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DURHAM AMATEUR ROWING CLUB

City Boathouse, Green Lane, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3JU

Boat Allocation Policy

The Rowing and Coaching Group encourages and supports the racing of all crews at DARC. A policy of transparent priorities is necessary to work through the demands on the DARC fleet and ensure a fair allocation of equipment suitable to the aims, training and abilities of squads and crews.

The DARC fleet is divided into 2 categories: Racing and General Use. A list is published in the locker room and boats are labelled accordingly on the boat booking portal.

All members should book boats for use.

All members may use the general use boats.

Racing boats will be allocated for racing and training by the Rowing and Coaching Group.

All those wishing to race will be accommodated as far as possible. The Rowing and Coaching Committee will make allocations on the basis of a number of priorities in line with the club's strategic goal of providing a squad structure and transparent boat allocation to its members:

- Squad crews will have priority over club equipment during their training times and also for races
- Established crews with a clear race plan will have priority over scratch crews or those who do not race and train often.
- Same sex crews will have priority over mixed crews
- Full members will be given priority over off-peak members because race days are, by their nature, defined as peak times.
- Club crews will be prioritised over composite crews

Other aspects may also be considered to help determine allocation:

- Crew performance and speed (as proven in previous races or by seat racing)
- Level of competition and its role in a crew's overall race plan
- Crew competence
- Club aims

The club may also ask crews racing in multiple events at any one regatta to indicate a preferred race in case not all races/boat types can be accommodated.

Allocations across the sections of the club will be assessed by the Rowing and Coaching Group at the start of every racing season. Allocations do not automatically carry over from one season to the next.

All crews are encouraged to provide the Vice-captains and Club Captain, with their racing plans at the start of the season to facilitate boat allocation.