



PROPER EQUIPMENT CARE PROCEDURES

Rowing shells and equipment are susceptible to damage and must be treated with care. The equipment of the Edmonton Rowing Club is imperative for our operation. It is expensive and difficult to repair and/or replace in a timely fashion. Equipment is shared among all programs of the ERC and therefore is important to handle it with utmost care to ensure longevity.

ON WATER EQUIPMENT

Members and program participants are expected to demonstrate proper boat care and handling while on land and water. Each rower in a Club owned boat shall assume responsibility for the care and maintenance of the boat before, during, and after training.

BEFORE EACH OUTING

- Check all nuts and bolts before each row. Never row with a loose footstretcher or rigger.
- Check your heel ties, ensuring hands free release of the feet is possible
- Ensure all parts are tight before a row is imperative. You do not want your boat to become un-rowable when out on the water!

AFTER EACH OUTING

- Wash hulls, oarlocks, seats and slides, and oar handles with soap and water. Wipe dry with a towel.
- Extra attention should be given to all metal parts of boats including seats, slides, oarlocks, riggers, and steering. Even the smallest amount of grit getting into these parts can cause rapid wear.
- Make sure all oarlocks are closed.
- Open all plugs and vent caps to facilitate drying.

WEEKLY

- Wash hulls, oarlocks, seats and slides, and oar handles with soap and water. Wipe dry with a towel.
- Oarlocks and pins: put a drop or two of oil on the pin before reassembling.

INDOOR FACILITY EQUIPMENT

AFTER EACH USE: ERGOMETERS

- Wash handles, seat, and slides with disinfectant. Wipe dry with a towel.
- *Do not* spray disinfectant directly onto the PM screens. Spray into a towel and wipe.

AFTER EACH USE: TANK SEATS

- Wash oarlocks, seats and slides, and oar handles with disinfectant. Wipe dry with a towel.
- Extra attention should be given to all metal parts such as slides. Even the smallest amount of grit getting into these parts can cause rapid wear.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & DAMAGE

If at any point you notice equipment is in need of repair or has been damaged, see the [ERC Repairs & Damaged Equipment Procedure](#).

These procedures are read in conjunction with the [ERC Proper Equipment Handling Procedure](#).