# General Conduct

This code of conduct is intended to ensure that the club retains a friendly atmosphere, runs efficiently and members gain maximum benefit from their membership. Serious or persistent flouting of this code of conduct may lead to club membership being suspended or withdrawn.

As we are a family club we ask all members not to use language that could cause offence to other members and guests whilst in or around the Clubhouse or on the water.

The use or possession of any illegal substance (e.g. Drugs) is not allowed in or around the Clubhouse.

# Use of the Clubhouse

Try to keep the clubhouse clean and tidy. It is inevitable that mud and dirt will accompany your boots into the changing rooms, please try to keep this to a minimum by removing your muddy boots before entering the changing rooms. Please do not go upstairs in the clubhouse wearing your wet paddling gear and muddy boots.

If you are a key holder and the last to leave after a session make sure that all lights and heaters are turned off, that taps or showers are not left running and that the upstairs windows are not open. Make sure that **all** doors are locked when you are last to leave after a session or when everybody is on the water.

Before locking the clubhouse check to ensure that nobody is still inside. If you do find yourself locked inside the clubhouse, then use the upstairs fire escape to exit but remember to close the fire exit door behind you.

Should a safety incident or injury occur whilst engaged in club activities, a club official should be notified and the witness or the injured party should enter details into the Accident Book located on the notice board in the clubhouse kitchen.

Smoking is not allowed in the clubhouse.

If you use the kitchen area do your bit to keep this clean and tidy. Wash up any crockery/cutlery you use or bring it to the sink if somebody else is washing up, take your turn occasionally.

Do your bit for this Club and share the load.

# 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.