

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR SAFE USE OF THE RIVER CLYDE BY ROWING CLUBS

Rowing is recommended, in the interest of safety, to take place only between the Tidal Weir at Glasgow Green and the top of the straight, which runs past Westhorn Park (known as the Belvidere Straight). Glasgow City Council recognises and accepts the Rules and Guidelines for safe use of the River Clyde by rowing clubs adopted January 1999. All clubs are expected to comply with these Rules and Guidelines and permission to boat on the river is subject to compliance.

Rules:

1. River users should recognise their responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others. Due regard should be taken of the safety notices and Guidelines.
2. Boating is not allowed without the presence and authorisation of a committee member (or in the case of the schools, a rowing master), except for those members granted dispensation by the committee.
3. Boats should keep to the left at all times (i.e. upstream on the north bank and downstream on the south bank). See Guideline No. 8
4. Boats must only be launched and landed from a recognised landing stage. Visitors must seek permission from the relevant club before launching.
5. All boats shall be responsible for their own steering. If there is danger of a collision boats should stop.
6. Boats must be water worthy and comply with safety regulations.
7. All coxes must wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid, suited to the boat when on the water, which must be the outermost garment worn.
8. All crews and scullers must be able to swim in accordance with the SR guidelines.
9. All coaches should carry a rescue throw bag/throw rope.
10. Boats shall not go afloat in adverse water or weather conditions.
11. No boat shall be on the water in bad visibility or in the hours between dusk and dawn.
12. There will be no standing or changing of seats in boats except at club landing stages.
13. Coxes must be able to see beyond the bow of their boat.
14. Boats should not stop, turn or overtake on a bend, under a bridge or immediately upstream of a bridge.
15. Beginners should not boat unsupervised.
16. All rowers and coxes should make themselves aware of obstacles on the river, the position of which should be marked on a map on display in each clubhouse.
17. Fences and gates at club compounds should be kept secure at all times. Water users should inform the appropriate authorities (the Humane Society or the Police) if they observe anyone in a dangerous position.
18. Clubs should ensure that the Police and other appropriate Authorities have names and telephone numbers of members who can be called out in the event of an emergency.
19. All appropriate Authorities and River users should be informed where possible of any regatta or other event planned for the river.
20. Agreed safety practices must be employed at all regatta and other events taking place on the river.
21. All visitors to the river and club must abide by these rules.
22. It is accepted that in some emergency situations, it may be impossible to comply with these rules.