

St Catherine's College Punts – Conditions of Use

1. Notice of Risk

All punts and equipment are let to hirers at their own risk. St Catherine's College (hereinafter 'The College') will not be responsible in any way for any accident, injury, damage or loss, whether direct or indirect, arising from the hire or use thereof (save for the College's liability for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the College, its employees or agents).

2. Notice of Responsibility

The hirer (taken as the person signing for the keys) shall be responsible for any accident, injury, damage or loss and for all damage to the punt and equipment arising from the hire or use thereof or from any breach by the hirer of these conditions and shall indemnify the College from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, expenses and costs which may be brought against or incurred by the College as a result of any accident, injury or loss arising from such hire use or breach (other than death or personal injury resulting from the negligence of the College, its employees or agents).

3. Reasonable Use

The hirer shall use the punt and equipment in a reasonable, proper and careful manner.

4. Hire Deposit

A deposit, usually in the form of a University or Credit card, for each punt hired will be required before hiring commences. Such deposit will be returned on return of the boat and on production of the keys.

5. Minimum Charge

The minimum charge is one hour's hire (£8) and subsequently for complete hours only, paid in advance from University or Debit card.

6. Term of Hire

If the hirer returns the key to the Lodge more than 15 minutes after the pre-agreed time then a further hour's charge is liable. A mobile phone will be required and the number should be left on the signing sheet.

7. Safety

If the river is dangerously high, or if there is any other concern for the users' safety, the porters retain the right to refuse use of the punts.

At least one of the punt users should have previous experience of punting and all should be able to swim.

For safety reasons punts must not be chained together

Hirers should be aware of water-borne diseases and underwater obstacles and therefore must only change positions whilst moored and not in mid-stream.

Also hirers must not dive from, or otherwise leave the punt, while away from the bank.

Children must be provided with life jackets by hirers.

No animals can be taken on the punt.

9. Maximum Capacities

No more than 6 people of any size may occupy a punt.

10. Late evening hire

No punt may be taken out less than one hour before dusk. This time will be at the discretion of the porters.

All punts must be returned before dark

11. Disclaimer

The College's punts and equipment are hired subject to the above conditions and are not hired subject to any other condition or warranty, express, implied or statutory and any conditions or warranties other than the above conditions are hereby expressly excluded insofar as permitted by the statute.