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	No Swim Test	Passed Swim Test	No Swim Test	Passed Swim Test	Non Swimmer	Swimmer	
<b>Open Canoes (Canadian canoes)</b> 8 green canoes stored inside the club on racks 							Open to all members during Club opening times, children under 12 must be supervised. At any other time Canadian canoes may only be used by members on the list of Approved Paddlers.
<b>Sit-on kayaks</b> 8 blue boats available, stored on racks inside the boat club 							Open to all members during Club opening times, children under 12 must be supervised. At any other time Sit-on kayaks may only be used by members on the list of Approved Paddlers.
<b>Dinghies</b> 8 dinghies available, including 3 child sized dinghies 							Open to all members during Club opening times, children under 12 must be supervised.
<b>Stand-up paddleboards</b> 8 stand up paddleboards stored on racks in the club building 							<u>Only those on SUP Approved list.</u> Training courses are available for those who would like them, held on an ad hoc basis through the year. Paddlers under 18 must be accompanied by another craft.
<b>Closed cockpit kayaks</b> A wide range of closed cockpit kayaks are stored behind the club on racks <b>Approved Paddlers only, in groups of 3 or more</b> 							<u>Members who are on the list of Approved Paddlers may go out together in a group of 3 or more</u> Some Approved Paddlers are 'Lone Paddlers', and are allowed to take out a closed kayak by themselves. Members who complete a kayak training course are not automatically Approved Paddlers; typically a couple of years' paddling experience is required. Members who are not yet Approved Paddlers may only take out kayaks under guidance from a Club Instructor.
<b>Skiffs</b> 6 traditional wooden skiffs in the Fine Boat section 							<u>Only members who have been approved for skiffing</u> and who have paid the fine boat supplement. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced courses available at the beginning of each season.
<b>Punts</b> 6 2ft punts and 3 'best' punts in the Fine Boat section. 							<u>Only members who have been approved for punting</u> and who have paid the fine boat supplement. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced courses available at the beginning of each season.
<b>Rowing section</b> A wide range of rowing boats stored on the racks on the grass 							<u>Only members who have been approved for rowing</u> and who have paid the fine boat supplement. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced courses available at the beginning of each season.
<b>River Bank</b> These rules apply to all Members and Visitors to the Club when on Club premises 							N/A



- Quality lifejackets – when fitted correctly – are designed to keep the airways clear of water, even if the wearer is unconscious or injured and unable to swim. When inflated, a lifejacket also turns the body over, bringing the wearer's head and face out of the water. Lifejackets are ideal for children or unconfident swimmers who may not be able to get out of the water easily.
- When choosing a life jacket for a child it's vital to choose one that will fit them at the time of use – not one that they will grow into. An ill-fitting life jacket can be dangerous and can ride up over the head, which makes swimming and staying above the water very difficult. It also needs a crotch strap to prevent it riding up over the head in the water.



- A Buoyancy Aid is just that, an Aid to Buoyancy. It assumes the wearer can, to a degree, help themselves to either swim back to the shore or swim enough to get themselves back to a boat. It therefore assumes that help is close at hand, that the conscious wearer can swim or is comfortable enough in the water to wait for assistance.
- Ensure your buoyancy aid fits well to avoid it restricting your movement when paddling or rowing and also to ensure it does not ride up if you do find yourself in the water.



- Not permitted, e.g. non-swimmers are not permitted to take out a closed cockpit kayak.