

PRIVATE BOAT USAGE POLICY		
STATUS	FINAL	
VERSION	SEVEN	July 2022

Objectives

To set clear guidelines for members of CBRC who own a private boat and use the club for the storage of the boat.

To eliminate the club being used as a 'storage facility' and for the betterment of the club.

General Guidelines

All private boat owners must sign and agree to the following guidelines annually if they wish to store their boat at the club, by means of Appendix 1.

1. General Guidelines

- 1.1 No private boats shall be stored in the Clubhouse without the prior permission of the Captain.
- 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 this policy, the reasons for appealing. The onus is on the member involved to substantiate why they have been unfairly refused permission.
- 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.

2. Members – Full Time Storage

- 2.1 Applications from members to store private boats or other equipment in the clubhouse shall be made in writing by email to the Captain.
- 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.
- 2.3 An annual racking fee will be applicable and is to be paid within 7 days of receipt of an invoice for same.
- 2.4 The racking fee will be determined by the General Committee and will be reviewed annually.
- 2.5 All decisions regarding the allocation of racking space are to be made by the 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.
- 2.6 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 of such at the earliest practical opportunity in writing.

- 2.7 Rack allocations may be reviewed from time to time by the Captain and the Rowing Committee.
- 2.8 In the event of a shortage of boat racks:
- a) members who have boats stored in the club which are being used the least may be asked by the Club to remove their boat in favour of an incoming member's boat.
 - b) in respect of clause 2.8 (a), boat usage shall be determined by the number of times the boat has been booked on Sports Noticeboard.
 - c) favourable consideration may be given to those members who wish to store a private boat that represent the Club at RV or RA sanctioned regattas or who actively support the operation of the Club.

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.

4. General rules for Private Boat Storage

- 4.1 Any person, who on a regular basis uses a private or Club boat stored in the Clubhouse shall be deemed to be 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.
- 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.
- 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 the Clubhouse to store boats/equipment.
- 4.4 Corio Bay Rowing Club boats and equipment shall have priority over any privately owned boats.

Document History

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Appendix 1.

Declaration by Member Storing Private Boat or other Equipment in the Boatshed of Corio Bay Rowing Club

I, _____
have read and understood this policy (Private Boat Usage Policy, Version Seven, July 2022) regarding the storage of my:

in the Corio Bay Rowing Club's Boatshed, and I agree to the conditions expressed in the Policy.

(signed) _____

(date) _____

Sign and date the above declaration and send to: Captain@coriobayrowing.com