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## BOAT ALLOCATION POLICY

### PURPOSE

Melbourne Rowing Club (MRC) maintains a fleet of boats on behalf of members. To meet the needs of all members, the Captain allocates boats to crews with the aim of ensuring rower safety, boat/equipment care and for boat maintenance reasons (foreign imports). This document outlines the boat allocation process and the additional requirements for coxless boats.

### ALLOCATION RESPONSIBILITY

The Captain is responsible for allocation of boats to club members. The captain takes into consideration a number of factors when allocating boats, these include:

- Skill level of rowers
- Level of commitment to training
- Weight/ gender
- Squad member
- Demand

In high demand situations where crew number exceeds the number of boat available (i.e. HOY), priority will go to those crews:

- With the highest proportion of MRC crew
- Based on skill level and competitiveness
- Based on commitment level

All attempts will be made to meet the needs of rowers however it must be understood that there are a limited number of boats and therefore you may not always be allocated the boat of choice.

The captain's decision is final.

### CLUB BOATS

#### Coxless boats

Due to the safety considerations (both for rower and equipment), a special set of requirements must be fulfilled before access to coxless boats will be allowed. This applies to:

- Singles (all categories)
- Coxless quads
- Coxless pairs

The process for being allocated a coxless boat is:

1. contact the captain
2. a rower, who wishes to steer a coxless boat, must be approved. If a rower has been approved, please go to step 4. To gain approval, please refer to step 3: Steps required to become an approved steerer.
3. Steps to become an approved steerer:
  - The 'learner' rower and crew must row a 'learner coxless boat' whether it is a tub 1x, the oldest club pair or the allocated 'learner' coxless quad.
  - The 'learner' rower must have supervision at all times, from a coach either riding alongside on the banks or IN the same boat for a minimum of 4 consecutive sessions.

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- If the coach agrees that the learner rower is competent to steer the coxless boat safely and effectively, the coach **MUST** communicate this to both the 'learner' rower and the Captain.
- The 'learner' rower is then to organize a training session in the same boat as they have been training in, with the following assessors: Captain, Vice Captain or Safety Officer.
- The above assessor will either approve or disapprove competency of the 'learner' rower. Assessor is to communicate the result to the rower, crew, coach and Captain.
- If 'learner' rower is approved, go to Step 4. Should the 'learner' rower be disapproved, the rower is to go through the entire process again.

### NOTES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- A rower that gains approval to steer a single, will have to go through Step 3 to gain approval to steer a pair and a quad
- However a rower who gains approval to steer a quad will not have to go thru Step 3 in order to steer a pair or single.
- Should someone else in the same crew wish to steer the coxless 2-, 4x-, regardless of the crew skill, the rower must go thru Step 3.
  4. a suitable boat (based on experience and skill level) will be allocated for use under nominated coach supervision only
  5. at an agreed interval the captain will reassess competency. If competent the rower will be allowed to row that particular boat (only) unsupervised, however coach supervision is always advised.
  6. To gain competence in a better boat steps 2 and 3 must again completed to the satisfaction of the captain.

### Booking a boat

Club boats are grouped into General, Squad and Restricted usage (see appendix).

To book any boat, you must be a current financial member. Please contact the Club Captain to book a boat. Boats have been allocated a color code that corresponds to their level of access to club members.

GENERAL BOATS- for any club member

SQUAD BOATS- given priority to squad members however intermediate/senior non-squad members may also be eligible.

RESTRICTED BOATS- the newest boats in the club and may be imported (parts not easily accessible). These boats are normally restricted to 1-2 users only. Approval must be obtained by the club captain, to gain access to restricted boats

For access to any club boat, contact the captain for approval prior to taking the club boat out.

