

Borrowing & Taking Away Equipment

General Information

As a club member you are entitled to make use of the clubs' extensive stock of boats and kit which is stored in the green container at the rear of the Hand & Dagger. This is usually opened around 6.30pm on Club nights for members' use. Should you wish to borrow and take away equipment (e.g. for a club trip) this must be booked in advance by emailing the Quartermaster. quartermaster@ribblecanoecub.co.uk Requests should be made at least 24 hours before collection or sooner if possible to avoid disappointment on busy weekends.

Equipment will be available for collection on a Tuesday evening and should be returned the following Tuesday unless otherwise agreed with the Quartermaster. You are responsible for returning any equipment you borrow into the container. Only one boat per member.

Equipment must not be removed from the lock up without permission from the Quartermaster – if nothing else another member may have booked it out and be collecting it later.

Note: If you notice a boat that is not in good working order, please attach a **DO NOT USE** label and make a note on the label describing the problem. This would be a great help for the quartermaster. The labels are kept in the lock up.

Equipment may be booked out and taken from the container on a Tuesday night providing the Quartermaster confirms it's not required or already booked out. Blank copies of the booking forms will be kept in the container and these should be completed and handed to the Quartermaster before removing the equipment.

PLEASE NOTE :- to avoid disappointment boats should be booked out in advance.

Club Canoes can only be used on up to Grade 2 water. River boats can only be used on up to Grade 3 water

Key holders should only let members collect boats when they have been authorized to do so by the quartermaster. In the Quartermaster's absence, key holders will have taken instructions for the handing over and return of boats/equipment from the Quartermaster.

In general members can only borrow one boat at a time.

There could be exceptions to this, for example where a member wants to compare boats? In this instance they would need to liaise with the quartermaster and the loan period would be restricted to one week.

Returning Boat Clean

Prior to return, boats/equipment have to be cleaned of not only both fresh and saltwater; but mud, sand and grit. This is not only for the benefit of the next person to use, but also prolongs the life of boats/equipment, but more importantly stops the spread of invasive species.

Period of boat loan/extend loan

In general boats can be booked out for a maximum of two weeks. However, the boat maybe available for longer but is subject to recall by the quartermaster. If the boat is not returned upon request (within 48hours) then the member will be charged a fee of £10 per week for each additional week to cover wear and tear.

Group Booking

Unless it is a booking from a coach for a RCC coaching event, the Group Booking must list the names and their membership numbers for those using the boats.

Anyone who borrows a boat is responsible for the equipment while it is in their care, irrespective of who made the group booking. In particular course/group candidates should note that the coach will NOT assume the responsibility for that boat. Coaches/Leaders should remind members of this fact.

Boat bookings, in particular canoe bookings, will be restricted during the training season.

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