

BPRC New Member Checklist

YOUR NAME _____

MENTOR'S NAME _____

Welcome to the Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club (BPRC). It is important for new members to learn what it takes to keep club members and other Aquatic Park visitors safe and secure, both on and off the water.

New members will participate in a minimum of three mentoring/orientation sessions before they become full members with key privileges. After those three sessions, payment of membership dues is required, but it may take more sessions with club members before a key is granted.

Members need to be self-sufficient, able to open and close the boathouse, know what equipment is appropriate for their skill level and comfortable getting it to and from the water without damage. On the water, members need to know the traffic patterns and hazards to avoid in the lagoon. The lagoon is public, and there will be others in the water who are not part of BPRC and not aware of our traffic patterns. It is important to be alert to that and to be friendly to everyone.

Drive slowly and carefully in the park. There are lots of pedestrians, dogwalkers, birdwatchers and bicycle riders.

From May 1 to October 1, the Berkeley Waterski Club will be on the lagoon and their schedule and how to deal with it will be posted on the bulletin board.

Here's what you need to know. It's not definitive; we're always learning. Please check off as you go through the process.

- _____ Sign the logbook (legibly) whenever you use the club indicating date, time in and out and equipment used.
- _____ Distinguish between club and private equipment and know the appropriate equipment for you
- _____ Be able to handle the equipment safely from the boathouse to water and back into the boathouse
- _____ Lock boathouse when you head to the water, using the metal pipe
- _____ Check and lock gym and locker room doors if no one else is currently using them
- _____ Know and follow the traffic patterns for rowing boats and paddling boats and know the hazards on the lagoon
- _____ Be especially aware of the slalom buoys and underwater ski jump pipes
- _____ Boat care: rinse and dry boats before putting them back in the boathouse
- _____ Boat care: if you see damage to a boat, note it on the Repair Log on the bulletin board
- _____ Gym: Become familiar with the equipment, know how to open and close the gym and to share the small space
- _____ When you leave: Put away hose if you are the last person off the water
- _____ When you leave: Put the big board across the front doors
- _____ When you leave: Sign out, turn out all lights, lock up, and double check all doors if you are the last one out
- _____ Club care: if you see something that needs doing or fixing, and can do it, please let us know
- _____ Know the Family Membership and Guest Policies for the Club

New Member Application _____ Final Waiver _____ Check _____ Key _____ Mentor Initials _____

PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE ATTACHED WAIVERS

BPRC Release and Assumption of Risk

I have read and agree to abide by the BPRC Membership Rules as posted on the BPRC Bulletin Board. I am aware that there are certain risks involved in sculling and paddling at Berkeley Aquatic Park. I assume those risks and will hold BPRC harmless from any liability, claims or demands of any kind which may arise in connection with my use of BPRC facilities, boats, weight room, and related equipment. This agreement will serve as a release and an assumption of risk for my heirs and all members of my family including any minors accompanying me. I also agree to reimburse BPRC for any loss or damage that I may cause to any boat or other equipment that is owned by BPRC. Participant releases and forever discharges the City of Berkeley, its divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents, employees, and the heirs, executors or assigns of any of the foregoing, from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind, known or unknown, whether based in tort, contract, breach of warranty, strict liability, negligence or any other legal theory of recovery, and whether for general, special, compensatory or punitive damages, arising out of or in any way related to use of the Main Lagoon at Aquatic Park.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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