

Invercargill Rowing Club Skiffs, Sculls & Oars - 21 August 2025

Skiff Name	Comments
Eights	
R W Boniface 8--+	1960 Austrailian built skiff. Possibly the 1st maiden class eight in Southland and the only one owned by a local club. Funded by the Ladies Committee along with members and supporters debentures. - Named after Rex Boniface a long standing club member and a Life Member. Keeping this wooden 8 until our 150 year jubilee -
K W Helm 8--+	1985 This plastic gel coated 8 is nearly past its use by date, but still a good fast boat --novice Plus. Named after Keith Helm who was along standing club member and a Life Member
Gordon Morris 8--+	1996 Elders skiff purchased for \$22,350. This 8 is now generally used as a training skiff - Novice plus racing boat. Named after Gordon Morris, who was a past club coach and President
Rex Boniface QSM 8x/- +	2013 KIRS skiff purchased for \$35,000 at a time we believed we would have several under 15 Male Novice rowers. Racing boat Intermediate to Premier- However when rigged as an Octi, all classes of rowers are allowed. It allows coaches to take 8 scullers out at one time . Special care needs to be taken when Novice /UN15 using it.
Quads/Four -coxless	
Tere 4x	Pre 1980 (Can not find any reference to when it was purchased.) The maori name means "Fast". Keeping until our 150 year jubilee. (Stored at Bluff) We claim it's the 1st coxless quad in Southland
Cliff Buchanan 4-	Purchased about 1985. Named after Cliff Buchanan who was a long serving club member, President, Coach and Life Member. Skiff loaned to the Fiordland Rowing Club and returned for the jubilee
Ray Wood 4x	1991 Elders light weight skiff purchased for \$13,919. Good training boat for everyone. Named after Ray Wood, a long standing well respected club coach and committee man.
Christine North 4x/-	1997 Empacher skiff purchased for \$10,500 from RNZ for heavy weight crews. With lowered rigging Novice/lighter crews will handle it. Named after Christine North, who was the 1st female club long serving member and Life Member
Invercargill 4x/-	2004 Prime skiff purchased by the IRC Master rowers for \$22,409 so they had one good racing boat available to them. Conditions were put on the boat that other club members could use it when not required by masters - Masters get first choice of this boat for training and racing - Not for novice rowers
Sydney 2000 4x/-	2008 KIRS skiff purchased for \$6,100 from RNZ. Heavy weight boat used as a back up boat at Sydney Olympics 2000. Has been used for long distance rows across Foveaux Strait and Cook Strait, along with many other long distance lake/river rows.
David Jamieson 4x/-	2016 SLR skiff purchased for \$22,600. Coxless four /quad Medium weight boat. Named after David Jamieson, a long serving club and committee member.
Foveaux 4x/-	2019 SLR skiff purchased for \$24,703. Coxless four /quad. Light weight boat. Named by the committee after the strait between Bluff and Stewart Island.

<u>Quad/Four Coxed</u>	
McGlauchlan 4-+	1936 Purchased from boat builders in Melbourne for 61 pounds and 19 shillings, along with oars that were made by E Alying & Sons in London. The seats and riggers were made by AMN Milne in Bluff. Skiff named after EJ McLauchlan, who was a long term rower and office bearer. The skiff was restored by Russell North in 2010 and put on display hanging from the clubroom ceiling.
Basstian 4-+	1940's Named after a long serving club member, coach and President in the early 1900's. No other information on this skiff yet
HR Wilcox 4-+	1959. Named after the patron of the club.
Kempton 4-+	No information on this skiff yet
RR Riley 4-+	1968 Lightweight coxed four purchased for \$831. Named in recognition of Ron Riley's services to the club and christened by Mr O Nuttal, President of the Southland Rowing Association. Was written off in 1978 after falling off the top of a bus, with other skiffs, returning from a regatta.
Invercargill 4-+	1972 Christened. Purchased for \$1,300. No other detail known. Was written off in 1978 after falling off the top of a bus, with other skiffs, returning from a regatta.
Galbraith 4x/-+	2002 KIRS skiff purchased 2nd hand from Otago University. Named after a long serving club member, coach, President and Life Member.
Pamela / Mary 4x+	2000 Owned by Special Olympics, but available to the club to use when not being used by the adaptive crew. Generally Tuesday and Thursday 3.00pm -5.30pm. Has floats available to give it stability on the water. Named after the ladies that started SO Rowing in Southland.
Barry McKenzie 4x/-+	2006 purchased for \$22,900. Medium weight four -- Intermediate class and good novice crews. Named after Barry McKenzie, who is a long standing member of the club Novice plus racing boat.
G A Kempton 4x/-+	2013 KIRS skiff lightweight boat purchased for \$24,900. Novice racing boat Named after George Kempton, a long serving club Life Member and President.
Russell North 4x/-+	2013 KIRS light weight boat purchased for \$24,900. Good for novice crews as a racing boat. Named after Russell North, a long standing club member and past club captain.
Rowing for Life 4x+	2022 Coastal Rowing skiff purchased 2nd hand for \$10,500. Named in recognition of a charity row up the East coast of NZ that Ian Hamilton initiated and participated in.
<u>Double & Pairs</u>	
Pascoe 2-	1940's. Purchased after the war and named after the Pascoe brothers.
Richie 2x	1957. Named after the Richie brothers, Dave, Hugh and Jack who kept the club going in difficult years.
Ladies Pride 2x/-	1959. Named to acknowledge the generous donations from the Womens Committee. Was written off in 1978 after falling off the top of a bus, with other skiffs, returning from a regatta.
Bagrie 2-	1959. Named after a long serving dedicated club member.

