



York City Rowing Club Private Racking Licence Agreement

1. The storage of privately owned boats at York City Rowing Club (the Club) is a privilege, not a right, of membership.
2. The Club's requirements to store Club boats and equipment take priority over private racking that is in use, and/or applications for private racking.
3. The allocation and subsequent use of private racks by a member are under a licence agreement the details of which are approved from the Committee from time to time and are at all times at the discretion of the Committee.
4. The number of private racks available each year (or at anytime) will be determined by the Committee based on Club requirements which may change annually or more frequently.
5. Members should be mindful that the purchase of a private boat does not guarantee them an allocated rack nor does it create an expectation that one will be provided.
6. The allocation and private use of racks is available only to members paying the following classes of subscription: Senior, Junior, Life Member.
7. Any member who wishes to be allocated a private boat rack should apply to the Committee using the Private Racking Application form which must be sent to the Secretary. This can be sent at any time during the year. An applicant must be a frequent and regular attendee at the Club for rowing, sculling or land training and be in good standing with the club in that their subscription and any other fees are paid up to date and they can only succeed in being allocated a rack if they are a person to whom the Committee is willing to allocate a key to the Club's premises.
8. A member who has a private rack may not apply for a further rack.
9. The Committee will review each application to ensure all details are given. If more applications are received than private racks are available, applications will be added to a waiting list in order of date of application. The list will be maintained by the Secretary and will be made available to review by those on the waiting list if requested.
10. The Committee has the discretion to prioritise applications made during the year in exceptional circumstances, for example to support an individual for high performance rowing (e.g., GB trials, elite competition competitor), or otherwise.
11. Once the Committee has agreed a position on any application, the Secretary will notify the applicant of the availability, or otherwise, of a rack for private use. This is not required for private racks that are carried over from one year to the next.
12. When the boats officer identifies that a rack space has become available for a private boat either permanently or temporarily (due to refurbishment etc.) the secretary on behalf of the Committee, will offer that space to members on the waiting list in order as per the procedure in clauses 13.
13. If an offer of a private rack is made by the Committee, it will be made in writing to the applicant, using the email address held in WebCollect, who will have 14 days to accept or decline any offer. If no answer is received in that time the offer may be withdrawn and offered to the next person on the waiting list (if any).
14. If the rack being offered is temporarily vacant, the offer from the secretary will be made under the condition that the member already has access to a boat not currently stored on a rack, and that the member will use the boat regularly within the temporary tenure.
15. A member will retain their position on the waiting list until an offer of an inside, permanent rack space is made, at which point the member will be removed from the waiting list.
16. To remain on the waiting list the member must be a frequent and regular attendee at the Club for rowing, sculling or land training and must maintain membership status as in clause 6 and pay their subscription for each subsequent year within the time frame stated in the club rules. Failing this the



member's name will be removed from the list. To rejoin the waiting list the member must reapply and they will be deemed to be a new applicant.

