


PRIVATE BOAT USAGE POLICY		
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Objective

To set clear guidelines for members of CBRC who own a private boat and use the club for the storage of the boat. It is to eliminate the club being used as a 'storage facility' and is for the betterment of the club.

General Guidelines

All private boat owners must sign and agree to the following guidelines if they wish to store their boat at the club.

1.1. General Guidelines

- 1.1.1. No private boats shall be stored in the Clubhouse without the prior permission of the Captain and the Vice-Captain.
- 1.1.2. No other persons shall grant permission. In the event where permission is declined, the member involved may appeal to the General Committee. The member shall appeal in writing and document, with direct reference to these regulations, the reasons for appealing. The onus is on the member involved to substantiate why they have been unfairly refused permission.
- 1.1.3. Any person storing private boats (or equipment) in the Clubhouse does so at their own risk. The Club will not be responsible for any accidental damage, vandalism, theft, fire, flood damage etc. to any private boats (or equipment) stored in the Clubhouse.

1.2. Members – Full Time Storage

- 1.2.1. Applications from members to store private boats in the clubhouse shall be made using a completed "Application for Private Boat Storage". The forms are to be submitted to the Captain or Vice Captain. A completed form is required for each boat proposed to be stored.
- 1.2.2. Once permission for storage has been granted, the boat may be stored until the member removes it or until the member is required by the Club to remove it according to this Policy.
- 1.2.3. A racking fee will be applicable and is to be paid within 7 days of receipt of an invoice for same.
- 1.2.4. The racking fee will be determined by the General Committee and will be reviewed annually.

- 1.2.5. Any applicable racking fee will be reduced proportionate to the number of times the boat is used, according to a formula decided from time to time by the General Committee, as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2.6. Any consideration as to reduction in, or exemption from, the racking fee determined as in clause 1.2.5, shall take into account the conditions outlined in Appendix 2.
- 1.2.7. The applying member assures the Club they will comply with any future actions they have declared on the application form. Applications will be reviewed if actions are reneged on and permission may be revoked. Permission can only be revoked by the General Committee after consultation with the Captain and Vice Captain.
- 1.2.8. All decisions regarding the allocation of racking space are to be made by the Captain and Vice Captain, unless both the member and the Club agree otherwise OR there are other issues with the member involved, for example, disciplinary reasons or removal of the member from the Club.
- 1.2.9. A member who has been allocated a boat rack, shall not hand over, pass on, sub let, lend, loan, etc, this rack to another member or non-member. Any member proposing to vacate the rack allocated to them, shall advise the Captain or Vice-Captain of such at the earliest practical opportunity in writing.
- 1.2.10. Rack allocations can be reviewed from time to time by the Captain or Vice Captain.
- 1.2.11. In the event of a shortage of boat racks, then favourable consideration will be given to those members who wish to store a private boat, that represent the Club at RV or RA sanctioned regattas, help out around the club, regularly attend fund raising functions, regularly assist at working bees, help out at regattas, coach Club crews, etc.

1.3. Non-Members Storage

As a general rule, non-members will not be permitted to store their private boats in the shed. In exceptional circumstances, and on application to the General Committee, a non-member may be permitted to store their private boat in the shed, under the conditions and fees to be determined by the General Committee at the time.

1.4. General rules for Private Boat Storage

- 1.4.1. Any person, who on a regular basis, uses a private or Club boat stored in the Clubhouse shall be deemed to using the Corio Bay Rowing Club's facilities and shall pay the appropriate membership fee, unless specific exemption has been granted by the General Committee. Regular is defined as being more than one day in any week and/or more than 2 weeks in any year.
- 1.4.2. In the event of non-payment, overdue monies, boats stored without permission - private boats may be removed from the Clubhouse by the Captain or Vice-Captain.

- 1.4.3. The General Committee may, at times, determine that non-club boats may be stored in the Clubhouse without any payment/s, eg, overseas crews training in Geelong and using Clubhouse to store boats/equipment.
- 1.4.4. Corio Bay Rowing Club boats and equipment shall have priority over any privately owned boats.

Appendix 1

Racking Fees and Conditions for Private Boats for 2014-15 Season

1. Racking Fee

\$250 per boat for the year

2. Rebate for Usage

\$10 rebate for each occasion of documented use

Appendix 2

General Considerations for Reduction in, or Exemption from, Racking Fees

What may be considered

- The approval of concessions will be the clear exception rather than the rule
- Concessions will only be permitted following consideration by the Rowing Committee based on a proposal put to it by a member of the Committee, and assessed against the intent of these guidelines
- Services to the Club which could conceivably warrant concessional consideration indicatively include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following:
 - Donations of capital equipment to the Club by members or 'agents' of members, which are outside the scope of normal sponsorship and which are in the order of multiple times the value of a single Club membership
 - Donation of services to the Club which result in substantial asset improvement or increase in value of capital assets of the Club

Situations or circumstances for which concessions may not be considered

- Claims of financial hardship by individuals
The financial positions of all members differ for a wide range of reasons, and there can be no clear definition of what is or is not relevant financial hardship
- To office bearers of the Club (nor to family members of office bearers)
- To official Club sponsors (nor to friends or family of Club sponsors)
Sponsorship is a donation to the Club which the Club will endeavour to acknowledge through business activity via the Club or its members
- To Club members for assistance to the Club via:
 - managing or contributing to the work or assets of the Club social or fund raising functions;
 - officiating at rowing regattas;
 - transport of equipment (e.g. boats) to and from regattas on a one off or regular basis;
 - routine maintenance of Club facilities;
 - performance of general activities that may normally be considered the potential role of Club members including activity at working bees (e.g. cleaning of sheds, cleaning of boats, oars and racks) and other activities.