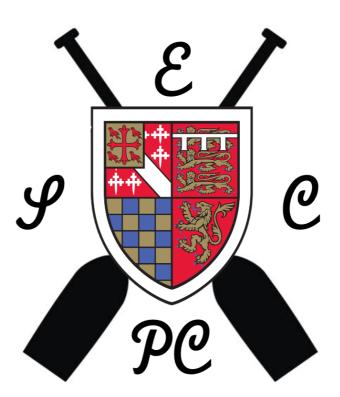
PUNT HIRE TERMS AND CONDITIONS



St Edmund's College Punt Club



These terms and conditions apply in respect of the use of the three (3) St Edmund's College punts: Edmund of Abingdon, Richard Laws, and Grace Lake (**the Punts**).

The punts are made available only to members of St Edmund's college as defined by cl 1.2 of the <u>College Blue Book</u> at the full and unfettered discretion of the Punt Admiral(s) and Domestic Bursar.

Members are required to agree to these terms and conditions in order to use the St Edmund's College Punts.

Liability

- 1. The punter and all others using the Punts do so entirely at their own risk. St Edmund's College accepts no responsibility for the injury, death, or loss of or damage to property of any person using the Punts however caused.
- 2. The punter assumes full responsibility for the booked punt and its fittings including but not limited to cushions, pole (quant), paddle, wooden slats, keys and locks, and will be held liable for the loss or damage of any of these. The punter will remain fully responsible for the punt and all ancillary fittings until the punt has been safely moored, the punt and more have been properly locked, and all fittings have been returned by the punter to the Porter's Lodge. The cessation of any punter's liability in respect of the Punt and fittings is subject to the damage provisions set out below.

Regulations

- 3. The punter and all others using the Punts will not act in a way that would place the College in breach of its duties under the Conservators of the Cam code of practice, noting in particular the following rules:
 - a) The requirement not to anchor, moor, berth or stop in such a position as to impede the clear and free passage of any other vessel on the navigation or the loading or unloading of passengers at any public landing place.
 - b) The requirement not to exceed the maximum number of persons displayed on the punt.
 - c) The requirement that there shall be no playing of amplified music, voice or amplified musical instruments which might give reasonable cause for annoyance to any person.

The punter is liable for any fines levied by the Conservators of the Cam due to their own misconduct.

Safety



- 4. The punter must not be under the influence of illicit drugs, drugs which would impair their punting ability, or alcohol while using the Punts. Those violating this rule may be subject to a £50 fine.
- 5. Punters must ensure their passengers do not have body parts outside the punt, especially when near or about to collide with an obstacle or another vessel.
- 6. Punters should be confident in their ability to swim ashore or otherwise are recommended to source and wear a lifejacket. Punters should make the same recommendation to their passengers.
- 7. There should be no more than 6 people in a punt at one time, including the punter.

Bookings

- 8. Only one punt may be booked per person per day.
- 9. The member booking must be present in the punt at all times while on the water. Punts may not be hired out to others outside the College. The member booking will be liable for any damage caused and may be banned from booking punts in the event that damage is caused.
- 10. Punts must be returned to their mooring and keys returned to the porter before the end of the booking period. The late return of keys may be subject to a £20 fine. Keys and Punt fittings / equipment may only be returned directly to the Porter's Lodge and any passing of keys or fittings / equipment to third parties, including subsequent Punt users, is strictly prohibited. Any equipment not returned by the end of each booking period will be deemed lost and the charges set out in Clause 11 below may be applied.

Damage

- 11. All losses and breakages must be reported to the Porters on duty. All pieces of broken poles/paddles etc. should be returned, if possible. Any articles which are initially found to be damaged or missing should be reported to the Porters before departure, otherwise the hirer may be held liable for the damage. The following charges are applicable at the discretion of the Punt Admiral(s) and Domestic Bursar:
 - a) Replacement lock and/or key £25.
 - b) Replacement paddle £75.
 - c) Replacement set of wooden slats £200.
 - d) Replacement pole £200.
 - e) Replacement set of cushions £250.



f) Replacement punt £8000.

If a lost item is later returned the fine may be removed or reduced.

- 12. If any damage caused is not reported to the porters immediately on return (i.e., if the next member booking, the Punt Admiral(s), or the Domestic Bursar is first to notice), an additional administrative fee of £50 may be levied.
- 13. Punts shall be left tidy, and the punt and pole securely locked to the quay. A £25 minimum fine may apply for failure to proper lock the punt and pole.