17. The annual charges for racking private boats are set by the Committee prior to each subscription year. Payment for use of a newly allocated rack is calculated on a proportional basis from the date the offer is accepted until the end of the subscription year and is payable immediately following acceptance of the offer. There is a grace period of 3 months for the rack to be populated or confirmation of boat order to be provided.
18. On acceptance of a temporary rack space, the member agrees to pay the appropriate racking fee (reduced pro rata for the occupancy period) and to vacate the rack at the end of this period. Their position on the waiting list for a permanent rack will be unaffected.
19. A rebate is available to a member vacating a rack during the subscription year on a pro-rata basis. Members wishing to vacate the private rack or remove themselves from the waiting list must notify the Secretary and/or Boats Officer in writing.
20. The Committee reserves the right to request removal of a boat, or to move it to a different rack at its discretion. Any member requested in writing to remove their boat will have 28 days from the date of writing to comply.
21. Any member whose boat is deemed by the Committee as not used for an excessive period without a valid reason, or by any other criteria deemed relevant by the Committee, may be asked to remove it from the premises, or the rack vacated, or the boat may be derigged and stored elsewhere. This shall be communicated to the member in writing. Any member requested in writing to remove their boat will have 28 days from the date of writing to comply. In such a case the member may reapply for a rack but will be treated as a new applicant.
22. If a private boat is sold (with the intention of not being replaced) or otherwise disposed of by its owner, the rack which it occupied shall immediately revert to the control of the club. Use of the rack does not pass with ownership of the boat, nor does this necessarily mean the rack shall remain for a member on the waiting list.
23. The allocation of a rack entitles the member to store a boat and a single set of blades appropriate to the boat type subject to the terms of the Licence Agreement. If the boat has a cover/boat bag this must be stored away when not in use in a place agreed with the Boats Officer. Other items, such as a car top transport cradle, spare riggers or spare blades, must be stored away from the premises unless otherwise authorised by the Committee. If the Committee agrees to the storage of extra items the club reserves the right to make charges for this in addition to the racking fee.
24. Owners of private boats must supply their own blades. These must be stored in their designated racks or other suitable storage place (as deemed by the Boats Officer) when not in use. Club owned blades may not be used in a private boat unless authorised by a Club officer.
25. Private blades and detachable boat parts such as riggers, stretchers seats and any other items stored on the premises must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
26. Private boats must carry a British Rowing registration mark conforming to British Rowing Rules of Racing comprising the YCRC identification letters YRK and a number (YRK XXX) available from the Club's Boats Officer. Members racking private boats which carry the registration of another club should arrange for it to be replaced with a YCRC registration.
27. Privately owned boats are NOT covered by YCRC insurance. Members store their boats at their own risk and are advised to take out insurance for loss or damage, however caused. As a minimum, private boats must be insured for public liability and third-party risks. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance for the current year for each private boat must be provided to the Secretary if requested. If, after a request for production of insurance documentation, it is not produced by the member to whom a rack has been allocated, within 14 days of request, the rack allocation will be withdrawn and the Licence Agreement will be terminated and that member must remove their boat and blades. In such a case the member may reapply for a rack but will be treated as a new applicant.



28. Owners of private boats are responsible for their maintenance and repair. Club spares must not be used to repair private boat without approval from the Boats Officer, and, if approval is given, costs of parts used will be reimbursed to the Club.
29. Users of privately owned boats are subject to YCRC rules and British Rowing Row Safe guidelines including reporting of safety related incidents and rules of the river and navigation.
30. Private Boats sent away for repair/refurbishment may have the vacated rack used in that period for Club boats or for any other purpose agreed by the Committee. The rack shall be made available for the member on return of the boat from repair/refurbishment. The same shall apply to a member who sells one boat for the purchase of another boat if there is a gap.
31. Temporary absence from rowing. Clause 30 applies mutatis mutandis to a member who for any reason the Committee considers appropriate (for example pregnancy, illness, job secondment) will be absent from rowing for an agreed period of time.
32. Any member with a boat stored on a rack must notify the Secretary (a) if and when that boat is advertised for sale and what the intention is as to replacement and (b) as soon as the boat is sold so that records may be updated.
33. Any member who has not paid their racking fee for the current subscription year, or any outstanding balance from the previous year, and/or their annual membership subscription within the time frame stated in the club rules shall immediately become liable to forfeit the use of a private rack, unless an acceptable explanation for non-payment or alternative arrangement is given, and an accommodation for payment is agreed. The Committee is empowered to request a defaulting member to remove their boat from the premises within 28 days. Failure so to do will result in the boat being either removed to another part of the premises (not necessarily inside the building) or, the assumption of a loan of the boat to the Club to use as it wishes until removal.
34. Warning. In the event of non removal after the Committee has required a boat/blades to be removed for non-payment of fees (unless agreed) after the second following calendar month (two months since fees were due) or otherwise, the Committee reserves the right to take steps to dispose of that boat/blades and to sell the same subject to and consistently with the requirements of the torts (interference with goods) act 1977 and to use such part of the proceeds as shall be necessary to discharge the member's liability to the club.



York City Rowing Club – Private Boat Storage

Please complete and sign this form and return it to The Secretary and Boats Officer of YCRC.

I wish to apply for use of a private boat storage rack at York City Rowing Club Boathouse*

Member's full name

Address.....

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Contact phone number(s).....

email address.....

Type of boat.....

Make of boat.....

Name of boat.....

Registration mark YRK.....

Insurance renewal date:.....

I have read, understood and accept the policy terms and conditions for applying for a licence for the storage of a private boat on a York City Rowing Club rack.

Signed.....

Date.....

To be completed by YCRC Secretary:

Date received:.....

Confirm Copy of Certificate of Insurance received(Date)

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