



Tudor Sailing Club – Rowing Section

Care of Carbon Fibre Oars.

Please be aware of the following points when handling the Carbon fibre cleaver oars we use in our club rowing gigs.

Carbon fibre is very strong but does not like abrasion. Please be very careful not to scrape or drag the shafts against any rough surface such as concrete or steel poles etc. Any damage to these oars is very difficult if not impossible to repair.

- Routinely clean the grips and inspect the blades, shafts, sleeves and collars for any damage or wear. If any is found please advise the Rowing Captain immediately. This avoids the damage becoming worse to the point of being irreparable.
- If you row in salt water, rinse your oars with fresh water after every use, paying special attention to the sleeves, collars and oarlocks.
- Do not use your oar blades to push off from the dock, which can cause splinters and other damage. Even blades with the Vortex Edge are susceptible to damage over time when used in this way.
- Approach the dock with the blade tips up to avoid splintering and damage due to loose nails or rough wooden surfaces. Keep the blade face up on the dock to avoid wearing the tips.
- It is **not** advisable to row at full power unless everyone in the boat is rowing. Do not load the oars beyond their design strength.
- If your oars are involved in a collision, inspect them carefully for signs of damage before continuing to row with them.
- **DANGER!** Electrical Conductivity: Carbon fibre is electrically conductive; keep oars away from power lines.

