



EDMONTON ROWING CLUB

Rowing Club Boats Outside of Regular Program Times

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Purpose

1. This policy sets out the conditions under which ERC members can row club boats outside of their regularly scheduled program times.

Application

2. This policy applies to all adult members of the ERC. It does not apply to members under the age of 18, who may only row during coach-supervised program times.

Policy Statement

3. ERC members who are experienced rowers and who have been approved by their program coach may row club boats outside of their regular practice hours. Rowers must follow the operational and safety protocols outlined in this document and related policies.

Responsibilities

4. Coaches must assess the ability of members to safely row club boats outside of supervised practice times and provide the names of approved rowers to the Club Manager.
5. The Club Manager shall prepare and post a schedule of program practice times. The schedule shall be posted in the ERC training facility and boathouse and on the ERC website.
6. ERC Coaches and staff are responsible to ensure that the boathouse is open during scheduled practice times.
7. Members must become familiar with and follow the procedures outlined in this document in order to receive and retain approval to use club equipment without coach supervision.

References

8. ERC Safety Manual [insert hyperlink]
9. ERC Weather Policy [insert hyperlink]
10. ERC PFD Policy [insert hyperlink]
11. Flow Pattern [insert hyperlink]
12. ERC Boat Allocation System [insert hyperlink]

Questions

13. If you have questions about this policy, contact the [Club Manager](#) or your coach.

Information for Rowers:

Access:

14. Access is not guaranteed.

15. Please be aware that:

- The hours ERC staff are on site may vary from day to day, and programs may not always follow their regular schedule. To avoid disappointment, please contact the club manager as soon as possible to confirm open hours. ERC staff work hard to operate the club for everyone's enjoyment, and they have many duties. They may not respond to your inquiry the same day you make it. Plan to make inquiries at least one day before a weekday row or by Thursday for a weekend row.
- Please confirm with the club manager what programs may be on the water when you plan to row. Coordinate with the appropriate ERC staff (e.g., coaches, manager, summer students) to confirm a start time and end time for your row.
- ERC staff have no obligation to open the club so that you can row outside of regular program times.
- The club will not issue keys to members so they can row.
- Signing in and out of the logbook is mandatory. The logbook is an essential tool in letting coaches and staff know when and where crews are travelling on the river. It tells us if everyone has returned safely from a row and it is a critical component of safety should a sudden weather condition arise while crews are out on the river. The logbook also helps us keep track of who has completed their online Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment tool, what individuals are using what boat, and if a boat has been cleaned and disinfected after use.

Boating:

16. Scheduled programs always have priority for boat use. If any program has a practice scheduled for the time when you want to row, contact the coach of that program to ask what boats are available for use.

17. Your row will not be supported by a coach boat, so this is not the time to row a single if you have little experience in this type of boat.

18. Boats cannot be reserved. The ERC staff cannot reserve a particular boat for you. Be prepared to accommodate yourself to the boats available when you arrive to row.

19. Use only boats that have a green dot sticker on the bow. The green dot means it can be used by rowers from all programs. You may only use a boat with a different coloured sticker when instructed to do so by the coach whose program has priority for that boat.

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