

Use of Coastal Boats - Checklist

Before transporting

- Ensure the craft is tied down correctly.
- Put a jockey strap on the drainage flap at the rear of the boat for transporting.
- Either secure the seat in the boat with a jockey strap; or remove the seat and place it in the trailer.
- On the doubles, ensure the riggers are strapped together so they don't bounce around.
- Check the riggers (are in the trailer) for the singles.
- Check you have oars.

Ensure you have a 10mm, 13mm spanner, a Philipps head screwdriver and an Allan key set for the fin (just in case!)



Check the Boats before the session

These boats are to be treated no differently to other rowing boats. Please take good care of them.

- Oars
- Riggers
- Bung – must be closed prior to use.
- Fin
- Ensure seats, foot stretchers, and riggers are secure.
- Check for any cracks or damage prior to use.



Personal Preparation

- Ensure that all participants have completed appropriate waivers, are competent to complete in the activity, and have the appropriate permissions to participate.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and water conditions.
- Apply sunscreen.
- Secure personal belongings in waterproof bags.
- Boarding:
 - Enter the boat without causing instability and try to distribute weight evenly for stability.

After the session

- Loosen the bung and drain the water from the boats – leave the bung open and attached.
 - Wash down using fresh water including the metal areas and moving elements.
 - Check the fin is in place.
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For Ocean Use

Know the local SA Marine Rules

- Keep a lookout for other vessels, swimmers, or hazards.
- Maintain a safe distance from rocks, or other obstacles.

Equipment

- Life jacket – it is recommended that an approved life jacket be always worn.
- Ensure conditions are suitable for rowing and consider any weather forecasts that may affect the session.
- Ensure you have on-water retrieval capabilities.

These boats are self-bailing.

- Have you completed a capsizing drill?
- Can your rowers swim in ocean conditions?
- Are they competent swimmers?
- Do they know what to do if their boat capsizes and the swell moves the boat away from their reach?

Check the Conditions

- Check the conditions.
- Is it windy – will the boat tip over and leave you in the water and not able to reach the craft?
- Swell should be no higher than 1 metre.

Approaching Shore

- Select a safe landing spot, avoiding strong waves or currents.
- Prepare to disembark without tipping the boat.

Report any damage to Rowing SA on return of the craft

