



St. Michael's Rowing Club Boat Repair Policy

Introduction

St. Michael's Rowing Club (SMRC) is committed to maintaining safe and well-maintained equipment for its members. This repair policy outlines procedures for reporting, assessing and addressing boat damage.

Equipment Damage Reporting

- **Report immediately:** Any damage to a boat should be reported to the captain as soon as possible. Responsibility for reporting boat damage lies with the coaches in charge of the outing where the damage occurred.
- **Document details:** Provide the date, location, description of damage and any involved parties.
- **Incident report:** Complete the attached incident report form published on our website.

Repair Procedures

- **Assessment:** A person designated by the captain will assess the damage to determine the necessary repairs.
- **Repair authorization:** For repairs exceeding €500, a quotation must be obtained and approval in advance from the Committee is required.
- **Repair options:** There are three repair options:
 - **Internal repairs:** Minor fixes, rigging issues, and general maintenance.
 - **Outsourcing:** Scratches, shoe replacements, and damaged riggers may be outsourced to an approved local repairer.
 - **Major repairs:** Extensive hull or deck damage will be sent to Walls Racing Shells for repair.
- **Warranties:** Boats under warranty may be sent to the vendor/manufacturer for repair of defects covered by the warranty. In certain circumstances and with the approval of the committee, it may be decided that the manufacturer is the best repair solution e.g. accidental damage to a new boat.



Regular Inspections and Maintenance (to be conducted by Crews/Coaches/Captain)

- **Inspection schedule:** Implement a regular schedule for boat inspections. Before and after launching of boats done by crew and coach. Washing the hull will show up anything that needs addressing.
- **Areas to check:** Inspect the hull, rigging, seats, foot stretchers, oarlocks, and buoyancy compartments.
- **Preventive maintenance:** Regular maintenance can prevent more serious damage.

Conclusion

By following this repair policy, we will ensure that our boats are maintained in good condition, promoting safety and preserving the club's equipment.