GW Sly 2x	1965 Sargent and Burton built sculler was imported for 400 pound. Named after a long serving and dedicated club member who tragically drowned on the Waiau River. The skiff was badly damaged in a collision at the NZ Champs in 1970. It was purchased back from the insurer and rebuilt.
Cargill 2x	1971 Named after the secondary school the new rowers were coming from. Was written off in 1978 after falling off the top of a bus, with other skiffs, returning from a regatta.
Arahi 2-+	1971 Litecraft built coxed pair. The maori name means "To Lead". The bow was damaged and repaired in 1978 after falling off the top of a bus, with other skiffs, returning from a regatta. Was temporarily stored in Bluff until the 150th jubilee.
Kutere 2-	Pre 1980. The maori name means "Quick". Temporarily stored in Bluff until the 150th jubilee
Aratiki 2x	Pre 1980. The maori name means "Leader". Skiff loaned to the Fiordland Rowing Club and returned for our 150th club jubilee
GT Hopwood 2-	Year? Named after George Hopwood, long serving club member, and Life Member. Skiff loaned to the Fiordland Rowing Club and returned for the jubilee
Hoppy 2x	1989 purchased for \$17,178. Named after George Hopwood, long serving club member, and Life Member. Skiff loaned to the Fiordland Rowing Club and returned for the jubilee
Hamilton 2x	2001 Elders skiff purchased for \$11,736 as a training boat that would take the knocks of novices. Floats can be easily fitted if required and adaptive seats. Named after Ian Hamilton, a long serving club Life Member and President.
Molly O'Grady	1993 Elders skiff purchased for \$9,450. Novice plus training boat. Named after a generous community funder and an ILT hotel bar.
Sweet & Sour 2x/-	1998 Masters purchased for \$9,040 to replace a written off boat as a straight double then sweep riggers purchased later. There were sweet and sour comments about buying a Chinese boat hence the name.
Ladies Choice 2x/-	1992 Sykes skiff purchased for \$7,400. The last boat the Ladies Committee purchased. Heavy weight boat. Lowering the rigging for lightweight rowers and novice's helps, but doesn't help make the hull shape smaller.
Fulton Hogan 2x/-	2004 Sykes skiff heavy weight boat. Intermediate to Senior class. Named after a commercial business sponsor.
Skippy 2x	2004 Medium weight boat. Purchased by Ron Riley, then later sold to the club in 2014 for \$4,348. Australian made boat, hence the name.
Shirley Whitaker 2x/-	2006 purchased for \$14,700. Medium weight boat. Intermediate plus training boat. Sometimes required for novice racing. Named after Shirley Whitaker, a long serving rower and committee member.
Phil Aicken 2x/-	2006 purchased for \$14,700. Medium weight boat. Required for good novice's racing. Named after Phil Aicken, a long standing club and Life Member.
Nathan Cohen 2x/-	2013 purchased for \$12,700. Medium weight boat. Club plus Masters regularly use in racing major regattas. Named after Nathan Cohen, an Olympic Gold Medalist, long serving club member and club Life Member.

