

2020/21 Devizes Canoe Club Boat Storage Allocation Policy

Aim

To enable and manage allocation of boat storage to private members at the club.

Background

The club has limited storage available to private members which needs to be allocated fairly and managed in everyone's best interests. The Club committee set policies for the allocation and use of private boat storage. The storage is managed operationally by a volunteer boat storage manager reporting to the main committee.

Policy

We allocate boat storage annually from 1st April in line with our membership year. We currently have more requests for storage than space available. The procedure for allocating boat storage for the next calendar year will be as follows:

1. Allocation will be considered based on one storage space per club member provided that: 1) they have renewed their club membership for the year in question; 2) they have completed an application for allocation and 3) they have paid the fee for boat storage.
2. Eligibility for storage includes junior members who are part of a valid and paid-up Family Membership for the boat storage year.
3. Storage fees will remain at £60 per annum or part thereof per boat. All sizes/types of boat are liable to the same charge.
4. Your fee will be returned if a space cannot be allocated.
5. Applications for boat storage allocation will be made via the website shop for the season. Members will be informed when the shop is live and the shop will show 'out of stock' when places are sold
6. Members are required to provide details including BC number and boat description so that we can allocate and manage racking efficiently to get as many boats in the store as possible.

Allocation

Decisions on whether, and where, to allocate storage space will be made by the Chair/ Deputy Chair/Club Secretary and at least one other volunteer from the club committee. If applications exceed capacity, we will allocate space using criteria agreed in 2019.

These include allocating storage to members who meet all the conditions above AND either coach at the club using their own boat, to local members who can then walk or cycle to club to reduce vehicle use and based on regular boat usage during the previous calendar year.

We will, where necessary, ensure space is available to a small number of people with special circumstances, including disability, provided they meet the conditions set out above.

Conditions of storage

Our boat storage is limited and doesn't meet everyone's needs. Our rules have developed to look after everyone's interest and members are always welcome to store their boats elsewhere if preferred.

On application members specify the type and description of the boat they intend to store. The agreement is valid for that specific boat. Members intending to change their boat must obtain written permission for the change which will not be refused without good reason (for example, a member



intends to replace a K1 already on a rack of six with a C2 – permission would not be agreed because there is not adequate space).

As a membership Club we cannot and do not accept any liability for loss of or damage to any boat or equipment left at the Club or stored with us and your boat is only accepted on that basis. We recommend you insure your boat as accidental damage is not covered by the Club's insurance policy.

Members storing boats must be paid up BC members. BC membership includes your licence to paddle on the waterways. The club holds nominal licences for club, not private, boats.

You may take steps to protect your boat by using a boat bag or sling in the rack space provided. Any modifications to your storage space MUST NOT inconvenience anyone else, restrict their storage space, remove or modify any fitting in the storage bay (including but not limited to) preventing rack rollers from moving freely or obscure the bay allocation name label.

The combination lock number on the private boat store will change at the start of April, a new schematic will be issued, and the new number distributed to members with a storage space. Please don't pass the boat store code on to anyone else.

Boats in the store without a current storage agreement will be removed once we have contacted owners. Initially they will be put in either a) the top rack of the right-hand store (if space is available) or b) on the boat trailer inside the yard. Owners without boat storage agreements will be contacted once this has taken place and will be invited to remove their boats within one week. After that they will be moved to the trailer outside the club gate and the club will not accept any responsibility for them as they will be at the club without our consent. We reserve the right to dispose of boats that remain onsite without consent.