

BOAT USE POLICY

ROWING UNDER COACH SUPERVISION

A) During a coached practice supervised from a launch:

- The coach may use his/her discretion to seat a rower in a Club sculling boat, even if the rower has not officially qualified for that boat
- the coach should use extra care in selecting bow seat for any blind boat

B) If a coach is rowing in or coxing a boat, the coach has discretion to seat rowers in that boat only, even if one or more of the rowers have not officially qualified for that boat. Any other boats on the water are not considered to be under that coach's supervision, and must either meet the requirements for non-supervised boats or be under the supervision of a different coach.

ROWING AT LAKE MERRITT WITHOUT COACH SUPERVISION

A) Formal qualification is required to row any of the Club sculling boats at Lake Merritt without coach supervision. See separate documents for [Aero qualification](#), [trainer qualification](#), and [racing qualification](#).

B) The minimum qualification level for each of the boats owned by the Club as of January 2011 is listed below.

SINGLES

Aeros: Aero qualification

Training singles (the two Maas 27 singles, Elvis, Heron, Maas Flyweight): Trainer qualification

Racing singles (the Vespoli 1x): Racing qualification

DOUBLES & QUADS

Dragonfly: Both seats must be Aero qualified. Bow seat must be coach approved.

Maas 2x: Both seats must be trainer qualified with bow seat coach approved, OR with coach approval of the specific lineup both rowers may be Aero qualified.

Pocock 2x: Both seats must be trainer qualified OR bow seat racing qualified and the other Aero qualified. In either case, bow seat must be coach approved.

Old Vespoli 2x: Both seats must be trainer qualified. Bow seat must be coach approved.

New Vespoli 2x: Both seats must be racing qualified. Bow seat must be coach approved.

Old quad: Two of the scullers must be trainer qualified, one of whom must be in the bow. The other two must be Aero qualified. Bow seat must be coach approved.

New quad: Two of the scullers must be racing qualified, one of whom must be in the bow. The other two must be trainer qualified. Bow seat must be coach approved.

SWEEP BOATS

Pairs: Both rowers must be coach approved for their seat (stroke vs bow). A rower who has been coach approved to stroke a pair requires a separate and higher level of approval to bow a pair.

Fours and eights: Any crew which wishes to use a 4+ or 8+ at Lake Merritt without coach supervision must get coach approval for that lineup (including the cox), and for the specific time(s) they wish to practice.

ROWING AWAY FROM LAKE MERRITT WITHOUT COACH SUPERVISION

Rowing any Club boat away from Lake Merritt for any reason requires coach approval specific to the lineup (including the cox), the venue, and the particular occasion.

PRIORITY FOR USE OF THE CLUB'S RACING SINGLE AND RACING DOUBLE

During a coached practice, the coach may approve scullers to row the Club racing single or racing double even if the scullers are not officially racing qualified. Racing-qualified scullers will have priority over such non-racing-qualified scullers at all times, including during the regular practice times of Club programs.