

## Boat booking for races

*To book a club K1 or K2 for use at a race please follow the steps below*

1. By the end of the Wednesday before the race you are doing, email [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com) with:
  - a. Your name
  - b. Your partners name for K2
  - c. The race you are entering e.g. Richmond Hasler division 5 K2
  - d. Your 1st, 2nd and 3rd boat choices with boat numbers.
2. All requests by the end of the Wednesday before a race will be treated equally.
  - a. When requesting a K2 with a non-Richmond club member as a partner, you will be prioritised behind club members. Once allocated a boat you will keep it for the race and will not be bumped by club members.
  - b. Boat requests for in-region Hasler races will take priority over other races.
  - c. Nick Edmunds will resolve clashes via a coin toss/random number generator.
3. An email will be sent out on Thursday confirming who has what boat.
4. All requests after Wednesday will be resolved on a first come first served basis, however boats must still be booked through emailing [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com)

### Notes

- When a race entry closes ahead of the Wednesday before a race, the deadline for boat requests will be the same as the entries closing date.
- If you decide not to use a boat once allocated, contact [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com) straightaway so the boat can be reused.
- Once allocated a boat cannot be passed on to another member. It must be put back into the pool by contacting [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com) to be re-allocated.
- When requesting a boat for a series of races (Watersides, Hare & Hounds etc) a separate request must be made for each race.
- Where the racing timetable permits, boats may be shared by multiple crews on one day e.g. a division 7 race in the morning and a division 5 race in the afternoon.
- At least one member of a crew must be racing for RIC to reserve a boat.

## Boat booking for Devizes to Westminster

***Those planning to do the DW will get preference of boat choice for all Waterside and Thameside races. For this sequence of races the following rules apply:***

1. Paddlers wanting to race DW in a club boat should contact [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com) with their boat request by the end of the Sunday two weeks ahead of Waterside A.
2. On the Sunday two weeks ahead of WSA, Nick Edmunds will inform the committee of any boat requests. Any crews wishing to have exclusive boat use for this period will need to be approved by the committee.
  - a. K2 crews where both members are racing for Richmond will get priority over crews where one member is racing for Richmond.
  - b. In the event of two crews wanting the same first choice boat, the committee who will make the final decision on boat distribution.
3. Crews will be informed of their boat allocation the day after the boat request deadline.
4. As not all crews will race all the warm up races, crews must still book the boat for each Waterside/ Thameside race they do. Whilst they will be guaranteed this boat if they book it, failure to book the boat using the usual procedure noted above may result in the boat being allocated to another crew for that race.
5. Block boat allocations for the remaining Watersides, Thamesides and DW can still be made after this time on a first come first served basis by emailing [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com). These will also need to be approved by the committee. Boat bookings for individual races should follow the normal procedure outlined above.
6. Boats must be cleaned within a week of DW.

## Boat booking for GB marathon selection races and National Marathon Championships

*For marathon selection races and the marathon national championships crews will need to know in advance which boat they are paddling. For these races only, the following will apply instead of the usual club booking procedure.*

1. Paddlers wanting to use a specific boat for a marathon selection race, or the marathon national championships, should email the following a minimum of **three weeks** in advance of the target race. Crews should also include a second and third choice boat in case of multiple requests for the same boat.
  - a. Nick Edmunds [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com)
  - b. Gabor Szeltner
  - c. Senior racing representative (tbc)
2. With three weeks to go until the target race, Gabor and senior racing representative (tbc) will approve use of the requested boats for crews.
  - a. Where more than one crew has requested the same first choice boat, Gabor/ senior racing representative (tbc) will make the decision on which crew is able to race the boat, based on potential performance and outcome consequences (e.g possible GB selection).
3. Boat allocations will be communicated to all who requested a boat, and [rccboatallocation@gmail.com](mailto:rccboatallocation@gmail.com) will take relevant boats out of the pool for that race.
4. If no one requests use of a boat by this point, then reservation will be on a first come first served basis (requests must still be directed to the three emails above and approved by Gabor/ senior racing representative (tbc)).