

Around the Shed March 2009

If you are intending to row before sunrise and after sunset then it is a legal requirement for you to have lights on your boats - a white light on the bow and a red light on the stern is the Rowing Queensland standard.

Lights on tinnies are also a legal requirement and will be completed over the next few Tuesday nights. Tinnies without lights will not be able to be used for coaching and this will be a significant problem for school rowing. Please let Paul know if you can help over the next few Tuesdays.

Lights: as a result of a committee initiative in 2008 and a subsequent trial of a less expensive light attached to a boat it is now possible to offer this option to members.

All club boats in the shed will have a small length of velcro (loop side) attached to the bow and stern decks as close to the ends of the boat as practical. Sections of the opposing velcro (fluffy side) will be available on the boat booking board bench to attach to small lights.

Suitable lights are available from Anaconda in a pack of two, one white and one red - *Multi-functional mini light*. Cost \$24.95. They are super bright and last for about 150-200hrs. The battery can be replaced; but it may be more economical to purchase new lights. A small piece of duct tape around the edges may prevent water seeping into the light. .

Please take care when removing lights to avoid ripping the loop side off at the same time.

From time to time the lights are available at special prices. When this occurs a club-wide email will be sent out.

Currently: Sunrise 06.15hrs Sunset 18.30hrs

Please note we urgently need to attach the velcro strips to the boats – I hope to do most of this next weekend during any available time at the Masters Camp.

Shoes

It is a safety requirement that shoes are tied down to the foot stretcher with a 5 cm range of movement. In addition to this we will continue to have the shoes tied together as an additional safety measure. Please get into the habit of checking this before you row a boat with shoes ...you will also avoid the possibility at a regatta from being prevented from rowing until they are shown to be tied down.

A supply of shoe laces will be in the spares unit on the blue bench.

At a recent regatta interstate a young girl fell out of a boat and remained under water for 5mins before her feet could be released from the shoes which were not tied down.

She had to be resuscitated and is fortunately OK. Boat Race Officials are being directed to be more pro-active with this safety measure but I believe that the risk is greater during day to day training sessions.

Spare Tinnie Motor

The club will shortly have a spare tinnie motor available. This will be stored on a stand in the far back right corner of the shed. I am grateful to John Wilkinson, an IPC & SMMC parent for supplying the materials and building the stand as this will enable the motor to be stored safely and correctly. The club should then have less down time with non working tinnies.

Book Fair at the T&JCU Regatta June 6 & 7

Dana Green has offered to run a book fair at the T&JCU Regatta so now is a good time to check your bookshelves for books you no longer want. Dana is happy to store them at her house. Please contact her via email dana@danagreen.net.au

This is one of the few fundraisers the club does each year so please support the club by donating your no longer loved books and hopefully on the day you can then find some replacements at very reasonable prices.

Lights and Fans

The installation of these has stalled. I have contacted the electrician – I am yet to hear back.

Boat Bookings

The weight category averages have all been checked and altered if necessary on the Boat Booking Board and website.

Names of approved crew users of red boats will be listed on the Boat Booking Board and on the website.

I will have the current spreadsheet uploaded to the website in the next few days and this is best used as a reference for boat availability.

A reminder that there can be a period of 7 days from receipt of a booking and recording on the Boat Booking Board and that the booking is confirmed when it is written on the board.

Please check your current bookings on the website later this week and cancel any that you are not using.

Boat Repair

Thank you to those who have offered extra hands on Tuesday nights. It has made a significant difference over the last few weeks. Remember you don't have to come every week but please let me know if you can come and I will have something arranged for you to do.

Boats repaired:

Sid Brischetto 11 – new bow seat top

Williamson – top and bottom tracks aligned in the stroke seat

Spirit – shoes repaired – need to be fitted

Ravenscraig – shoes repaired and re fitted, new bearing wheels in four seats.

True North – new 2 seat top, gate replaced 3 seat and new stern speaker.

Graham Ward – new shoes 2 seat and shoes tied down

Wilderness – 7 seat shoes repaired

Bakker – shoes tied down

Kerin - wheel replaced stroke seat and shoes tied down

Inspiration – seat replaced

Boat Category Labels

New labels are gradually been added to the boats in the shed. They are round circles of red, yellow or green and indicate the boat category. The labels are positioned on the boat to correspond with the rack arms. It is important to remember the boats are often a tight fit in the shed and how they are racked has been carefully worked out. If they are racked properly they are easy to remove and replace otherwise they cause obstructions.

School LTR - There have been some issues with equipment in the boatshed. I have communicated these to the appropriate persons and I am confident that these will be resolved.

North Queensland Masters Camp

Shane Whalley is looking for some help in the food and drinks department for the camp. If you can help Shane then please email whalley-world@bigpond.com or ph 47793242

Tea Towels If you have kindly taken any home to wash and keep forgetting to return them – the pile is getting very low at the club end and we soon won't have any left - donations of any style also gratefully accepted.

Social Quad Row – if you are interested. Contact Robyn Adams email paddyjoe@lisp.com.au

Next Working Bee Saturday March 28th

A reminder that the next working bee will be on Saturday March 28 at ~ 7.15am until ~ 9.30am

Christine Hargreaves
Club Captain

