



## **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.

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**

- Wipe down all parts of your boat with a towel, both inside and outside.
- Extra attention should be given to all metal parts 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**

- Hulls: wash with soap and water. Do not use dish soap, an automotive cleaner is required due to the type of paint utilized on the hulls of our boats.
- Seat and slides: wash with soap and water. Dish soap is appropriate to use.
- Oarlocks and pins: disassemble and wash with soap and water. Dish soap is appropriate to use. Put a drop or two of oil on the pin before reassembling.
- Oars: take a soapy brush to the sleeves and collars. Dish soap is appropriate to use.

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](#) and the [ERC COVID-19 Equipment Cleaning & Disinfection Procedure](#).