### Withdrawal of access

Under certain conditions it may be necessary to withdraw access to boats. This will occur if:

- \*a crew display reckless steering or uncontrolled handling of boat
- \*a crew be spotted without coach supervision during this 4 wk trial period
- \*a crew be spotted with a steerer without permission of the captain

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## APPENDIX

<b>YELLOW GENERAL usage - available to all members</b>				
<b>BLUE SQUAD usage - **subject to restrictions</b>				
<b>RED restricted access only - will need to apply for application of use</b>				
<b>BOAT TYPE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF USE</b>	<b>AVE. WT</b>	<b>Colour code</b>
Racing 8+	JOHN CHESTNEY	MEN all levels	100 kg	
Racing 8+	JEREMY COURTNEY	MEN more advanced	100 Kg	restricted access
Racing 8+	MARINUS VAN ONSELEN	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	80 Kg	
Racing 8+	SPIRIT OF MELBOURNE	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	80 Kg	restricted access
Racing 8+	THE OLD SPIRIT	WOMEN novice/social/masters	90 Kg	
Racing 4-/4x	HARRY YOFFA	MENS Senior/Advanced masters	100 Kg	
Racing 4-/4x	PETER EDWARDS	WOMEN Senior/Adv masters	75 Kg	
Racing 4-/4x	LU BERANEK	WOMEN Senior/Adv masters	75 Kg	
Racing 4x	MALCOLM CHESTNEY	WOMEN Senior/Adv masters	75 Kg	
Racing 4+/4x+	JAMES SCOTT	MENS all levels	100 Kg	
Racing 4+/4x+	MATTHEW HARRISON	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	75 Kg	
Racing 4+/4x+	BILL WATERFIELD	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	75 Kg	
Racing 4+/4x+	GARRY RAMSBOTTOM	MENS Senior/Advanced masters	100 kg	restricted access
Racing 4+/4x+	KRISTI HANSON	WOMEN Senior/Adv masters	75 Kg	restricted access
Racing 4x+	JACK CLARKE	WOMEN novice/social/masters	75 Kg	
Racing 2x/2-	TANJA NISHIBATA	CO-ED inter/sen/adv masters	80Kg	
Racing 2x/2-	MICHAEL GAYLARD	MENS inter/sen/adv masters	100Kg	
Racing 2x/2-	JANE ROBINSON	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	75 kg	restricted access
Racing 2x/2-	JACK RAMSBOTTOM	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	75 kg	restricted access
Racing 2x/2-	BRIAN SMITH	MENS all levels	100 Kg	restricted access
Racing 2x/2-	PETER STAFFORD	CO-ED inter/sen/adv masters	100 Kg	restricted access
Racing 2x-	GRAEME MURPHY	WOMEN inter/sen/adv masters	75 Kg	restricted access
Racing 2x-	DAVID GRUBITS	WOMEN all levels	80 kg	restricted access
Racing 2x	MALLANA IV	WOMEN dev/nov/masters/social	80 kg	
Racing 1x	MELBOURNE I	CO-ED	75 Kg	
Racing 1x	MELBOURNE V	CO-ED	80Kg	
Racing 1x	MELBOURNE VI	CO-ED	80Kg	
Racing 1x	MELBOURNE VIII	CO-ED	80Kg	
Racing 1x	BRENDAN SHAW	MENS	90Kg	
Racing 1x	GAVIN JENNER	MENS	90Kg	
Racing 1x	FELICITY NUTTER	WOMENS	70 Kg	
Training 4+	ANDREW SCOTT	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	85 kg	
Training 4+	SCOTT HARRISON	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	85 Kg	
Training 4+	RAY YOUNG	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	85 Kg	
Training 2+	JENNY A SCOTT	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	90 Kg	
Training 1x	JOHN MURPHY	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	90 Kg	
Training 1x	ADRIAN POBJOY	CO-ED Dev/nov/masters/social	90 Kg	
Racing 8+	JAMIE WALKER (RMIT)	CO-ED	90 Kg	
Racing 4x/4+	UNNAMED (RMIT)	CO-ED	80 Kg	
Racing 2x/2-	GRAHAM PORTEOUS (RMIT)	CO-ED	65Kg	