

LSC Private Boat, Equipment, and Boat Rack Policy (from January 2021, revised October 2023)

LSC Committee controls boat rackage, and will allocate up to 50% of single scull racks to owners of private boats who are likely to actively use them and therefore save on the use of club boats. Active use is defined as equivalent to 24 outings in that boat per year during normal circumstances. We expect that those members who race racked boats will represent LSC for the majority of their relevant race entries in that membership year. This does not affect those who prefer not to race.

LSC may also allocate racks in the attic or elsewhere for boat storage.

Getting a rack

Non members will not be able to join a waiting a list for a rack, (unless there are racks free and no members are waiting).

Members wishing to apply for a rack should request a waiting list place by contacting the club Secretary, by email at lscullers@hotmail.com. Positions on the waiting list will be in order of receipt, and applicants will be told what position they are at. The list will be available to any club member at any time. The list order will only be changed on allocation of a rack, removal of the application, or ceasing to be a paid up club member.

In the case that a rack becomes available, this will be offered to the first paid up member on the list, or to the next if the first is unable to occupy the rack within 3 months, or a time frame agreed if they are awaiting boat delivery.

While any rack is allocated but not occupied, the committee may allow temporary use of that rack at its discretion.

Members allocated a rack must pay the appropriate rackage fee promptly on request.

Rowers without an allocated rack must be aware that LSC cannot be expected to accommodate their boat.

If a rower is offered a rack but declines they shall be removed from the list, but can immediately re-apply for a new position.

Keeping a rack

Racks are allocated generally on a yearly basis, with the rackage year ending at the same time as the membership year. Members should re-apply for rackage using the membership renewal form. The committee can refuse an application to renew, if there are others waiting and likely to be more active users of a racked boat. The committee may ask a member to remove a racked boat, or to move it to storage, at any time, and can if necessary move the boat for this or any purpose, but will make reasonable efforts to let the boat owner know in advance of such action.

Occasionally it may be necessary to relocate or remove boats from racks for the purpose of building works, or to adjust the layout of boats. Owners will be consulted in such situations. It may on occasions become necessary to restrict access to the LSC site, boathouse, or river, so access to private boats would also be restricted.

During times when the club is closed or inaccessible, or if a member has declared personal circumstances over a fixed period and this is viewed as reasonable by committee, a period of grace will be granted which will be discounted from the active rack holder calculations. The boat may be

removed or if the club has space in the attic a boat may be stored there for a nominal annual fee equivalent to ¼ yearly rackage.

Members are advised that the club leases its property from others, and there is not a long term lease in place beyond 2025.

Keeping property at LSC

Owners of private boats or equipment at LSC must insure these, and are encouraged to mark these with their name.

After reasonable efforts by the committee to ascertain ownership, the club may treat unclaimed property as abandoned, and use or dispose of abandoned property.

Summary

The aim of this policy is to ensure fair usage, and that private boats and equipment are in active use, and to this end the committee will allocate, re-allocate, and charge for racks, at its discretion, in accordance with this policy, which will be kept under review.

LSC Committee.

Dated 5 October 2023