

Grateful Oars Rowing Club Rules

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The club has developed recommended practices and informal policies over the years since the founding year of 1997. This document codifies certain existing practices and policies as formal club rules. All members and guests must comply with the following rules:

1. Various rules not found in the bylaws:

- a. The boathouse door is to be locked when no club member is present.
- b. A clockwise circulation pattern generally parallel to the lakeshore is to be followed unless wind and weather conditions require rowers to return to the dock against the pattern. If so, responsibility for avoiding collision rests primarily with the craft off-pattern. The launch is exempted from this rule.
- c. Prospective members may have two free rows before paying full dues. Guests may have two free rows but pay \$20 per week (7 continuous days) after that. Former club members may have one free week, then pay \$20 per week. Guests or former members rowing more than four weeks in a season must pay the balance of full dues. Exceptions may be made by the President, Membership Coordinator or Board. A waiver must be signed before any rowing.
- d. Crews must record each rower's name and the coxswain on the boathouse log sheet, and log in and out.
- e. Use the on-line calendar to reserve boats for each rowing session. If not reserving in advance, check the on-line calendar before taking a boat out. Previous use does not give precedence. Any club boat may be reserved.
- f. Boats are to be wiped down after each use.
- g. At least two experienced rowers must be in any beginner 8, not including the cox. At least two experienced rowers must be in any beginner 4, which may include the cox. The level of experience is determined by the boat captain.
- h. A minimum of two hours of service is given each season by each member. The service may include service on the Board or appointive position, rowing with a Learn to Row crew, working on boats and oars, caring for the building and grounds, cleaning the dock, and so forth.

2. Rules for storage of personal rowing equipment in the GORC boathouse:

- a. The owner must have a current membership in the club as of June 1 and must pay the annual storage fee as set by the club.
- b. Storage must be authorized by the Board of Directors or, between meetings, by the President. The Boathouse Maintenance Coordinator will determine whether space is available and will decide which rack is to be used.
- c. Storage is limited to one 1X shell, slings, and sculling oars, provided there is available rack space or overhead storage. Other personal gear must fit inside a locker.
- d. Stored equipment must not interfere with the use of the boathouse by crews and other members.
- e. Inactive boats may not be stored during the season.

- f. Storage authorization may be revoked for cause by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may refund prorated fees at its discretion.
- g. If storage authorization is revoked or the required membership and fee are not paid, equipment must be removed promptly.

3. Rules for GORC Member Use of GORC and Clarkson Boats and Equipment

- a. Small Boats: Only members may use GORC small boats unless in a Learn to Row setting. Guests may use a GORC small boat when under the supervision of a regular member approved for independent use. Rowers of small boats are not required to be members of regularly scheduled crews.
- b. Waivers: All occupants of GORC boats and GORC users of Clarkson equipment must have a signed waiver of liability on file with the club or with US Rowing.
- c. Scheduling: Priority on GORC boats goes to the person signed up for a particular time period. Use the on-line schedule to make sure a GORC boat is available and that you are signed up (For small boats, access to the schedule is given after checkout). Clarkson equipment cannot be scheduled using the on-line GORC scheduling system. Clarkson Crew Club has priority for any Clarkson boat, but Clarkson use is not likely in June, July and into late August. For any rowing session, limit the session to 2 hours; be back at the dock before the next scheduled row time.
- d. Damage: All damage must be reported immediately to the Boat Maintenance Coordinators via the clipboard in the boathouse, or, directly in the case of damage that renders a boat unrowable. Normal wear and tear and damage that results from unforeseen circumstances (such as from grounding, miscommunication in docking, or similar) will be repaired at club expense. Damage from reckless disregard will be considered by the board of directors, which may assess the cost of repair to the responsible individual(s) after discussion with the responsible party. Damage to Clarkson equipment is to be reported to Clarkson as well as a member of the GORC Board of Directors. Damage to any equipment not owned by GORC is the responsibility of the rower(s).
- e. Location: GORC equipment is not to be used elsewhere without GORC board approval.
- f. Use of the Ana Jukic 1x: The Fluidesign 1x racing shell *Ana Jukic* is a unique case because the boat is considered a joint asset of CU and GORC by agreement with the Clarkson coach, the actual owner of the boat. The boat's status reflects GORC investment in restoring the boat. The boat is housed in the Clarkson side, which effectively sets the priority of use. *Ana Jukic* is to be rowed independently only by scullers who can demonstrate advanced technique beyond qualifying to use the Alden Star 22. (Note: The design rower weight of the *Ana Jukic* is within a range of 200-220#. Significantly lighter scullers may find the boat hard to set. The *Ana Jukic* is equipped with a bow-mounted rigger, which makes re-entry after flipping more difficult than boats with stern mounts.)

4. Penalties to be Determined by Board of Directors

Process. The club president shall first counsel any member thought to be in violation and may decide whether to bring the matter to the attention of the full board. The Board of Directors shall determine appropriate penalties for violations of the above club rules in open session after discussion in executive session with those involved or alleged to be involved. Anyone found to have been in violation shall have the right to appeal. Penalties will vary with the severity of the violations and whether repeated after warnings and/or counseling. Penalties may include loss of any or all club privileges, including removal from office and loss of membership.

5. Effective Date

These rules are effective immediately when approved or amended by the membership.