Richard Hamilton 2x/-	2013 purchased for \$12,700. Medium weight boat. Club plus --Masters regularly use in racing major regattas. Named after Richard Hamilton, a NZ Elite Lightweight Rep and long serving club member.
Ray Cleveland 2x/-	2020 SLR skiff purchased for \$15,730. Light to medium weight boat. Club to Senior members. Named after Ray Cleveland, a dedicated and long standing club member and fix it man.
<u>Club Singles</u>	
Little Aud 1x	Purchased in the late 60s. Named after club President, Rex Boniface's wife.
Atta 1x	1966 lightweight skiff was un-named for several years after purchase.
Tiwai 1x	1972 Chistened. Purchased for \$615 by the Ladies Committee.
Miss Century 1x	1975 Purchased by the Ladies Committee to mark the club centennial.
Bennett Homes 1x	1979 Purchased by Jim Bennett and named after his building company.
Replica Homes 1x	1979 Purchased by Jim Bennett and named after the franchise Bennet Homes had at the time.
Mayfair 1x	Purchased about 1985. Named after Cliff Buchanan's catering business.
Buster 1x	1990 Light weight boat. Purchased from Ron Riley. Boat named after Buster the corgi pet dog.
Eoin Harding 1x	2000 built. Purchased 2nd hand in 2005 for \$7,112. Novice plus. Named after Eoin Harding, a long term committed club member.
Silent Express 1x	2003 Krutzman skiff purchased 2nd hand. Novice Plus. Named by the previous owner.
R R Riley 1x	2001 KIRS medium weight boat. Ron Riley purchased and later sold it to the club in 2014 for \$4,348. Named after long serving Life Member and Club Patron.
R2K 1x	2003 Medium weight boat. Won by Nathan Cohen at a R2K regatta. Hence the name. Purchased by the club for \$3,478.
Bubbles & Joy 1x	2004 purchased from Ron Riley in 2006 for \$3,111. Lightweight boat. Good Novice Plus. Named after 2 dogs Ron owned and were always at the club. Mum Joy and daughter Bubbles
Alister Murray 1x	2006 Purchased 2nd hand from Waihopai as a heavy weight skiff. Named after Alister Murray a long serving dedicated club member
Joe Findley 1x	2017 SLR skiff purchased for \$8,500. Medium weight boat. Intermediate to Masters. Named after Joe Findley, a dedicated long serving club coach and captain.
Graeme Wright 1x	2017 SLR skiff purchased for \$8,500. Medium weight boat -Intermediate to Masters. Named after a dedicated club committee member, with particular assistance with club fundraising. Known as the "Wright Skiff"
Spirit Of Oreti 1x	2017 SLR skiff purchased for \$8,500. Medium weight boat. Intermediate Plus. Named by the committee after the Oreti River.
Speed 1x	2017 Heavy weight boat. Purchased 2nd hand for \$435. Novice rowers handle it OK. Named after Ray Cleveland's nick name, "Speed".
Eureka 1x	2017 SLR skiff purchased for \$8,500. Medium weight boat. Intermediate plus. Named by the committee after a previous skiff the club owned many years ago.

Shakira 1x	2019 Medium weight boat. Won by Shakira Mirfin at an Under 17 Girls Maddi Cup event. Gifted to the club to be used by best SGHS sculler. Named after Shakira.
Blue - Julie 1x	2014 purchased for \$5,780. Recreational blue plastic single with removable floats max weight 85 kg All grades
Blue Dave 1x	2014 purchased for \$5,780. Recreational blue plastic single with removable floats max weight 85kgs All grades

<u>Treble</u>	
Tika	Pre 1980 Wooden boat. The maori name means "Fair". Combines sweep oar and sculling. Keep until after our 150 year jubilee.
<u>Private Singles</u>	
Barry Helm 1x	Year? Private wooden skiff, owned by high achiever Barry Helm. On display after being restored by Russell North and hung from our clubroom ceiling.
George Kempton 1x	Private boat named Just for Me. George allows members to row it with his approval, if they train hard and show promise.
Robin Wilks 1x	Private boat
Colin Lawery 1x	Old skiff sits outside club rooms de rigged. Real heavy weight boat. Nobody wants it.
Mark Day 1x	Private boat, stored in the clubs boat shed. Not currently being used.
<u>Private Sculls & Oars</u>	Julie Dyer Concept Skinny's stored behind Eights
	Ron Riley ---- Behind Eights
	Robin Wilks Behind Eights
	Mark Day --- Green shed
	Barry McKenzie - Behind eights. Available for the club to use
	Genna Hall --- Green Shed. Available for the club to use.
	Ian Hamilton Amongst the club sculls
	Foster Price - Behind eights. Available for the club to use
	Nic Todd --- Green Shed 2 sets
	Special Olympic s 4 sets of new Croker Sculls with SO emblems on them -- Green Shed
	SGHS 4 sets sculls donated to our club. -- Green Shed
<u>Coach Boats</u>	
Frog	1994 Stabi Craft purchased for \$3,824. Named after funding supporter and a closed ILT tavern "Frog n Firkin"
Firkin	1994 Stabi Craft purchased for \$4,111. Named after funding supporter and a closed ILT tavern "Frog n Firkin"
Southern Trust	2014 Mac 360 Plastic boat. Named after Southern Trust who helped fund it.