



NOMAD KAYAK CLUB – USE OF EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT POLICY

This policy sets out the responsibility of members who wish to either use Club equipment or use storage facilities for the safe storage of their own equipment.

Members should note that the Club has an Equipment Officer who has responsibilities on behalf of the committee to check the condition of all equipment stored on the Club premises and to ensure that all equipment is fit for use.

This policy serves to inform members of their duties associated with their use of “club equipment” and obligations on members who wish to store their own craft and equipment on the Club’s premises.

Use of Club Equipment

If you use “club equipment” you should look after it as if it were your own and new!

Note that Club craft and equipment are marked NKC. Any craft or equipment marked with any other initials is personal equipment belonging to a member and should not be used without their permission.

Where possible, each craft is allocated a slot on a rack or if space is at a premium on the floor below the racks, please ensure following use your craft is returned to the same location with the rack number sticker clearly visible. If storage capacity issues arise in certain storage facilities, then craft classified as “club equipment” may be relocated either to another container or other indoor or outdoor storage facility.

If before or following use, a craft or part thereof or other equipment is found to be damaged, in the first instance attach a ‘Do Not Use’ sticker to the item of equipment (available in the Equipment Log folder stored on the shelf above the steel table in the clubhouse) and inform the Equipment Officer, either verbally or by recording the damage in the Equipment Log folder and informing the Equipment Officer by email equipment@nomadkayakclub.co.uk of the damage. We can then ensure the item can be fixed or repaired.

Club kayaks must not be seal launched on the canal or jetty unless an approved surface like matting provided by the Club is used.

At the end of each session, where possible any excess water shall be drained from the kayaks prior to placing in one of the containers, sponges are available to assist in this task.

At the end of a session any Club soft equipment (buoyancy aids, spray decks and helmets) should be dunked first in the “wash” barrel then the “rinse” barrel before being hung to dry. Session leaders should ensure any such equipment is put away before leaving the premises.

Members do not pay for use of Club craft on home waters (Bury Lake, Grand Union Canal or local Rivers – Chess, Colne and Gade).

Use of Club Equipment beyond Home Waters – Guide for Club Members

All equipment borrowed from the Club for Club Trips shall be recorded in the Equipment Loans Register. The use of equipment is charged at £8 a day for any use beyond Rickmansworth. This should be collected by the event leader and passed to the Treasurer.

Ensure you have a suitable means of transporting equipment safely, if using a roof rack, use tie-down straps with cam locks, open canoes and long touring craft are also to be secured to the front and rear of a vehicle at the towing points.

Please return equipment in a clean state and rinsed with fresh water to remove salt/water-borne infections. Dunk all soft equipment (BAs, spray decks and helmets) before returning to the appropriate storage location.



Members are responsible for any damage to craft or equipment, though we recognise that stuff does break though we would much prefer you tell us rather than letting us find out following an accident or incident. In all cases, please record any damage in the Equipment Log located in the clubhouse, attaching a “Do Not Use” sticker to the item of equipment and inform either the event leader or the Equipment Officer as soon as you can. We can then ensure the item can be fixed or repaired.

Storage of Personal Equipment

The Club encourages members to store their own equipment on the Club’s premises as this ensures such members use their own equipment freeing up more “club equipment” for use by members who do not own their own equipment.

By providing members with storage facilities, we also minimise the number of cars that need to visit the Club premises and encourage members to travel to the Club via non-motorised means.

Members are entitled to store up to two craft in secure storage within the Club’s premises as a benefit of club membership providing sufficient space is available.

A requirement of personal boat storage, which extends to the use of paddles, spray decks, helmets and buoyancy aids is that each item of equipment is to be clearly marked with the member’s initials, this ensures the Equipment Officer can distinguish between “club equipment” and personal equipment. You may request stickers bearing your initials or you may find the Equipment Officer has provided that service to you in advance.

Craft belonging to members may be co-located to identify such craft as belonging to members. All boats will be allocated a shelf slot and are required to display on the craft two shelf slot allocation stickers.

Members have a responsibility to remove from the premises any damaged personal equipment that could inadvertently be used by non-experienced members that could lead to an accident or incident.

Any craft on the premises identified as having belonged to a member who has let their membership lapse will be contacted using the last known contact details (email, WhatsApp or text message) notifying them of the Club’s equipment storage policy. Following notification, non/lapsed members are entitled to remove their craft from the premises by arrangement or pay an annual membership fee to retain member benefits. If after one calendar month following notification, neither an annual membership has been received nor the craft has been collected, the craft shall be deemed gifted to the Club and made available as “club equipment” for use by members.

If storage capacity issues arise in certain storage facilities, then craft classified as “club equipment” may be relocated either to another container or other indoor or outdoor storage facility.

Should the Club’s Equipment Officer deem a craft (or paddle) classified as “club equipment” as dangerous, or damaged beyond economical repair, or simply surplus to requirements, then they may dispose of any such item without notice.

Members should note that whilst access to the Club premises and storage containers is restricted, and every effort is made to minimise key circulation, the Club nor its Officers accept any liability for loss, theft or damage of craft stored at the Club i.e. personal equipment stored at the Club is not insured by the Club. As such members may wish to consider providing their own insurance.