

## **Crew Leaders**

These rules apply to TRRA members wishing to take out one multiple person club boat unaccompanied by TRRA launches and/or coaches. (Exception: any member is permitted to take out an ocean shell). No member or coach is authorized to use TRRA launches without prior approval of TRRA staff. For 8+, 4+ and 4x, these rules apply in daylight hours only except as specified below.

### **Duties of Crew Leaders:**

#### **Sweep Boats:**

Any group of members wishing to take out a club sweep boat (8+, 4+, 2-) outside of a coached practice, or unaccompanied by a TRRA-certified coach in a launch, must have a crew leader as part of the crew of each such boat. For 8+ and 4+, these rules apply in daylight only, between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Crew leaders wishing to take out an 8+ or 4+ in the dark must be accompanied by a launch with a driver approved by TRRA who has been granted permission by TRRA staff to use a TRRA launch for that outing.

The crew leader is responsible to ensure that he or she has verified in advance with the TRRA staff that the shell is available. Scheduled TRRA programs, including but not limited to juniors, masters and corporate programs have priority during their respective scheduled times for the use of TRRA equipment.

The crew leader is responsible for the safety of the crew. Toward that end, the crew leader must consult and comply with the parameters of the safety matrix, including being aware of current river flow, temperature and expected weather conditions during the outing. The crew leader shall be familiar with local traffic patterns and river hazards, including bridges and buoys. Crew leaders shall ensure that coxswains are experienced and familiar with local river traffic patterns and hazards.

#### **Sculling boats:**

Any group of members wishing to take out a multiple-person club sculling boat (4x, 2x, with the exception of the ocean shells) outside of a coached practice, or unaccompanied by a TRRA-certified coach in a launch, must have a crew leader as part of the crew for each such boat. For 4x, these rules apply in daylight only, between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Crew leaders wishing to take out a 4x in the dark must be accompanied by a launch with a driver approved by TRRA who has been granted permission by TRRA staff to use a TRRA launch for that outing.

For a 4x, the crew leader is responsible to ensure that he or she has verified in advance with the TRRA office staff that the shell is available. For a 2x, the crew leader is responsible for signing the boat out according to the current sign-out procedure for small boats. Scheduled TRRA programs, including but not limited to juniors, masters and corporate programs have priority during their respective scheduled times for the use of TRRA equipment.

The crew leader is responsible for the safety of the crew. Toward that end, the crew leader must consult and comply with the parameters of the safety matrix, including being aware of current river flow, temperature and expected weather conditions during the outing. The crew leader shall be familiar with local traffic patterns and river hazards, including bridges and buoys. The crew leader shall be the bow rower, responsible for steering the boat.

## **Qualifications and Certification of Crew Leaders**

### **Sweep boat crew leader:**

Sweep boat crew leaders must possess the following qualifications:

- TRRA boat and facilities member in good standing
- At least 18 years of age
- Must have rowed a minimum of a year (Spring through Fall) at TRRA
- Must have coxed at TRRA a minimum of 10 times or a minimum of 10 hours
- Must demonstrate a knowledge of TRRA safety rules, river traffic patterns and river hazards. An annual review of TRRA Safety Rules and Regulations (which can be found online) is suggested.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of safe equipment handling practices
- Must view the USRowing Safety Video yearly (at least)
- Must attend/view TRRA bi-Annual Safety meeting/videos

Sweep boat crew leaders may apply to any TRRA-certified coach or the Executive Director (ED) to be certified. The coach or ED will certify that the applicant possesses all of the above qualifications. The certification shall be in writing and may include any number of applicants, with each being individually named. The ED, in his or her sole discretion, may certify any individual who does not strictly meet the above qualifications but who, in the ED's judgment, possesses the necessary skills to be certified as a sweep boat crew leader. TRRA staff shall maintain a list of all certified sweep boat crew leaders.

### **Sculling crew leader:**

Sculling crew leaders must possess the following qualifications:

- TRRA boat and facilities member in good standing
- At least 18 years of age
- Must have passed the TRRA sculling certification
- Must have sculled a minimum of a year (Spring through Fall) at TRRA
- Must demonstrate a knowledge of TRRA safety rules, river traffic patterns and river hazards. An annual review of TRRA Safety Rules and Regulations (which can be found online) is suggested.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of safe equipment handling practices
- Must view the USRowing Safety Video yearly (at least)
- Must attend/view TRRA bi-Annual Safety meeting/videos

Sculling boat crew leaders may apply to any TRRA-certified coach or the Executive Director (ED) to be certified. The coach or ED will certify that the applicant possesses all of the above qualifications. The certification shall be in writing and may include any number of applicants, with each being individually named. The ED, in his or her sole discretion, may certify any individual who does not strictly meet the above qualifications but who, in the ED's judgment, possesses the necessary skills to be certified as a sculling boat crew leader. TRRA staff shall maintain a list of all certified sculling boat crew leaders.