



Membership Rules - MRC Members

Membership Rules apply to ALL members. Respecting them will ensure enjoyable, safe rowing and racing for everyone. We are all members of the one club. No one is paid to run the boathouse. With our limited resources and very limited funds we can still operate the boathouse smoothly if we all pull together - just like rowing. Don't watch others pull more weight than you and don't let anyone pull less!

ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME IN THE RUNNING OF OUR CLUB. THIS WILL INCLUDE WORKING BEES, ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, COMMITTEE WORK, COACHING AND FUND RAISING.

1. WHAT DO I GET AS A MEMBER?

Depending on your level of membership you get access to boats and oars (limited by category), personal insurance while rowing, use of the gymnasium (limited by category), coaching when organised by the Club or funded separately, social facilities at Pearl Bay and access to the best rowing water in Sydney. If you pay to join Rowing New South Wales (RNSW) and you are a current member of the club you can race and represent the club in all local, state and national regattas.

2. RELEVANT CLUB OFFICERS

For those of you not aware, the Club Officers are:

President:	Jim Battersby
Vice President:	Tim Sheridan
Captain:	Michael Burns
Treasurer:	Em Barac
Secretary:	Jenny Wilson

3. WHEN CAN I TRAIN?

- During the week the boatshed is usually opened at 5.00am. On weekends the boatshed is usually opened at 5.30am
- Magnetic Fob keys are issued when you become a member (limited by category), these will give you access to the boatshed, kitchen, changerooms and gymnasium between 5.00am and 9.00pm. A deposit of \$20.00 is required for the fob key, this will be refunded if you leave the club. LAST TO LEAVE MUST ALWAYS LOCK UP THE ROLLER DOORS, ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE SHED. INCLUDING STORING AWAY SCULLING RACKS, TINNIES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, TURNING OFF ALL THE LIGHTS AND CLOSING THE BACK DOOR. ALSO ENSURE THE COMPOUND BETWEEN THE SHEDS IS CLOSED AND LOCKED. If you lose your magnetic fob key please advise the Secretary and a new key will be issued with a replacement cost of \$20.00
- Athletes 18 years and over are to use the bathroom facilities in the boatshed, the changeroom facilities in the new school shed at the back of the gymnasium are for athletes under the age of 18 years
- The same applies to the new boatshed, IF YOU ARE LAST TO LEAVE THE GYMNASIUM MAKE SURE ALL LIGHTS ARE OFF, AND DOORS AND GATE IS LOCKED. THE ALARM WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SET FROM 10.00PM
- All boats removed from the shed, whether private or club, must be written into the boat sign out register
- Try to train with someone else or inform someone that you are going out and your estimated time of return



- Junior Members, LTR and RFF rowers may only row under the direct physical supervision of a coach
- If the boatshed or gymnasium are locked members will need to bring down their magnetic key to gain access

4. BOAT BOOKING AND SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE

Boat Booking System

- MRC boats fall into four categories: High Performance, Development, Club Rowers, and Recreational Rowers. MRC's online boat booking system enables members to reserve boats, from the category that applies to them. The boats are labelled within the system for easy identification
- The majority of new members will be using the Club Boats
- Members may only book ONE boat at each booking. The boat cannot be reserved and then not used. If you book a boat and then don't need it, unbook so other members have the opportunity to use the boat
- Boat Bookings must be checked before taking out a Club Boat to ensure that coaches or other members have not reserved that boat
- Any member may use the Boat Booking System to reserve a boat, provided it is a category of boat allowed for that member. A boat can only be reserved **5 DAYS** in advance
- Any conflict or dispute regarding the reservation or use of boats may only be resolved by consulting the Captain
- If boats are required for regattas or camps, they must be booked for the period well in advance. If already booked you must call the booking party and negotiate with them

Boat Log

- NO Recreational, Private or Club boat, or Club tinnie may be used unless the person or crew using it signs it out in the BOAT LOG BOOK (Located at the front of the middle bay near the roller door) and signs it back in on return
- The entry in the log must note the name of the rowers, the boat and the time the boat is taken out and returned, along with any damage sustained or repairs required. This information is essential for maintaining the club fleet and is an insurance requirement for the club

5. BOAT WASHING AND STORAGE

- All boats are to be washed on the inside and outside after use, then dried with towels provided by the club. The boats are then to be returned to the correct rack in the correct position
- NO boats are to be left on the trestles outside the shed. Only fixed racks or mobile trolleys are to be used to store boats. NO boats are to be stored outside or on the club trailers without the captain's permission
- Permission is required from the Captain to rack or store private boats or equipment in the shed

6. WHAT IF A BOAT IS BROKEN OR DAMAGED?

- Breakages and damage are each crew's responsibility. Fix it yourself or advise the captain and ensure it is noted in the Boat Register. Also email repairs@mosmanrowing.com and detail the damage and or repairs needed
- Depending on the cost and the manner of the breakage or damage, the crew may be charged for the repair

