



## QUALIFICATION OF LAUNCH DRIVERS

The launches are the property of The Committee of the Dee. The following Launch Drivers' Assessment Guide is provided by them and no Aberdeen Boat Club member is to use the launches unless qualified by The Committee of the Dee.

All potential drivers will be assessed on some or all of the following topics.

### Part 1 Prior to launching

- Main parts of the launch
- Safety features of the boat
- Safety equipment associated with the launch
- Integrity of the launch

### Part 2 Launching

- Removing the launch from the boathouse and launching correctly
- Correct starting procedure and simple fault diagnosis
- Correct stopping procedure
- Courteous behaviour towards other river users
- An ability to control and drive launch

### Part 3 Returning launch to boathouse

- Disembarking from launch and placing on trailer
- Checking launch and engine for any signs of damage incurred during your outing

## RULES FOR LAUNCH DRIVERS

The following rules govern the use of the launches of The Committee of the Dee.

- The launches may only be used by authorised drivers and for coaching/emergency use only
- All drivers/coaches must wear lifejackets
- All launch drivers/coaches must wear wellies while using launches
- No launch is allowed on the water after the hours of darkness (see definition of [Night Rowing](#)) unless in emergency
- No launch is allowed on the water one hour either side of low tide
- Great care must be taken while embarking/disembarking from the shore to ensure the launch does not ground on the river bottom
- The launches are to be left in a clean and serviceable condition
- Any damage sustained to the launch while it is in your control has to be reported to The Committee of the Dee