

IMPORTANT - Punt Club Users

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(1) Punt Pins - going to Grantchester

If you take a Punt out to Grantchester, make sure to take the **metal mooring pins out of their holes**, and place them inside of the boat when **going up or down the ramp** that takes you to the Grantchester part of the river. **This is particularly important when going down the ramp!**

The pins will otherwise get bent (see pictures below from the last couple of weeks), and we won't be able to use that punt until the pin is fixed. **It takes a lot of time and effort to cut them off, and you will have to pay for the new pin and the repair work!**



(2) Kayak Rudders

If you take out the kayaks, make sure to always **lift the rudder when on land**. Also, do have the rudder down when in water, as it makes it much easier to steer! The rudder is controlled by the string on the side of the kayak (see pictures).

All of the single kayaks have a rudder, except for CC471.

Rudder released	 A close-up photograph of a blue kayak's rudder mechanism on a gravel surface. The rudder is in its down position, and the control string is visible.	 A photograph of a blue kayak on a concrete pier next to a body of water. The rudder is down in the water, and a rope is coiled on the pier.
Rudder lifted up	 A close-up photograph of a blue kayak's rudder mechanism on a gravel surface. The rudder is in its up position, and the control string is visible.	 A photograph of a blue kayak on a concrete pier next to a body of water. The rudder is up in the water, and a rope is coiled on the pier.