- If you damage a club boat you will be required to provide an Incident Report to the club captain.
- Spare and replacement parts are located under the stairs and at the end of the Middle Bay, or ask the captain or coaches. Other boats are never to be a source for temporary parts to aid repairs
- Notify the captain of all major breakages or accidents particularly if insurance may be involved
- If you are involved in an accident you must complete a New South Wales Maritime Vessel Incident Report and submit it to the club captain. See
- http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/docs/forms/vessel_incident_report.pdf
- You should also leave a note on the boat pointing out the damage so other crews don't take the damaged boat out

7. WHAT ABOUT A SPEEDBOAT/TINNIE?

- MRC tinnies are reserved for the club coaches. The LTR and RFF coaches must defer to the captain and book the approved tinnies for their sessions. For any boat going over 8hp, coaches will need a current NSW Maritime Licence number
- Ensure the boat has a bailer, life jacket (One for each person in the boat which must be worn at all times on the water), an oar and sufficient fuel before taking it out. Petrol is stored in the Yellow Fuel Storage area in the trailer area (in the compound) and must be returned to the storage area after use.
- Please note that tinnies are limited to a maximum of 3 people. You must ensure you have the correct lighting, including a white surround light 1 metre above the water level
- When using a tinnie, keep your wash down and manoeuvre through the moored vessels on leaving or approaching the pontoon (i.e. well to the north or the south of the 300 metre clearway zone from the pontoon). The 300metre clearway zone from the pontoon is a "no wash zone"

8. CAN NON-MEMBERS ROW IN CLUB BOATS?

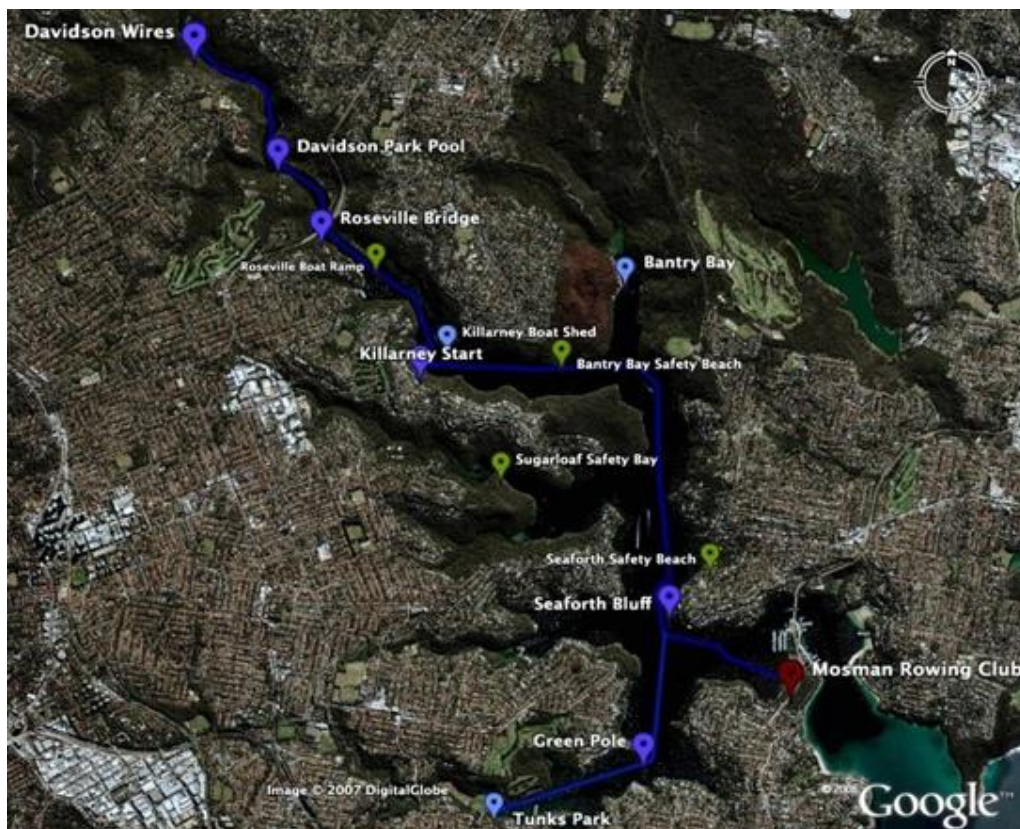
- Non-members may use club equipment, if and only if the following conditions are satisfied
- Where the non-member intends to row in a crew with members to try MRC as a potential club, or as a one off to fill a seat. The members must be responsible for the actions and behaviour of the non-member and will be responsible for ensuring that the non-member pays the casual rowing fee referred to below;
 - Where the non-member intends to row in a single scull or in a crew where none of the crew are members, the non-member must first obtain the permission of the captain. and
 - The non-member must pay a casual rowing fee of \$30 per outing and enter his or her name and address in the Boat Log and the receipt book kept in the First Aid Box on the bench under the stairs.

