boats which are in regular use. Any member whose boat is not used for an excessive period may be asked to remove it from the premises.
- 6) A member who wishes to be allocated a rack should apply using the attached form.
- 7) The Committee will consider each application, taking into account the availability of space for private boat allocation. The Chairman will notify an applicant of the availability, or otherwise, of a rack for private use. The member will have 14 days to accept or decline an offer. In the event of a rack not being available the member's name will be placed on a waiting list which will be maintained by the Chairman.
- 8) To remain on the waiting list the member must (a) maintain a membership status as in (4) above and (b) pay their subscription for each subsequent year within the time frame stated in the club rules failing which the member's name will be removed from the list. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 9) The annual charges for racking private boats are set out on the Club website. Payment for use of a newly allocated rack is calculated on a proportional basis from the date the offer is accepted until the end of the subscription year and is payable immediately following acceptance of the offer.
- 10) No rebate is available to a member vacating a rack during the subscription year except at the discretion of the Committee.
- 11) Members should not commit themselves to the purchase of a private boat without first being allocated a rack unless they have made arrangements for its storage elsewhere.
- 12) If a private boat is sold the rack which it occupied shall immediately revert to the control of the Club. Use of the rack does not pass with ownership of the boat. Accordingly if a private boat is sold member to member the purchasing member must first have been allocated a rack in accordance with the procedure outlined in these terms and conditions. Failing this the new owner of the boat will be asked to remove it from the premises. The allocation of a rack for a boat purchased member from member cannot be guaranteed.

13) The allocation of a rack entitles the member to store a boat and a single set of blades appropriate to the boat type. Other items, such as a car top transport cradle, spare riggers or spare blades, must be stored away from the premises unless otherwise authorised by the Committee. If the Committee agrees to the storage of extra items the club reserves the right to make charges for this in addition to the racking fee.

14) Private blades and detachable boat parts such as riggers, stretchers seats and any other items stored on the premises must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

15) Private boats must carry a British Rowing registration mark comprising the Minerva Bath RC identification letters MIN and a number allocated by the committee. This mark must conform to British Rowing Rule Q. Members racking private boats which carry the registration of another club should arrange for it to be replaced with a MBRC registration.

16) Privately owned boats are NOT covered by MBRC insurance. Members store their boats at their own risk and are required to take out insurance for loss or damage however caused. As a minimum private boats must be insured for public liability and third party risks.

17) Owners of private boats are responsible for their maintenance and repair.

18) Users of privately owned boats are subject to MBRC rules and British Rowing Row Safe guidelines including signing out and in procedures, reporting of safety related incidents and rules of the river.

19) All privately owned boats stored on the premises must pay any appropriate Environment Agency (or similar) fees if these are charged.

20) Any member with a boat stored on a club rack must notify the Chairman (a) if and when that boat is advertised for sale and what the intention is as to replacement and (b) as soon as the boat is sold or (c) if the boat is removed for storage elsewhere so that records may be updated.

21) The committee reserves the right to revise allocations and to allocate members an alternative rack.

22) Any member who has not paid their racking fee for the current subscription year and any outstanding balance from the previous year and their annual membership subscription by 31st March of the current year shall immediately become liable to forfeit the use of a private rack. Unless an acceptable explanation for non payment is given and an accommodation for payment is agreed the Committee is empowered to request a defaulting member to remove their boat from the premises within 14 days. Failure so to do will result in the boat being either removed to another part of the premises (not necessarily inside the building) or, the assumption of a loan of the boat to the Club to use as it wishes until removal. In the event of non removal after the expiration of 12 months the club will assume ownership of the boat to use or dispose of as may be decided by the committee.

## Minerva Bath Rowing Club – Private Boat Storage

**Please complete and sign this form and return it to The Chairman of Minerva Bath RC.**

a) My boat is stored at Minerva Bath Rowing Club\*

b) I wish to apply for use of a private boat storage rack at Minerva Bath Rowing Club\*

\* Delete (a) or (b) above and provide the information requested below as appropriate:

Member's full name .....

Address.....

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Contact phone number(s).....

email address.....

Type of boat.....

Make of boat.....

Name of boat.....

Registration mark .....

I have read, understood and accept the policy, terms and conditions for storage of a private boat at Minerva Bath Rowing Club.

Signed.....

Date.....

To be completed by MBRC Chairman:

Date received:.....