

Totnes Boating Association Bye-laws for the use of club boats and canoes

1. Definitions

TBA – Totnes Boating Association

Officer – Member of the Executive Committee, Member of the Ship's Husband Team or Paddles Officer.

Paddles Officer – Person nominated by the Executive Committee to be responsible for club canoes and paddleboards.

Club Boat – Canoes, paddleboards, kayaks and any other boat or craft owned by the TBA.

Personal Flotation Device - . For canoes/kayaks a Buoyancy Aid complying with CE Standard EN393/ISO 12404 is most suitable.

2. Seaworthiness

An Officer has the right in their absolute discretion to prohibit any club boat from being launched from the club premises on the grounds of unseaworthiness or defective buoyancy, without any liability or compensation flowing from such prohibition.

3. Personal Flotation Devices

All members and guests when using a club boat should carry adequate safety equipment and wear a Personal Flotation Device. An Officer has the right in their absolute discretion to exclude from the activity anyone not complying with this.

4. Use of Club Boats

Club boats are available for members to use subject to the below;

- Be a member of the TBA, having paid all the necessary membership subscriptions.
- Have booked the boat they will be using through the booking system on the TBA website.
- Use the boat in a manner so as to avoid damage.
- Wear an appropriate and correctly fitting Personal Flotation Device when on or near the water.
- Drain, clean and tidily return the club boat and all its equipment.
- Obey immediately any directions issued by an Officer.
- After use report any defective or missing features or equipment or any incidents (including injury or damage to any craft) to the Paddles Officer.

- Carry adequate safety equipment (e.g. mobile phone in a waterproof case).
- Be aged 18 or over. Any member aged under 18 using a club boat must be supervised on the water by a suitably experienced parent/guardian.

5. Limitations on Area of Use

Club boats must never be taken as far as Stoke Gabriel, or upstream beyond the Weir.

6. Responsibilities and Liabilities

Members undertaking activities on the water must, before venturing onto the water, be fully satisfied with their own and any crews competence, taking into account all prevailing and expected conditions such as weather and tide and accept full responsibility for their own safety and the safety of any crew.

The TBA accepts no responsibility nor liability for any consequences or accidents or injury caused or contributed to by members undertaking activities on the water including when using club boats.

The TBA, through its Paddles Officer, has and accepts an obligation to use reasonable skill and care to ensure that all club boats and equipment made available for members use, are fit for purpose at the time of use.