

Water Sports Club Honnef – Bye-Laws

(Version of February 1st 2010)

[Ruderordnung des Wassersportverein Honnef]

1. Preface:

- 1.1 The old version of Bye-Laws from March 3rd 1979 expire with these Bye-Laws.
- 1.2 These Bye-Laws apply to all outings with club-owned and private boats used for club purposes. Every rower and especially every foreman is responsible for observing them and complying to them.
- 1.3 Every rower must be an able swimmer.
- 1.4 During outings the general duty of care is to be observed and the endangerment of others is to be avoided.
- 1.5 Every rower must conduct themselves in such a manner, that unhindered rowing operations are ensured. The boating equipment is to be treated with care.
- 1.6 It is to be seen to that only the respective equipment of a boat is used (especially sculls / oars and sliding seats).
- 1.7 During competition uniform outfits are to be worn.

2. Rowing Operations:

- 2.1 Every boat in operation must include a foreman who possesses the qualification of steersmanship according to the regulations of the Rhine River Police (steering permission). Exceptions are outings for training and instruction on the Dead Arm, if the instructor/trainer in charge is in attendance. The crew shall follow the instructions of the foreman.
- 2.2 Boating on the Rhine with racing boats or single sculls is only allowed with a single sculls permission. The rowing officers *[Ruderwarte]*, training supervisors and trainers can issue exceptional permissions for particular outings.
The 1. rowing officer *[1. Ruderwart]* issues the steering and single sculls permissions and posts them by notice. They may be restricted to certain boats or routes.
- 2.3 Use of racing boats is only allowed by permission of the training supervisor.

- 2.4 While boating on the Dead Arm the right side is to be used, respective to the direction of motion. Racing boats and single sculls have the right of way. For these boats the passage under the middle arch of the Islandbridge is to be kept clear as far as possible.
- 2.5 In overtaking manoeuvres against the current the slower landside boat is to yield towards midstream in order to speed up this procedure.
Boats going downstream leave the shoreside to boats going upstream.
- 2.6 Legal regulations are to be observed whenever boating on public watercourses. Commercial shipping always has the right of way.
- 2.7 Especially with small boats the tightness of the outriggers as well as the scull- or oarhandles is to be checked before outings.
- 2.8 Attaching to ships under way is prohibited.
- 2.9 The logbook is a document and serves to record the undertaken outing. Every rower and especially the foreman is responsible for truthful and correct (legible) entries prior to each outing.
- 2.10 The entries must include the name of the boat, steerer/foreman (the foreman of the crew is to be marked, if he is not in the (foot-) steering seat), crew, time of departure and the prospective destination. These are to be completed upon return. Already existing or new damage to the boat or equipment is to be recorded in the final column of the logbook and to be immediately reported to the rowing officer [*Ruderwart*] or equipment officer [*Bootswart*].
- 2.11 Boats that are barred by the rowing officer [*Ruderwart*] or the equipment officer [*Bootswart*] or that are recognizably not in running condition may not be used.
- 2.12 In general the rowboats are to be used with complete crews.
- 2.13 After the outing boats and equipment are to be cleaned and returned to the predetermined places.
- 2.14 The last returning rower/crew is to clear away cleaning materials, hose and trestles and to close and lock the boathouse and the single sculls cage.

3. Explore Rowing:

- 3.1 Explore Rowing in club boats is to be announced well in advance to the rowing officer [*Ruderwart*] or the explore rowing officer [*Wanderruderwart*].
- 3.2 Every outing lasting several days is termed as Explore Rowing. C-Gig-boats should not be used for Explore Rowing.

3.3 In Explore Rowing, the outing supervisor is responsible for the proper execution of the outing.

4. Rowing Limitations:

4.1 Outings after dusk are prohibited.

4.2 Passing over jetties is forbidden in principle.

4.3 Furthermore rowing in adverse weather conditions (thunder storms, heavy storms, thick fog or ice drift) is not permitted.

4.4 If the high water reaches the base of the Rhine-Milestone 641,6 (stone at the ramp, water gauge Oberwinter: 5,15 m), rowing is only allowed by permission of the rowing officers [*Ruderwarte*] (= general rowing prohibition).

5. Final Provisions:

5.1 The rowing officers [*Ruderwarte*], the training supervisor and the trainers may allow exceptions to these Bye-Laws.

5.2 Violation of the Bye-Laws may be prosecuted in accordance to § 7 of the charter. The rowing officers [*Ruderwarte*] have the possibility of declaring rowing suspensions for up to 14 days with immediate effect.

5.3 Club members are liable for damage to the boating equipment in accordance to the provisions of § 18 of the charter.

5.4 The respective foreman/steerer is liable for damages that occur violating the Bye-Laws.

5.5 The equipment officer [*Bootswart*] has the right to bar boats from use for boatrepair or –care.