

To all College Boat Club Captains and Secretaries

Invitation : Summer vacation use of Ely Boathouse by Colleges

Now in our second year as a facility, we would like to invite you again to include in your spring/summer rowing programmes the opportunity to organise training camps at Ely using the first class Cambridge University Boathouse as a base. This is part of our mission to encourage top quality rowing throughout the University and to forge a stronger relationship between university and college rowing.

We hope you will take advantage of this excellent facility which allows you the chance to have extended periods and distances on the water within close proximity to Cambridge. The facility is available during the Summer term for preparation for the Mays and pre-Henley training camps.



Who?

It is suggested as a suitable venue for First and Second Eights (women and men). A maximum of six eights will train on any one day thus ensuring that the facility and the river are not overly congested. A **maximum** of three separate colleges can use the boathouse at any one time.

Allocation of Colleges and Boats will be made on a first come, first served basis following an official enquiry by e-mail to info@cambridgerowingevents.com outlining the request of how many boats and what dates are required. Please note, however, that those requesting full weeks Monday to Sunday will be prioritised. Shorter 2-4 day training camps are of course fine if availability allows. Once a return email has been sent back by a CUBL representative the booking is fully confirmed.

When?

The venue is open for training in 2019 between April and August.

In addition, the venue is available for pre-Henley Training Camps (Women's and HRR) of any length should this be of interest.

Costs?

The cost of using the facility is £5 per day per seat equating to £40 per eight per day. A four-day training camp will cost £160 per boat. For this you will have the following:

1. Rowing on the quiet, long stretches of the Great Ouse.
2. Parking for your trailer and minibus.
3. Use of the Ely Boathouse 1st floor changing rooms, crew room and kitchen area.
4. Launch use available subject to availability.

This cost remains competitive versus other venues. All revenue generated goes towards the considerable annual cost of running the boathouse.

Rules of Engagement

It is of paramount importance that the Boathouse is used with care and consideration for the building, other users and subsequent users. We ask that anyone committing to booking the camps reads the rules attached in the appendices and distributes them to all rowers using the facilities.

We hope that you will support the university and use the Cambridge University Boathouse at Ely.

Cambridge University Boathouse Limited.

For bookings contact Karine: info@cambridgerowingevents.com

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Appendices:

Simple rules for each college booking

1. Boats are to be stored on your own trailer at Ely.
2. Trailers and minibuses are to stay in the parking areas and are not to be driven on to the hard. Trailers may be stored by the launch bay.
3. In the boathouse, shoes are to be taken off at the bottom of the stairs. They shall not be worn upstairs.
4. Please do not leave kit in the changing rooms or on the floors anywhere in the facility. We will take no responsibility for lost kit. N.B. Our cleaners are instructed to put all kit in the lost kit locker in the drying room when they attend on site. At the end of each season any kit left behind will be auctioned and the proceeds given to charity.
5. The kitchen and crew room areas are to be left clean at the end of each day. If left in a mess such that extra cleaning costs are incurred, we will charge extra cleaning cost on to each college hiring the facility in that week.
6. Access to the University Boat bays is forbidden unless with a University Coach.
7. Launch users will require to be in possession of an RYA Level 2 Powerboat certificate and attend a briefing at an agreed time on Monday with one of our CU Coaches. As many of you no doubt know we need to be very careful on river usage and to minimise wash which disrupts other river users. This is why we require the use of catamaran launches. The briefing will provide further details. For further information on the RYA certificate or to hire a launch driver email us at info@cambridgerowingevents.com
8. Launch Hire and insurance – upon booking we will require confirmation that your club rowing boat insurance policy will, like ours, cover you for the hire of our launches, as well as your rowers, rowing activity, boats and other equipment.
9. Environment Agency Registration – We are on an EA waterway at Ely, which is not covered by your Cam registration, so your boats will require EA registration. Again, we will require confirmation that you have completed this upon booking. This is available through the Club Management section at the British rowing website and is the same registration / similar to when attending Henley RR or other upper Thames locations. Our launches are already registered so there is no need in that regard. Follow this link for details
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<https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/club-support/managing-your-club/ea-boat-registration/>
11. Launch fuel will be provided in full labelled fuel cans at the beginning of hire and the hirer will be responsible for leaving them full at the end of the hire. If fuel cans are left empty a charge for refuelling and admin time to complete this will be added to the colleges bill.

Treasurers Questions and payment

For those treasurers who would like to know how money will be used we can clarify as follows:

1. The Ely boathouse is owned by Cambridge University Boathouse Ltd (CUBL) with a clear mandate to run the venue for the benefit of CUBC, CUWBC and CULRC.
2. CUBL charges each of the University Rowing Clubs – CUBC, CUWBC and CULRC an agreed share of the Ely Boathouse running costs based upon usage.
3. CUBL's aim in 2019 is to generate enough money from the rental of the boathouse to clubs, and as a venue to corporates and private individuals to cover the costs of running the Ely Boathouse so that the burden upon our University Rowing Clubs is reduced.
4. Payments are to be made in advance to CUBL with each confirmed booking in order to minimise the administrative burden of collection.
5. Bookings for 6 day periods – Monday to Saturday inclusive will be prioritised. Part week bookings will only be considered should full weeks remain un-booked.