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## **MRRA Rower Rating System**

Categories: Advanced, Intermediate, Novice, Beginner

Definitions/Criteria for Categories:

Advanced: \_\_\_\_\_

General Skill Level: Proficiency in all rowing skills. Familiar with the location and nature of all fixed obstructions or hazards. Knowledge of all club and applicable UML policies and procedures. Able to navigate on every venue visited.

Specific technical skills: Able to set up and row the boat balanced, defined as more than ten strokes with the oars off the water. Proficient in backing skills, able to back into dock, able to turn boat, handle wake. Navigation means having the ability to keep a lookout forward and steer while stern sighting. as well plot and follow a safe course and avoid collisions. General rigging knowledge is required, as well as the ability to test and adjust all equipment on a boat. Should be able to evaluate whether any boat is in safe condition to row and appropriate for the rower and conditions.

Required: Minimum of two years of experience in the type of boat primarily used.

Alternative: Waiver by Boat Captain or club officer.

Intermediate: \_\_\_\_\_

General Skill Level: Over one year of experience. Familiar with traffic patterns and general knowledge of significant hazards. Knowledge of all club and applicable UML policies and procedures.

Specific technical skills: Able to launch and land without assistance or difficulty, able to “back”, has reasonable competence in the boat being rowed .

Novice:

Passed the boat captains test, familiar login/out procedures, limited rowing skills.

Beginner:

Includes unrated and learn to row members (unless member has received a higher rating), has not passed the boat captains test.

Discussion notes:

JL added the one year at intermediate

The plan is to send out a criteria and request for rowers to rate themselves and return the form.

There was discussion on how to review and implement or assign the actual rating.

Options range from:

1. Accept any rating as selected without review
2. Require all rowers to obtain the approval of boat captain or a board member to receive an Intermediate or advanced rating.
3. Review all self ratings and either accepting or perhaps assigning a different rating.