

Grateful Oars (GORC) Pair Qualification Protocol

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GORC has one two person intermediate sweep boat (pair). Rowing of this boat requires a certain level of sweep experience. The GORC Board of Directors (BOD) encourages members to become proficient in rowing different types of boats. To assure the safety of all, the BOD has adopted the following protocol that needs to be met before members are eligible to row the pair on their own.

1. The two interested members shall submit an email request to row the pair to the secretary. Such request shall include that they have read and will abide by the GORC Safety Guidelines.
2. They will have the captain of the crew they row in submit an email to the secretary stating the following:
 - He/she believes that their sweep rowing is proficient enough to row the pair.
 - He/she has observed the two successfully remove the pair from the boathouse, put it in the water, take it out of the water and return it to the rack in the boathouse.
3. The first row of the pair is to be accompanied by a launch with a BOD member in the launch.
4. The BOD member will determine when the launch is no longer needed to accompany the pair. At that point the BOD member will notify the secretary by email that the pair is qualified to row on their own.
5. Members wishing to row the pair may seek a waiver/modification to these requirements by emailing their request with their reason for the request to the secretary. The BOD will review the request and make a determination.
6. Upon qualification, the secretary will give the pair directions on how to schedule the boat.
7. Upon adoption of this protocol, the BOD will determine which members are grandfathered.
8. The roster will indicate those deemed qualified to row the pair.