

Small Boats Policy



The Club's fleet of small boats (2x, 2-, 2+, 1x) may be booked **with a bank rider**, if permission is sought from a Club Captain or a Club Coach. The bank rider must be an experienced rower or cox (>1 year membership of the Club, generally from the 1st VIII).

To scull or sweep **unescorted** in the Club's fleet of small boats (2x, 2-, 2+, 1x), a Club member must demonstrate they fulfill the Assessment Criteria. Assessments may be carried out by a Club Captain, a Club Coach or the Club Boatman.

Assessment Criteria

- (i) Understand the CUCBC Ten Golden Rules for Safety
- (ii) Complete a capsized test
- (iii) Record ten supervised outings in small boats
- (iv) Demonstrate an understanding of the safety features of the boat, including buoyancy compartments, heel restraints and bow-ball.

Additionally, for use of a Club 1x

- (i) Be able to take the single from the boat rack in the correct manner and place safely in the water. At the end of the session, return it safely to the rack
- (ii) Be able to embark and disembark competently and safely
- (iii) Be able to scull a total distance of 3600m observing the correct circulation pattern
- (iv) Turn the sculling boat 180° in its own length
- (v) Reverse paddle for 10 strokes (backing down)
- (vi) Execute an emergency stop (whilst paddling light)
- (vii) Demonstrate the "safe position"

Small Boats Usage

Once approved for using the Club's fleet of small boats, you must always book small boats out using the online system, giving an expected return time. Any damages or maintenance requests must be communicated to a Club Captain.

A list of approved members is maintained by the Captain of Boats.

The Double must never be rigged to a Pair, unless you have permission from the Club Boatman.

Online booking system: <https://www.cccbc1828.com/account/small-boats>.