9. WHAT IF IT IS DARK?

- No boat, club or private, including speedboats will be used before sunrise or after sunset without NSW Maritime approved lights (see <http://www.waterways.nsw.gov.au/CodeOfConduct.html> for details) - that is a fixed white light on both the bow and stern of the boat. At least one of these lights must be visible from a kilometre. Please note a flashing red light is a Port Hand marker which indicates to other boats that you are a fixed object and advising boats coming from behind you to pass you on the bow side of your rowing boat! Read and understand Waterways Rule 25.

- Please note that the failure to use light or the use of inappropriate lights may void the club's insurance, particularly on you the rower and third parties. **If coaches allow rowers to go out without lights, they will be held personally responsible and if caught by NSW Maritime will be subject to a heavy fine. MRC will not be held responsible for any person or crew that does not adhere to Rule 25 which is involved in an accident and remind coaches that they may be held personally liable for any damage that might occur**
- If you don't have the appropriate lights you will be asked to wait until daylight or put your boat away
- All occupants of tinnies must wear a life jacket in the dark, this includes the half hour before sunrise, and from the beginning of sunset

10. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MIDDLE HARBOUR?



- Keep to the right (bow side) bank at all times and stay West of the Spit Bridge
- Beware of moored boats / land / moorings / navigation markers and other boats, including rowing vessels
- Keep a good look out at all times, especially when rating at higher rates. Be considerate of faster crews and give them plenty of room. Always assume they haven't seen you. Call out to be sure
- Be quiet close to houses, especially near the Bluff early in the morning.
- NO use of megaphones before 7.00am on weekdays and 8.00am on weekends (NSW Maritime rules)
- Do not stop in the 300metre clearway due west from the pontoon. If you have to stop, pull aside to bow side so you are not in the way of any boat traffic
- Junior or Novice crews should train towards Cammeray - go the Bluff, cross to the Northbridge Sailing Club, Sailors Bay (Green Sailing Shed) and proceed towards the Green Pole



- All forms of watercraft share Middle Harbour. Therefore, the earlier you row the less chance of heavy boat traffic
- When turning up the Killarney 2000metre course heading upstream stay to bow side, do not cut the corner. Similarly, when heading downstream from Roseville Bridge, stay well over to bowside all the way to the Killarney course and row into the start of the course - Do not cut the corner when rowing back onto the Killarney Straight
- When returning to the Bluff row down within 100 metres of the Northbridge Sailing Club, Sailors Bay (Green Boat Shed on bow side, directly visible from the MRC Club House), stop, look around and then turn towards the MRC shed. At all times watching for boats going North and South. Do not cut this corner

Use of Pontoons

- As a general rule club members will use the Northern Pontoon. Particular care will be necessary when entering and exiting the pontoons to ensure you do not collide with boats coming from and going to the other pontoon. As a general rule boats coming back will have right of way, but all parties are responsible to look out.

11. HOW DO I ENTER INTO A RACE?

- Make sure you are a current club member and join Rowing New South Wales (RNSW) - joining directly via their website. Memberships start from 1 July each year
- Set up a Regatta Feral Fund Entry Account with the Feral Fund manager for your entry fees. You must have a positive balance at least to the value of the entries to be entered at least one week prior to the regatta. The club will not provide credit for your entries.
- Check the regatta program on the RNSW website, not the closing date and eligibility for the event and advise the Feral Fund manager the Friday before the entries close.
- Purchase an MRC zootie from either the Regatta Shop website, or Oarsome website.
- Check with the captain about the boat transport arrangements for the regatta
- Any racing fines (failure to start, withdraw, wrong uniform etc) that you incur will be debited from you Regatta Feral Fund Entry Account

12. HOW DO WE GET BOATS TO THE REGATTA?

- Check with the MRC regatta organiser or captain the boat loading schedule. All members going to regattas are expected to participate in boat loading and unloading. Your boat will not be loaded unless you are involved or do it
- Bring rigging tools (at least a 10 & 11mm spanner and screwdriver). Make sure your boat is safely loaded with seat ties in place, riggers on the trailer and the boat correctly secured onto the trailer
- Any damage to the boat whilst at a regatta will be the responsibility of the crew/s
- On return from a regatta all boats are to be re-rigged, washed inside and out, then dried inside and out. Boats are to be put away onto their allocated rack. This is to be done on return from the regatta, not the day after

Thank you for your consideration of your fellow members, school tenants, the club and equipment.

I have read the MRC Members Rules and recognise my role as a active rowing member at the Mosman Rowing Club and agree to follow