

BPRC New Member Checklist

YOUR NAME _____

MENTOR'S NAME _____

Welcome to the Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club (BPRC). It is important for new members to learn what it takes to keep club members and other Aquatic Park visitors safe and secure, both on and off the water. Please refer to our member resources page as well: <https://berkeleyrowingclub.org/membership/member-resources/>

Payment of membership dues is required before your first on-the-water session. New members will participate in a minimum of three mentoring/orientation sessions before they become full members with key privileges.

Members need to be self-sufficient, able to open and close the boathouse, know what equipment is appropriate for their skill level and comfortable getting it to and from the water without damage. On the water, members need to know the traffic patterns and hazards to avoid in the lagoon. The lagoon is public, and there will be others in the water who are not part of BPRC and not aware of our traffic patterns. It is important to be alert to that and to be friendly to everyone.

Drive slowly and carefully in the park. There are lots of pedestrians, dogwalkers, birdwatchers and bicycle riders.

From May 1 to October 1, the Berkeley Waterski Club may also be using the lagoon. Their schedule and how to avoid conflicts is posted on the bulletin board. Note, just because they CAN be here at a certain time, does not mean they WILL be here!

Here's what you need to know. It's not definitive; we're always learning. Please check off as you go through the process.

- _____ Sign the logbook (legibly) whenever you use the club indicating date, time in and out and equipment used
- _____ If you do not know how to swim, you must wear a life jacket while on the water
- _____ Distinguish between club and private equipment and know the appropriate equipment for you
- _____ Be able to handle the equipment safely from the boathouse to water and back into the boathouse
- _____ Close and lock all boathouse doors when you head to the water. When in doubt, lock up!
- _____ Check and lock gym and locker room doors if no one else is currently using them
- _____ Know and follow the traffic patterns for all boats and know the hazards on the lagoon
- _____ Be especially aware of the slalom buoys and underwater ski jump pipes
- _____ Boat care: rinse and dry boats before putting them back in the boathouse
- _____ Boat care: if you see damage to a boat, note it on the Repair Log on the bulletin board
- _____ Gym: Become familiar with the equipment, know how to open and close the gym and to share the small space
- _____ When you leave: Put away hose if you are the last person off the water . When in doubt, put it away!
- _____ If no one is on the water, replace the "goose ropes" (during bird poop season).
- _____ When you leave: Sign out, turn out all lights, lock up, and double check all doors if you are the last one out
- _____ Club care: if you see something that needs doing or fixing, and can do it, please do – and let a Board Member know
- _____ Club care: if you see something that needs doing or fixing, and can't do it, please let a Board Member know
- _____ Know the Family Membership and Guest Policies for the Club

Mentoring Sessions: 1) Date _____ Mentor Initials _____ 2) Date _____ Mentor Initials _____

3) Date _____ Mentor Initials _____ 4) Date _____ Mentor Initials _____ 5) Date _____ Mentor Initials _____

Ready for Key? _____ (Send email to JoinBPRC to arrange a key for the new member)