



## Kayaking Information Sheet 2024-2025

### 1. About our club

Champion Lakes Boating Club (CLBC) was formed in 2007 as a result of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) recognizing the need for a local community group to have access to the international facilities available at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre. The ARA set up a community reference group headed by Toni Buti, Alana Mc Tiernan (a former MLA for Armadale at the time), John Ellis, the then Executive Officer for the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, Glenn Baker, who owned businesses in Armadale and Kelmscott and several other local community members. From this initial stage, the ARA built and gifted a boatshed to house a community boat club. The main objective of the club was to cater for rowing, dragon boating and kayaking, with the possibility of attracting other aquatic sports. The group elected Glenn Baker as its first President and the CLBC Constitution was finalized in April 2007, although the club did not become active until the summer of 2007/2008.

Champion Lakes Boating Club is a unique sporting club in WA in that it currently hosts 4 aquatic sports under its banner. Each of the four disciplines, kayaking, rowing, dragon boating and radio sailing have their own subcommittees and they report monthly to an Executive Committee, made up of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 sport Representatives. The club currently has approximately 21 members. In 2011, management of the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre was taken over by Venues West, the State government organization which manages many of Perth's top State sporting venues. The boat club remains a local incorporated sporting club, run independently of the management group, but facing the immediate future of now paying for the rent of its premises from Venues West.

The club is a family friendly club and comes together regularly for whole of club social events.

The 2023-24 Executive Committee consists of:

- President: Alan Stuart, [president@clbc.org.au](mailto:president@clbc.org.au) 0400 816 834
- Secretary, Trish Strickland, [secretary@clbc.org.au](mailto:secretary@clbc.org.au) 0433 349 458
- Treasurer, Peter Douglas, [treasurer@clbc.org.au](mailto:treasurer@clbc.org.au) , 0409 419 474
- Kayaking Rep: Shelley Spicer, [kayaking@clbc.org.au](mailto:kayaking@clbc.org.au), 0427 446 388
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- Rowing Rep: Genni Black 0419 969 220 [rowing@clbc.org.au](mailto:rowing@clbc.org.au)
- Radio Sailing Rep: Alan Stuart, [sailing@clbc.org.au](mailto:sailing@clbc.org.au)
- Agnes Pajor, Club Coach, [pajorag@gmail.com](mailto:pajorag@gmail.com) 0422 547 514
- Allan Mumford, Senior Rep [allanandlynne@iinet.net.au](mailto:allanandlynne@iinet.net.au) 0475 913 698

We welcome your interest and ideas to help steer kayaking to greater heights at Champion Lakes!

## 2. Use of Club Boats: (Please refer to rules on the back doors)

- To be eligible to use a club boat, members must have passed a Basic Skills course or arrange assessment with our club coach, Agnes Pajor
- It is a privilege to use club equipment NOT A RIGHT.

Respect of all equipment (craft, paddle, pfd) is paramount.

- Some of the club equipment is privately owned and loaned to the club until it is financial enough to purchase club boats. Please wash all equipment and return to its correct place. Carry the craft carefully and do not drag. Two people are needed to carry a K1 to maintain care and safety.
- K1s are fragile and should be launched from the pontoon not the beach. This is particularly important for the 2 x Kayak Pros and Tk1 and Tk2. If you can't launch from the pontoon make sure these kayaks are parallel to the shoreline when getting in and out of, to prevent stress on the hull.
- Club boats are identified with a CLBC sticker. There should also be a number on each club boat for identification purposes. It should also have a designated space on the shelves. Please look at the Boat Rack Plan on the shed door.
- Any boats with broken parts or missing parts are to be reported to the President and Allan Mumford (shared role) for attention.
- Members are encouraged to purchase their own craft after 2-3 months. Consult the club instructor for advice.

## 3. Private Boats

- PRIVATE BOATS ARE NOT COVERED BY CLUB INSURANCE.
- Each boat has a designated boat rack.
- Please negotiate with the Boat Officers regarding this placement.
- Private boats need to be tied securely on mobile racks as these are designed to move!

## 4. Boat Shed Rules

Please help keep the boat shed clean and tidy. This shed was originally provided FREE of charge to our club by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, unlike many sporting clubs who fundraise for years to get basic facilities, so don't abuse it.

