



St John's College Punt Society

Rules and Guidelines

Terms and Conditions of Punt Hire - 2023

1. Only one punt may be hired per person.

Punts may be hired only by the following people:

- A member of St John's College (resident or non-resident)
- A member of Lucy Cavendish College
- A pupil of the College School, accompanied by an adult
- A member of the St John's College Staff
- An Old Johnian (inc. Old Chorister)
- A member of the British Antarctic Survey
- A Conference Guest

A University CamCard or government-issued photographic proof of identity is required in exchange for a key. These can be collected on return of the key. Although due care will be taken, the College and the Punt Society are not responsible for any possible loss of any deposited items.

2. No one in control of the punt is to be under the influence of Alcohol. Those violating this rule are subject to a £50 minimum fine.
3. The hirer is liable for any fines levied by the Conservators of the Cam due to their own misconduct.
4. The hirer assumes full responsibility for the punt and fittings including cushions, pole, paddle, wooden slats, keys, and locks, and will be held liable for the loss or damage of any of these. The Punt Society accepts no responsibility for injury, accidents or loss while punting. The hirer is also liable for any fines levied by the Conservators of the Cam.
5. The hirer must be present in the punt he/she has hired at all times. Punts may not be hired out by Johnnians and then given to friends from outside College. This is a serious offence and the hirer will be liable for any damage caused, up to the maximum fine of £5000. They may also be banned from hiring punts for a period of time.
6. Punting in the hours of darkness is only allowed to trained St John's College Punt Society members, subject to the further Night Punting terms and conditions: for any other punt user or member of college, punting after dark is not permitted. If a punt is not returned by the time posted in the Porter's Lodge a £20 fine may be levied per hour or part thereof.

7. If any damage caused is not reported (i.e. if the next hirer, Porter or the Punt Society is the first to notice) an additional administrative fee of £50 may be levied.
8. The payment of fines is the responsibility of the hirer, regardless of cause.
9. All losses and breakages must be reported to the Porters on duty. All pieces of broken poles/paddles etc. should be returned, if possible. Any articles which are initially found to be damaged or missing should be reported to the Porters **before departure**, otherwise the hirer may be held liable for the damage. The following charges are applicable at the discretion of the Committee:

●	Replacement lock and/or key	£15
●	Replacement paddle	£75
●	Replacement set of wooden slats	£200
●	Replacement pole	£200
●	Replacement set of cushions	£250
●	Replacement punt	£8000

If a lost item is later returned the fine may be removed or reduced.

10. Punts shall be left tidy and the punt, pole and paddle securely locked to the quay. Cushions must be returned to the appropriate locker. A £20 minimum fine may be levied for failure to secure items properly or leave the punt in a tidy state.
11. Any instructions given by the Porter on duty must be followed. Any problems should be referred to a member of the Committee.
12. Punts must be booked in advance to guarantee availability. If a punt is free it can be taken at the discretion of the porters. This is subject to change for any reason. For bookings in the Long Vacation, please contact the President of the Punt Society.
13. The Porters and/or the Punt Society Committee do not have to provide a reason for refusing to rent a punt.
14. There should be no more than six people in a punt at any one time, including the punter. Breaking this rule is a violation of the bylaws of the Conservators of the Cam. A £20 fine will be levied on top of any fine issued by the Conservators, in the event of more than six people being in a punt.
15. Punts should not be lashed together. This is a violation of the bylaws of the Conservators of the Cam. A fine may be levied, on top of any fine issued by the Conservators, if punts are lashed together.

16. Punts containing less than 4 people may not go up or down any rollers. If there are 4 or more able bodied people in the punt then the punts may be taken up and down rollers at the discretion of the Punt Society Member/Hirer.
17. Punts MUST NOT be sat in whilst going down rollers, they should be gently lowered into the water. Any users suspected of neglecting this rule are liable to a £100 minimum fine.

**Do not sit or stand in the punt while
going down the rollers at the Mill
Pond!!**

18. All cushions must be returned to the cushion store after each use of the punts. Any users suspected of neglecting this rule are liable to a £20 minimum fine.
19. The hirer is responsible for ensuring that the Punting Rules are observed at all times.
20. Receipt of a punt key is deemed to constitute acceptance of these rules, charges, and possible fines and/or levies.

Myrsini S. Tsiarta
President, 2023-2024



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Punting Rules

Keep to the right of the river and respect other river users.

Only one passenger may sit in the front section of a punt.

Punts may not be lashed together.

All cushions must be returned to the cushion store after use.

All accidents/injuries must be reported to the Porter on duty and an entry made in the Accident Report Book.

(By signing out a punt the hirer has agreed to abide by all the Terms and Conditions and Safety Rules imposed by the Punt Society. These must be read before a punt is hired and are available in the Porters Lodge)



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In your Punt

If any of the following items are not present when hiring your punt, please return the punt key to the porter, fill in an entry in the Maintenance Report Book and take out another punt:

In your punt:

- 1 x SJC Punt Paddle
- 1 x SJC Punt Pole
- 7 x Punt Duckboards
- 1 x Lock
- 1 x Electric Lamp (if needed/certain punts)

If an accessory is damaged or lost, please report the incident to the Porters on duty.

In the case of unreported missing items, the previous hirer may be held liable and fined in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Punt Hire. (Displayed in the Cripps Porters Lodge)

It is very important that no punt is taken out without a full set of accessories.