

# MRC Privately Owned Boat Racking Policy – May 2022



Monmouth Rowing Club has for many years rented racks to members in order for them to row in their own boats from the boathouse. The club wishes to make a firm commitment to supporting the regular use of these boats and to enable other members to do the row in their own boats from the boathouse where the capacity exists.

1. A member wishing to rent a rack from the club must be a paid up Senior or Retired Member at the current membership fee.
2. The member must ensure that the current rack fee is paid.
3. The member is responsible for insuring their own boat and activity undertaken in them.
4. Private boats must be used regularly from March to October (the Winter season is available for using private boats, but it is recognised that the River Wye conditions may not be appropriate some rowing activities during these months). Regularly is defined as being at least once per month.
5. The allocation of racks is the decision of the Rowing Equipment Manager and can be changed to meet the changing requirements of the club and its members.
6. The Rowing Equipment Manager will maintain a list of private boats and owners at the club, sharing this information with the Membership Secretary as needed to ensure the payment of fees. The Rowing Equipment Manager will also maintain a waiting list of those members wishing to store boats at the club. This list is to be maintained on a first come, first served basis.
7. In the interests of promoting rowing activity at the club, if the boat is not being used at this level or the appropriate subscription fees and racking fees are not up to date, the Rowing Equipment Manager (on behalf of the Committee) is permitted to:
  - a. Move the boat to a storage rack, which is less accessible and is likely to see the boat de-rigged. This will be for a period of 3 months. This action would start with the least used boats and would be to meet demand for racking space.
  - b. Require removal of the boat from the boathouse after this 3 month period.
  - c. If there is no contact from the member, despite regular efforts and the rack is not paid for a further period of 6 months (a total of 9 months after being moved from a useable rack), then the boat will be sold on a recognised rowing boat market. The club will retain the subscription and racking fees outstanding to the point where the boat was moved from a useable rack and the remainder will be held by the club and provided to the member once contact is re-established.
  - d. Boats can be moved back to a useable rack once the subscription and racking fees are up to date, assuming that a private rack is available, otherwise the member will be placed on the waiting list for private racks.
  - e. Notwithstanding the above conditions, the Rowing Equipment Manager, on behalf of the Committee, has the discretion to extend the period of acceptable low or no usage for reasons including extended illness. However, boats may be moved to storage during this time to facilitate the active use of boats.

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