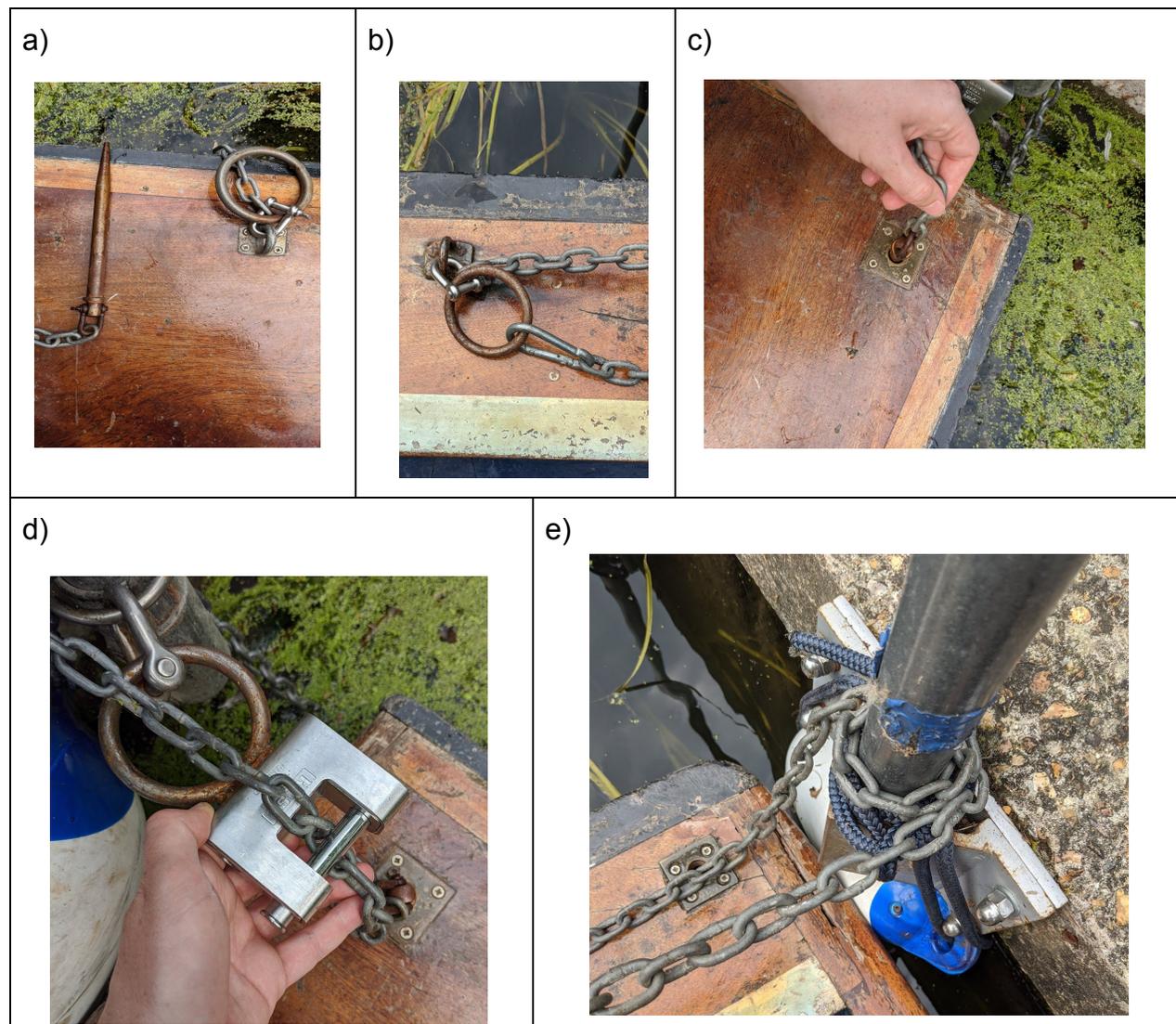
(3) Punt Locks - What To Do

The punts' mooring chains on both ends of the boat are always directly attached to the boat on one end. On the other end, they either have a metal pin (a) or a climbing carabiner (b). The boat always has to be fixated at both ends (c) but locked only at one end.

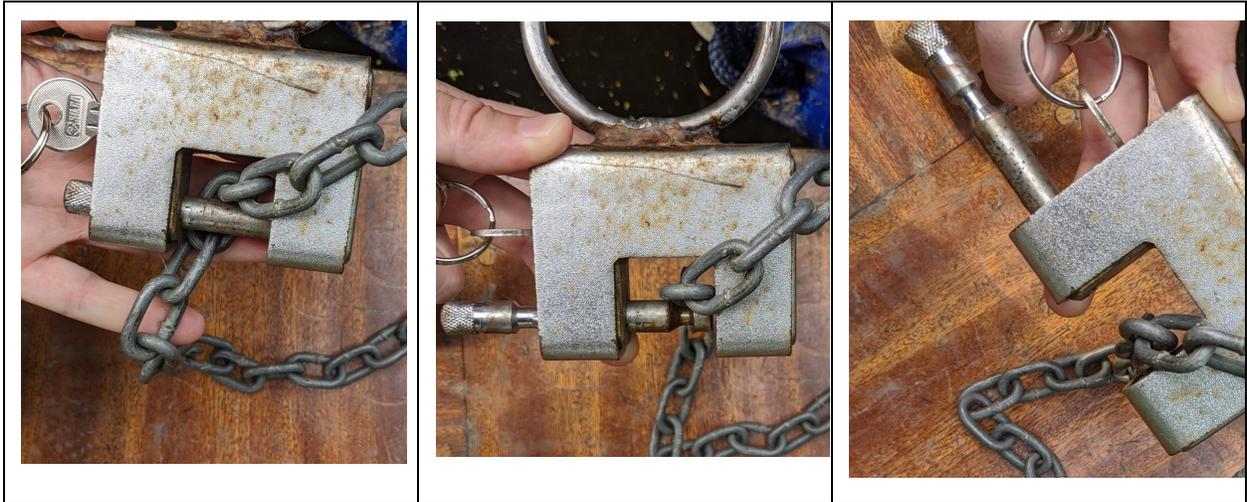
You lock the chain by threading it through the Punt lock: pull back the metal pin at the punt lock, thread through the chain, and then push back the metal pin (e, f). Finally, put the metal mooring pin in one of the holes on the side ends of the punt (c).

To avoid the boat to move too much when anchored, put the chain around the metal poles a few times (d) to get the right length. Never chain up a punt with another punt, they should be usable independently.

The smaller of the two keys should open the punt lock (e). The larger one is for the Kayak house and the punt equipment in it.



f) locking and unlocking the punt lock



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