**Care of Club Boats and Equipment**

Some of the club boats have adjustable footrests that will need to be adjusted prior to paddling. It is ok to sit in a general purpose plastic boat when it is on dry land to do thisbut **do not** sit in a racing boat on dry land as it may damage the rudder or keel, use the water beside the landing stage for this.

Boats **must never** be dragged. Abrasion will ruin boats quickly.

When you use a club boat/paddle/buoyancy aid it is your responsibility to return them to the store after use. If you cannot manage to carry the boat by yourself ask somebody to help you. Please do not just leave the boat or equipment by the riverbank for other people to return.

Boats **must** be emptied and cleaned, if necessary, there are sponges in the general-purpose boat store for this. After use, boats, buoyancy aids and spray decks must be returned to the racks or pegs provided, ask for help if you cannot manage this alone.

Club boats **must not** be used away from the club, eg on trips, unless permission is given by a committee member.

Private boats that display the ‘Private Boat’ sticker **must not** be used by other people without the permission of the owner.