

Boat Hire FAQs

Q: Will I get the same boat for my race as I use in practice.

A: YES

Q: Do I need to provide proof of insurance or do I have to get a rider on my own policy?

A: NO.

The rental cost includes insurance. Damages due to gross negligence, willfull intent or theft will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and may incur a financial penalty.

Q: What if I have a Special Request (eg: boat brand, shoe size, other)?

A. Please use the **COMMENTS BOX** on the registration page or send an email to support@regattacentral.com

Q: May I request a specific type or brand of oars?

A: NO.

Each boat comes with the set of oars provided by the owner. Most sweep oars will be Concept 2's. In most cases no substitutions will be allowed unless there is a significant issue with setups.

Q: May I request a specific size oar handle?

A: NO.

Each boat comes with the set of oars provided by the owner. No substitutions will be allowed.

Q: May I request a specific brand of boat?

A: YES.

Please use the **COMMENTS BOX** on the registration page. All requests for a Brand of boat **MUST** be made prior to the Race Draw (Midnight EST Aug 13) after which time a specific boat will be allocated to a crew and no changes will be allowed. For each request (event), please provide your 5 brand preferences in order of choice (from 1 through 5). If needed you may also specify a Brand of boat you **DON'T** want. **PLEASE NOTE:** Most boats currently in the rental pool will be North American built (Kaschper, Hudson, Fluid Design), especially the smaller boats (1x, 2x, 2-), so choices will be very limited. Almost no European Brand boats will be available (eg: Empacher, Filippi). **PLEASE NOTE:** lists of boat brands in the rental pool will **NOT** be available prior to the Aug 13 cutoff date for requests (since borrowing arrangements are still in progress). For this reason, **no list of boat brands will be provided** PLEASE DON'T ASK FOR ONE. Also note that the Boat Pool Team **cannot guarantee that we can fulfill your request(s)**.

Q: May I request a bow-loaded/bow-rider 4+?

A: YES, but numbers are limited and requests will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. Please use the **COMMENTS BOX**.

Q: Will any of the boats be Tandem Rigged (4+, 8+) or can I change the rigging to Tandem?

A. It may be possible to arrange for this adjustment depending on demand, boat type/availability & scheduling. Please make any such requests in the Comments Box (including event, what setup is being requested). The Boat Pool Team will look into the possibility but **CANNOT GUARANTEE** this option will be available. Remember that for your practices you have a 1 hour time allotment for your boat and adjustments to the rigging will be included in that time period.

Q: Do 4x, 4+, and 8+ boats come with cox boxes or stroke coaches?

A: NO.

Coxies/crews are strongly advised to bring their own.

Q: Are the 4+ and 8+ boats wired for cox boxes?

A: YES

Q: May I request specific shoe size(s)?

A: NO.

Almost all boats will come with standard sized shoes (size 11 or 12 US). There is no possibility to swap shoes between boats. **HOWEVER**, if there is need for Extra Large (or Extra Small) shoes, please indicate that need in the **COMMENTS BOX** and the Boat Pool Team will look at possible solutions. Note that on the Registration Website page we have asked if there is need for Extra Large shoes (greater than 11 US, 10 UK, 14 EU or 28 1/2 JAP). For extra small sizes it may require competitors to wear their own shoes or extra socks/bindings inside the existing shoes. **PLEASE NOTE: no bare feet will be allowed in the footstop shoes** (socks, smaller shoes, other covering required).

Q: What if I want to adjust the rigging, setup of the boat?

A. Some limited adjustments (eg: addition of washers to change rigger heights) will be allowed (boat, oars) but not to span or pitch (which will be set up to a known standard). Please note that **adjustment time will be part of your rental hour**. However: Crews are encouraged to arrive early for their practice time and in **limited cases** may be allocated some extra time (before your rental hour starts) to make adjustments. This privilege is NOT GUARANTEED, but will be at the discretion of the Boat Pool Manager. **Requests for extra rigging time will only be taken a maximum of 30 minutes before the assigned rental time AND after the crew has registered and enters the Boat Rental Compound Assembly Area (inside the gate, NOT at the registration desk).**

Q: Where do I go to get my rental boat? How will the rental process work?

A: An Information Package will be sent to all Renters by email on or around August 20th providing a simple step-by-step guide to follow, including maps of the boat rental compound, how to get there, and a receipt identifying your hours of Practice & a Boat Identifier code.

Q: How will I know what my actual practice time will be (since the Boat Rental Team cannot guarantee you will get the practice time requested)?

A. With your Information Package you will receive a Boat Rental RECEIPT showing your practice time(s) for each specific booking.

Q: Is there a penalty if the crew does not return to the dock within the allotted hour?

A: YES.

Penalties are financial and incremental (depending on how late). Remember, you are taking time away from someone else who has paid to have the boat next. You will be assessed 1/2 hour extra charge for being 5 minutes late & 1 hour extra for 10 minutes. Crews more than 15 minutes late to the check-in station with their boat (off the water at the top of the dock) will be charged an extra hour of rental AND MAY FORFEIT BOTH THEIR RENTAL FEE & RIGHTS TO A BOAT FOR THEIR RACE. If you are worried that 1 hour is not enough time (especially if you wish to plan to do minor adjustments to rigging), please book an extra hour (a second booking with the same crew on the same day with a request for the following hour). Although the Boat Pool Team cannot guarantee the exact 2 hour time slot, you WILL be given 2 consecutive hours.