



Upper Hamble Canoe Club (UHCC) Boat and equipment usage policy

Use of Club Boats and equipment for organised club sessions away from the Barkstore.

Full Membership of UHCC entitles you to borrow a club boat and equipment for organised club sessions away from the Barkstore, ie Lakeside, Warsash and Woodmill weir sessions. Boats and equipment must be collected from the Barkstore at the end of the session, before the away session. Return must be by the beginning of the next club session at the Barkstore, after the away session. If you can not comply with this you can not borrow club boats or equipment. The borrowed kit log must be filled in on borrowing and return. See also use of boat notes, taking care of club boats and equipment, damage and loss, policy and limitations of use on club boats..

Use of Club Boats and equipment for club trips.

Boats and equipment can be borrowed for club trips. Allocation and collection/return to be controlled by trip organiser. The borrowed kit log must be filled in on borrowing and return. See also use of boat notes, taking care of club boats and equipment, damage and loss, policy and limitations of use on club boats.

Use of Club Boats and equipment for peer paddles.

Boats and equipment may only be borrowed for peer paddles if the committee via it's kayak, canoe and sea kayak representatives, decide it is a suitable paddle trip for the member requesting use of a club boat and equipment. The borrowed kit log must be filled in on borrowing and return. See also use of boat notes, taking care of club boats and equipment, damage and loss, policy and limitations of use on club boats.

Use of Club Boats and equipment for long term or non club session use away from the river Hamble.

Requests for long term or non club session use should be made to the committee via it's kayak, canoe and sea kayak representatives. Short notice requests are less likely to be agreed. The borrowed kit log must be filled in on borrowing and return. See also use of boat notes, taking care of club boats and equipment, damage and loss, policy and limitations of use on club boats.

Use of Club Boats and equipment on the river Hamble from the Barkstore outside of club sessions.

Full Membership (Associate Membership or boat owners are not included.) of UHCC entitles you to borrow a club boat and equipment for your own use to paddle at your own risk. Paddlers must be British Canoeing Paddle Award (formerly BCU 2 star) standard, having completed an FSRT course and paddle only in the area outlined in the guidance to paddling on the Hamble. Details must be filled in the casual use log. Any damage must be recorded in the Fault log. Safety is your responsibility and members are advised to wear a buoyancy aid and never paddle alone. Children should be supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. The borrowed kit log must be filled in



on borrowing and return. See also use of boat notes, taking care of club boats and equipment, damage and loss policy, and limitations of use on club boats, Barkstore access request.

Use of boat notes

Individual Members are not allowed to borrow more than one boat at a time or loan out Club equipment to their friends. Family memberships can borrow boats for all family members registered on their membership form.

If you have friends or acquaintances who would like to try canoeing then they can take part in a taster session at one of the regular Club sessions subject to availability of equipment and a qualified person to instruct them and payment of the taster session fee. Individual or Family Members aged over 18 who are qualified BC coaches or instructors may at their discretion run taster sessions for interested groups, and may wave the normal taster fee.

Taking care of Club Boats and Equipment

Members are asked to return all equipment to its allotted space. Open boats should be locked. Buoyancy Aids and spraydecks will rot and go mouldy if not hung up to dry. It costs a few seconds of your time to look after kit properly, it costs £40 to replace a buoyancy aid that has been abused and £25 to replace a spraydeck.

All boats must have some form of buoyancy fitted before use. Buoyancy bags where fitted should be inflated to 90% of capacity. (Over inflation causes them to leak when the weather gets hot).

Rigid buoyancy must be securely fixed.

Buoyancy aids should be worn at all times by members.

Boats must not be dragged along the ground.

Boats must be returned to the Barkstore in a clean condition, with any water fully bailed out and put back in their space.

You must check all nuts and fittings are secure before taking the boat out on the water and return the boat with all of these fittings in place or report parts missing in the fault log.

Straps which are tightened using a mechanical ratchet are not to be used on any Club boat (because of the risk of damage caused by over tightening)

Damage and loss Policy

You are responsible for any damage or loss that may occur to a Club boat and equipment, whilst in your care. You are expected to have repairs done to a professional standard or replace the boat or equipment as necessary. (Note, Plastic boats are not indestructible, folding it around a rock usually requires its replacement, this could cost you £1000)

- We expect you to buy your own boats and equipment. Club boats and equipment are to introduce beginners to the sport and enable you to try out different aspects of the sport. As such there are some limitations on what you can do with Club boats.

-Club boats are not to be used to stop damage to members boats.

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- General purpose kayaks, ie those without full plate footrests are not designated for use on any moving water.
- White water Specification kayaks are not designated for use on water above Grade 2.
- Open boats fitted with air bags are not designated for use on any water above Grade 2..
- Sea Kayaks are designated for use on the Sea and tidal estuaries only. Care should be taken when rock hopping, not to cause damage.