

# Bay Area Rowing Club

## Annual Membership Agreement

On an annual basis, BARC requires all members to review the responsibilities you have as a part of the club. This list is not all-inclusive, but rather a reminder of the minimums. BARC is a volunteer organization with a family atmosphere. It is important that EVERYONE do their part to maintain BARC equipment and facilities so that all can enjoy their membership to the fullest. All of these items are covered in our Handbook available on our website [barchouston.org](http://barchouston.org).

As a BARC member, I acknowledge that I am responsible for and must adhere to the following BARC rules:

### Equipment/Boathouse Care:

- Legibly sign out and in for every row in our log book, even if I am using a private shell.
- Use a light when rowing in the dark.
- Carefully handle all equipment when moving to/from the boathouse and while rowing.
- Inspect the boat for deficiencies before each row. Shoe tie downs are especially critical to my safety on the water. I will not row an unsafe boat.
- Follow the traffic pattern at all times. A detailed map is located above the sign out sheet.
- Immediately log damage and repair requests in the repair log. Damaged equipment is not to be used until completely repaired and returned to active status
- Thoroughly clean the boat after use, paying special attention to the rigger components and mounting points. I will ensure that all grass, mud, fish, sweat, etc. are washed out of the inside with soap.

### Member Expectations/Safety:

- I have read and understand the current BARC Member Handbook (available online & in the boathouse)
- I acknowledge that *I am required to volunteer hours* to assist with the club operations. This includes, but is not limited to: workdays, classes, and Space City Sprints, development and growth of BARC.
- I am able to swim a minimum of 200m and tread water for at least 10 minutes. I understand that failure to achieve these standards could jeopardize my safety and that of others. I will not row until I am able to meet these requirements.
- I have the ability to re-enter the shell in the event that I flip a shell while on the water. If I do not, I will not row until I am able to meet this requirement.
- I will immediately update my medical file in case there is a change of status.
- I will take into consideration the weather conditions and properly prepare before I begin my row.
- I will pay my dues on time or I will be subjected to penalties and additional fees.
- I will clean up after myself to leave a clean boathouse
- If I see a dangerous behavior on or off the water, I will do my best to rectify the situation respectfully. If I am uncomfortable with or unable to address the matter, I will bring the matter to the Board of Directors for resolution.
- I have signed my USRowing annual waiver electronically.

Printed Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_