



## **CLUB RULES FOR CANOEING**

### ***Permission to canoe***

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To book a canoe, you must get a Punt and River club membership each year via the HUB (<https://hub.wolf.ox.ac.uk>) and you will receive an automated email confirming your membership. You can then book a canoe via the HUB. To obtain the boathouse key you must present photo ID to the Lodge and sign it out in the book provided. Permission is for you, and you must **not** allow anyone else to fraudulently use your membership to take out a punt without you.

### ***The canoes***

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There are two canoes housed in the boathouse ready to go out on the Cherwell River. One is a two-seater called Walter Sawyer, and the other is a three-seater called Mabel Purefoy FitzGerald.

### ***Canoe accessories***

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Each voyager needs a canoe paddle (found next to the boathouse door with red and yellow blades) and waterproof sleeves for phones and bags for clothing can be found hanging on hooks.

It is **mandatory** that everyone using the canoes must wear a lifejacket. This is irrelevant of swimming ability, and anyone found not wearing a lifejacket will have their permit withdrawn for the season.

### ***The season***

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The canoeing season is the same as that for the punts (usually April – October). However, use of the canoes is weather dependent and at the discretion of the Admiral of the Punts, a position currently shared by Joost Wardenier, Lizzie Robbins and Dim Navarro. The Admiral of Punts will also exercise

discretion in times of flood, high winds, poor water quality and goose infestation, at which times the Lodge may be instructed to withhold the punt keys.

### ***To book a canoe***

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Please book online via the HUB. The maximum number of hourly sessions per member per day is **three**. Members are only allowed **one** use canoe per day. You are advised to book in advance. Keys can be collected from the Lodge.

### ***Safety***

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The College is not responsible for the safety of you or your guests while canoeing and you are asked, when applying for membership, to sign a disclaimer confirming your acknowledgment of this fact. Safety is of supreme importance, and you should treat it with extreme seriousness – although often a serene experience, canoeing can be dangerous. Please refer to the video linked on the HUB (<https://hub.wolf.ox.ac.uk/content/punt-and-river-club-permit>) for information on how to safely get the canoes into/out of the water and for the proper canoeing technique. A full risk assessment is also provided.

- **YOU MUST WEAR A LIFEJACKET – NOT OPTIONAL.** Those found not wearing lifejackets in canoes will have their permits revoked **and will incur a £75 fine per person.**
- Do not go in the no go zone (see website).
- You must not go out alone.
- You must report any incidents or near misses at the Porters Lodge.
- Note: The canoes are heavy and the correct manual handling techniques must be used, as described in the induction to the Punt and River Club.

### ***Returning the canoe***

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Once your time on the river is up, please return the canoe promptly back to the boathouse. Replace the lifejackets, paddles and waterproof bags correct places in the boathouse and return the key to the Lodge. Late returns will be reported to the Admiral and a fine may be charged to your battels. Details of fines are in the punt booking folder: to summarise, they start at £10 for up to 15 minutes late, £20 for 15-30 minutes late and increasing by £10 for every 15 minutes late thereafter. All charged to battels.

**THE SCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW PERMISSION TO CANOE WHEN IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY DUE TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR**

### ***Contact details for the 2022 season***

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The club website can be found at <https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/punts>.