We now have to pay approximately \$6000 per year in rent to Venues West, who inspect the shed twice a year.

- All boats must be washed and emptied before stowing.
- Keep the floor clean and tidy. There is a broom and shovel, kept near the side door to occasionally sweep. There are also 2 bins to throw rubbish in. These bins need emptying to the large bins outside regularly but straight away if they contain food to prevent ants.
- After washing down boats. Make sure tap is turned OFF and PRESSURE RELEASED from hose before winding onto hose reel. This prevents flooding and damage in the shed.
- Please follow the boat storage plan displayed in the boatshed for positioning of private boats and Paddle WA boats. If there are issues about your allocated position or concerns about other boats being moved contact the Boat Officer.
- Any damage incurred to boats must be reported to the kayaking sub-committee so repairs can be carried out.
- All CLBC equipment is stowed neatly- generally in the centre of the shed away from the side racks where there is most movement/traffic.
- Clothes, shoes, and water bottles must be removed from the shed.
- Chairs must be stacked up after use.

- Kitchen area is to be left clean and tidy.

#### **4. Broken Equipment and Incidents**

- All equipment damage (club or otherwise) and incidents are to be reported to the President/in an incident book.
- Life threatening incidents need to be handled through the club emergency response plan. See attached to shed door.

#### **5. Alcohol and Smoking**

- Alcohol is not to be consumed at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre unless it is at an event with a liquor license.
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited at all times.

#### **6. Tea and Coffee making facilities**

- CLBC members have the use and access to tea and coffee making in boatshed. There are plates and cutlery. Please wash and put away after use.
- Currently, you need to bring your own tea, coffee milk etc.
- There are also chairs and tables/trestles to be used by members.
- Chairs can be removed by members, parents to watch training but must be returned and stacked.
- The area must be kept clean and tidy.

**7. Flow Plan of Craft on the Lake** With over 20 CLBC members (rowers and kayakers) on the water in the morning, it is especially important for safety purposes, that all members follow a flow plan established by the Regatta Centre

#### **8. Lights on boats**

It is a policy of CLBC that all members have a light on their boat before and after sunrise. Inexpensive LED lights can be purchased from cycle shops and either attached to your kayak or hat. Although Champion Lakes is not an open waterway, it is still bound by State Legislation (Prevention of Collision at Sea Regulations 1983, p 21)

#### **9. Insurance**

Private Boat owners, storing their boats in the boatshed, please be aware that private boats are NOT covered by a contents insurance policy. The club does have a policy that covers CLUB BOATS ONLY.

#### **10. Involvement in other CLBC aquatic sports**

With 4 sports under one banner, it is inevitable that CLBC members become curious and want to try other sports. This is possible but it is important that members follow the correct procedure to make sure they are always covered by insurance.

If you are interested in trying another sport the club runs Come and Try Days regularly. Either check the CLBC website ([www.clbc.org.au](http://www.clbc.org.au)) for information or contact the appropriate Sporting Rep from the Executive Committee (contact details above). Qualified instructors provide full equipment and safe instruction.

#### **11. Club activities and events**

- The committee endeavours to run occasionally a social event. This is a great way to meet the other CLBC kayakers who may come to the lake at different times to you and maybe involved in another discipline of kayaking.
- Juniors – We do have a Juniors Coach
- Currently Tuesday from 4:30pm with our Coach, Agnes Pajor.

- Para Canoe- The club welcomes people with a disability to paddle with them. We have experienced coaches who will assist you with finding the right boat to suit your needs. Contact Robyn Brown for information about para canoeing.
- Seniors- We have a small group of seniors who meet socially during the week - Thursdays from 8.00am. Times vary depending on the season. Some members paddle in the mornings from 8am as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- The club runs a Come and Try event during Seniors Week and throughout the year.

## **12. Social Paddles**

- Social paddles on the Swan or Canning when there is enough interest.

## **13. CLBC General Facebook site. Please join us on Facebook**

(<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ChampionLakesBoatingClub/>) and spread the news about the club!! Please remember etiquette when using social media. It is a forum to share photos and stories about our members out there competing or having fun somewhere on the water.

We look forward to seeing you on the water!!