

GENERAL RULES

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Cornish Pilot Gig
Association

Administration

1. Club secretaries must send a full list of rowers to the CPGA at four quarterly intervals:
 - a) 30th March
 - b) 30th June
 - c) 30th September
 - d) 30th December

These can be updated at any time when members join. A template can be found on the CPGA website. The register must indicate experienced coxswains.

2. Club secretaries must send a copy of their insurance to the CPGA prior to the beginning of the season and update as necessary. Failure to send updated copies to the CPGA will result in the club being unable to take part in events.
3. Club secretaries will be asked to notify the CPGA of the gig that they DO NOT wish to loan for championship events. Failure to loan any gig will result in that club being excluded from championship events for the season. The exception to this rule is clubs with only one boat, but they can, if they wish, loan their boat.
4. Clubs will submit three (3) dates for their event for the forthcoming season by the 14th September each year.
5. Club secretaries will forward names of gigs going to the World Pilot Gig Championships to the CPGA on request to enable shipping rotas to be completed.
6. Individuals may be members of an unlimited number of clubs.
7. Club membership of the CPGA must be paid annually (at the AGM in January at fee agreed).

Club Officers

8. All clubs will complete a Club Officer Form for the CPGA – this must contain the club contact (generally secretary), second contact (CPGA use only), safety officer, welfare officer.
9. All clubs must appoint a safety officer to implement the RowSafe. The CPGA must be informed who this person is. (As per number 8)
10. All clubs must appoint a Child Protection Officer to implement the CPGA's guidance. The CPGA must be informed who this person is. (As per number 8)

All Must

11. Abide by the Code of Conduct.
12. Abide by the CPGA's Racing Rules

Safety

13. RowSafe is the water safety advisory document for the CPGA. All clubs must complete a risk assessment for ALL their rowing activities eg training, regattas.
14. Any safety incident must be reported as required through RowSafe.
15. Any boat / crew going to sea must carry a working VHF radio (switched on) and a Shore crew or Club member should keep contact via VHF radio on an agreed channel.

16. At all times, whether racing or training a cox must wear a lifejacket.
17. No performance enhancing or illegal drug taking is permitted. Any club or individual found doing so will be subject to disciplinary procedures

The Gig

18. No advertising is permitted on a pilot gig.
19. All thole pins to be made of timber
20. All paddles to be made of timber and of traditional shape blades. No advertising is to be on the blade.
21. When racing, all gigs should be named, and that name is already registered with the CPGA.

Ages

21. A rower becomes a veteran from their 40th birthday. A supervet from their 50th birthday.
22. A junior Under 14 rower equates to a Year 9 and an Under 16 to a Year 11 in compulsory education and must have been below the age of 14/16 before the preceding 1st September.
23. No under 18 to cox a gig.

Contact

If you have any comments on this policy, or would like more information, please contact hello@cpga.co.uk