

1.0 Aims of the Club

1.1 Gloucester Canoe Club has a commitment to encourage new paddlers to the Club and 'Paddlesport' in general with the aim of:

1.1.1 Encouraging young paddlers to the Paddlesport.

1.1.2 Encouraging 'returners' to the Paddlesport.

1.1.3 Increasing membership overall.

1.1.4 Providing a wide range of 'Paddlesport' activities.

1.1.5 Encouraging new and existing members to embark on coaching pathways.

2.0 Supporting the Aims of the Club

2.1 The Club recognises that there is a wide variety of Paddlesport disciplines, each with its own equipment requirements. The Club also recognises that Paddlesport equipment can be expensive and that new members will need time to decide which Paddlesport discipline they wish to embark on.

2.2 The Club will hold a stock of Kayaks and paddling equipment for use by members. Stock is expensive and limited, accordingly use of Club equipment will be prioritised for use by new members, and then on a first come first served basis.

2.3 A new member is deemed to be a person undertaking their induction and trial sessions or a 'Paid Up' Club member who is in their first year of membership.

2.4 Other members are entitled to use the equipment when and if it is available.

3.0 Requirements for the Club

3.1 The Club will maintain a secure facility at the Gloucester Canoe Club site for the storage of Club equipment. A list of key holders for the storage facility is available on the Club website.

- 3.2 Key holders are responsible for ensuring the security of Club equipment and that the storage facility is left locked and secure when vacating the site.
- 3.3 The Club will appoint a 'Kit Officer' who will maintain a listing of Club equipment, and the condition of that equipment. The Kit Officer will undertake an annual inventory of Club equipment. A copy of the inventory will be available on the Club website.
- 3.4 The Club will monitor the condition of equipment as advised by the Kit Officer, Coaches, Team leaders and members. Any equipment that is reported as 'damaged' shall be put out of use until repaired or replaced.

4.0 Requirements for Members

- 4.1 Club equipment may be used by members for Club trips, events and coaching sessions.
- 4.2 Members have a duty of care for Club equipment which should be used with due regard for the cost of replacement.
- 4.3 Equipment shall be returned as soon as possible after use, preferably at the end of the event. If equipment cannot be returned at the end of event usage, a return date and time shall be agreed with a Club official.
- 4.4 Members using Club equipment shall ensure it is cleaned after use and note any damage.
- 4.5 Members should report any damage to Club equipment to the Kit Officer or a Club official.
- 4.6 Members should be aware of the impact of carrying unsecured loads on their vehicles. Refer to paragraph 5.

4.0 Communities and Groups

- 4.1 Gloucester Canoe Club wishes to engage the wider community in Paddlesport to promote the Club, to be part of the local community and to advertise and increase membership.
- 4.2 To that end, the Club will allow Communities and Groups, who are not members of the Club, to use Club equipment providing-

- 4.3 Use is approved by the Club 'Communities and Groups' officer and two (2) other Club officials. The Club Chairman shall provide approval if the Communities and Groups officer is not available.
- 4.4 A Coach or person with a minimum Foundation Safety and Rescue Training (FRST) will be present.
- 4.5 The Community or Group is vouched for by a Club Official.
- 4.6 A Club Official to be present during the period of usage by the Community or Group.
- 4.7 The Community or Group activity will be advertised on the Club Calendar.
- 4.8 Club trips, events, and members will have priority use of Club equipment.

5.0 Insurance

- 5.1 Club racing boats and kayaks are specifically insured within the Gloucester Canoe Club Insurance Policy. The insurance covers Club racing boats and kayaks providing:
 - 5.1.1 They are in Safe Storage at the Club or at a member's home address.
 - 5.1.2 During transit, such transit is safe and the boats and kayaks are properly secured.
- 5.2 Boat and Kayak insurance is NOT valid if the boat or kayak is damaged or falls off the transit vehicle as a result of an unsecured load or incorrectly secured load.
- 5.3 A members vehicle insurance is likely to be INVALIDATED if there is an incident or damage resulting from transportation of an incorrectly or unsecured load.
- 5.4 Members should seek advice if they are unsure how to correctly load and secure boats and kayaks to their vehicles or transport.