

Whitby Coastal Rowing Club - Boat and Equipment Checklist

Boats and equipment should be checked each time before they go afloat – Any boat or equipment that is found not be satisfactory should be reported on fitclub and quarantined until remedial action is taken

Date: **Time:** **Boat:** **Crew Members undertaking check:**

Boat Checks		
Relates to BR Safety Alert – Check Your Boat before you go Afloat (Feb 2016)	Yes/No	Nature of damage and remedial actions taken and by whom
No visible signs of damage to the hull, for example scrapes or cracks		
Buoyancy compartments, seals, hatch covers, boat hull and ventilation bungs are secure and watertight. Buoyancy Bags should be installed if no under seat buoyancy compartments are fitted.		
Bow ball is in good condition and securely fixed (Some boats may not need bow balls if their bow is not pointed or they are made from a soft material. This is specified in the 2016 rules of racing).		
Fixing screws or bolts do not represent a hazard in the event of an accident.		
Heel restraints are strong secure and durable, the correct length and individually secured. They must be properly adjusted (each heel shall be restrained to prevented it from rising higher than 7cm measured at right angles, from the footplate) and in working order.		
Rudder lines, steering mechanisms and rudder (where fitted) and fin, are secure and in good working order.		
Outriggers, swivels, gates, seats, runners and stretchers are secure and operating correctly.		
Blades are undamaged and collars are secure and properly set.		
The boat is suitable for the situation in which it is to be used, for example maximum crew weight.		
Lighting, if required, is suitable for the outing and working correctly.		
Safety equipment		
Personal floatation devices (pfd) worn by coxswain and non-swimmers. PFD available on the boat for each rower, secured in accessible place.		
Tow rope available on boat		
Devices available to call for assistance - VHF Radio taken in at least one boat and mobile phone charged and in waterproof casing		
Sailor's knife & survival blanket		