

# Kayak Share Club – Member Orientation Guide

## Greenwich Launch Facility (Manns Point Boat Ramp)

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### Introduction

Welcome to Greenwich! All standard guidelines that apply at our other launch sites also apply here. Please take a moment to review these reminders.

Key action to note: the steep ramp next to the rack must not be used. Always use the middle ramp between the sailing club building and the kayak rack for safe launching and retrieval.

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### 1. Location & Facilities

- **Address:** Manns Point Boat Ramp, Greenwich
  - **Toilets & Changing Rooms:** Available near the launch area.
  - **Parking:** Free for up to 10 hours.
  - **Peak Times:** Sundays are busy after 10:00 am due to Sailing Club activities:
    - October to March – Every Sunday
    - April to September – Last Sunday of each month
  - **Water Tap:** Located near the ramp for rinsing equipment.
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### 2. Ramp & Launch Area

- **Ramp Use:**
    - Only use the middle ramp (between sailing club building and kayak rack).
    - Do **not** use the ramp next to the rack.
  - **Trolley Storage:** Lock the trolley at the top of the ramp where visible; return and lock to the rack after use.
  - **Launching Safety:**
    - Do not drag kayaks on ground or ramp.
    - Ramp can be slippery—take care.
    - Watch for boat and ferry waves; wait until they subside before launching.
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## The following are same guidelines as all locations - reminder

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### 1. Kayak Rack Use

- **Safety:** Beware of the middle crossbars—square edges can cause injury.
  - **Security:**
    - Re-lock the cable around the rack after removing your kayak and while you are paddling.
    - Tuck the lock under the kayak to protect it from weather.
  - **Maintenance:**
    - Use the soapy water spray provided for rudders and pedals if needed.
    - Keep the rack area clean and tidy.
  - **Storage Check:**
    - Note how your kayak is locked up so you can replace it in the same manner.
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### 2. Kayak Use & Booking

- **Bookings:** Available up to 3 days in advance (e.g., Wednesday booking covers Thursday–Saturday).
- **Handling:**
  - Turn kayaks onto their hulls before sliding them on/off racks to prevent damage.
  - Use the trolley when paddling alone—position under the cockpit to back hatch and secure with the strap under decklines.
- **Equipment Check:**
  - All sea kayaks have a sponge, bucket, and pump in the rear hatch—replace after use.
  - Adjust pedals on flat ground before launching (not on the ramp).
  - Use the QR code at the rack for kayak setup info (in development).
- **Damage Reporting:**
  - Photograph and post any damage or dirt on the WhatsApp group, noting the kayak name.

### 3. Paddling Guidelines

- **Harbour Exit:** Watch for ferry and boat waves; keep away from seawalls and fishing lines.
  - **Traffic Rules:**
    - Ferries, RiverCats, and all other boats have right of way.
    - Paddle defensively and signal intentions clearly.
  - **Routes:**
    - Stay within your qualification zone until you have completed 6 paddles.
    - Zone maps are on the rack and club website.
    - Join experienced paddlers for extended trips.
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### 4. Cleaning After Use

- Remove sand and check hatches.
  - Use the bucket to rinse pedals; drain water behind seat, pump out, and sponge dry.
  - Drain and replace pump, sponge, and bucket in the back hatch.
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### 5. General Safety & Trip Planning

- Paddle with a buddy unless you are fully competent.
- Check weather and tides before departure (use Cockatoo Island location on Willy Weather & BOM).
- Plan your route and know your limits.
- Notify someone (who is not paddling) of your trip plan.