



NPBRC Policy for Priority Boat Use:

This policy is designed to accommodate all members and authorized programs' rowers so that everyone can fulfill their goals while sharing the waterway in harmony. All rowers are expected to display **courtesy** and **common sense**.

Authorized Users: Users of the club's facility include regular masters members, authorized junior (u18) rowers, collegiate program (u23) rowers, Learn to Row participants (non-members), and visiting rowers, including camps and teams.

GENERAL SITE ACCESS FRAMEWORK

User	Access to the NPBRC site
Master member (Age 23+)	Unrestricted
Junior program participant (under 18) Collegiate program participants	As determined by head coach for each season. Must be accompanied by an adult NPBRC member or coach at all times .
U23 member	Should be accompanied by a NPBRC masters member, coach, or another certified NPBRC u23 rower at all times.
Learn to Row – non-members	Must be accompanied by a NPBRC masters member or coach at all times.
Visiting individual rowers	As determined by sponsor member or board
Visiting camp	As determined by board

Boat Use: Experience has shown that boats are generally available to members without restrictions unless the junior or collegiate programs are in active training.

- To avoid conflicts, all rowers are encouraged to plan their activities during times when their group has priority (see charts below) in order to avoid conflicts.
- Individual masters who want to use a specific club boat should sign up in advance using the website calendar.
- Coaches will advise members, to the greatest extent that they can forecast it, of the boats they prefer to use for regattas and will sign up for them using the website calendar to ensure other club members are aware.
- All rowers should understand that Junior program boat requirements for daily practice can change on a daily basis, often at the last minute. Masters should not reserve club boats during a Juniors priority time slot unless they are certain the boat is not required for practice that day.
- Masters using club boats during their priority time slot should plan their row such that the boat they are using is back in time for use by the next scheduled reservation. Except for regatta use, no single reservation should exceed 2 hours.



Priority Use: “Priority” use means having the first choice of club-owned boats, right of way at launch and recovery, and selection of training area on the water. See the charts below for a listing of which groups have priority at any given time.

- A rower that chooses to row during another group’s priority time should not take out a club boat until the priority program has selected their shells, should not interfere with the priority programs launch or recovery, and should exercise caution if they need to row through a priority program’s training area.
- Members who own and row their own boats – and who therefore are not occupying club equipment – are not restricted to specific launch or recovery periods. However, these members must *not* interfere with or disrupt priority groups. This means that during launch and recovery, members using their own equipment must not cause a delay or interruption – whether deliberate or unintentional - to the priority group’s activities.

Launch and Recovery: Each group/rower is to be respectful of the other if they desire to use the launch area at the same time. Wind, current and/or wakes may present a hazard to boats trying to recover. In the interest of safety, priority for beach access goes to boats being recovered. A returning boat may offer to remain off shore while others launch but this is a judgement call on their part based on waterway boat traffic, heat, weather or other concern. If someone is about to launch and they see a boat just about to come in they should query the boat to see if they will agree to wait in the waterway for the few moments it takes for the launch area to clear enough to accommodate them. If the returning boat says no, the boat about to launch should yield. If a boat has already launched but the crew is not ready to row (hull is in the water and people are rigging oars, etc.) then the launching crew should move away from the recovery area and finish launching from there to allow the returning rower to recover.

Signing out: All boats, including the junior and collegiate team boats, are to sign out daily on the board and indicate the direction in which they are traveling (i.e. north or south).

On Water Guidelines: During times when organized team training is underway (i.e. Juniors program, Collegiate rowers) masters and visiting rowers should attempt to avoid using the same section of the waterway or should wait along a shoreline until the fleet has passed before rowing in the same area. Junior or collegiate teams engaged in racing during practice have right-of-way on the water; nonetheless, these crews must be prepared to alter course if necessary in the interests of safety. Coaches have the responsibility to manage safety for crews under their supervision (i.e. programs they are actively coaching) when on the water. The best rule of thumb is to BE ALERT AT ALL TIMES to other watercraft or hazards and AVOID HAVING TO SHARE THE SAME PIECE OF WATERWAY AT THE SAME TIME.

Cleanup: Boats and equipment will be washed after use with fresh water. We now have an extra hose near the dock and there is additional space there to clean equipment if needed.

- Rowers should follow the *first-in, first-cleaned* maxim and, if others are waiting, move the equipment to its respective storage rack quickly as soon as they are clean.
- A recovered boat may remain unwashed if a program or person plans to use it right away.
- When in doubt, clean the boat and oars after use!



Definition of Seasons: “In season” means from the start of the first fall Junior program practice to the last fall practice, and from the start of the first spring season Junior program practice to the last spring season practice. These are typically scheduled several months in advance and are posted on the club calendar by the head coach. “Summer season” refers to the span of time between the spring and fall seasons. “Winter season” is the short break between the last fall practice and the start of on-the-water practices for the spring. The winter season schedule is fluid; the head coach and board will negotiate practice times for juniors, if any, on a case-by-case basis and will post them to the website calendar at least 2 weeks in advance.

IN-SEASON PRIORITY ROWING TIMES

User	Priority
Master member	Tu, Th and Sat from 7:00 – 8:30AM
NPBRC Junior program	M, Tu, W, Th 5:00 – 7:00PM Sat 8:30 - 10:30AM
Collegiate program hosted by NPBRC	M, W 6:00 – 7:30AM and W, Th 3:00-4:30PM
Visiting individual rowers	By agreement
LTR or visiting camp	By agreement

All unblocked times are “open” to all users.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 AM							
6:30 AM		Collegiate		Collegiate			
7:00 AM							
7:30 AM			Masters		Masters		Masters
8:00 AM							
8:30 AM							
9:00 AM							Juniors
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM							
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM							Collegiate
11:30 AM							
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3:00 PM							
3:30 PM				Collegiate	Collegiate		
4:00 PM							
4:30 PM							
5:00 PM							
5:30 PM		Juniors	Juniors	Juniors	Juniors		
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM							
7:00 PM							
7:30 PM							
8:00 PM							

Summer and Winter season priority rowing times:



Masters and U23 have priority for all scheduled weeknight rows and during Saturday morning hours, 0700-0900. No other organized groups have scheduled activities during these timeframes with the exception of Camps, LTR sessions, or Juniors winter training sessions arranged by the coach and coordinated with the Board at least two weeks ahead of time. This ensures that all other members are informed of potential boat restrictions to support these sessions.