

Committee of the Dee
Launch Driving Test (1) - declaration
 (to be completed by all launch users regardless of level of experience)

To be completed by Candidate

Name	
email address	
Club(s) for which you will be driving (main first)	
Reason(s) for driving launch (tick all that apply)	Coaching <input type="radio"/> Safety <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) <input type="radio"/>
All new drivers must complete the form on the following page listing four outings with a qualified driver. If you are applying to waive this requirement then list your reasons, and experience, here.	
Which launch will you mainly use?	

I confirm that I understand the following:

- I have read the document *Launch Driving – Instructions and Guidance* produced by the Committee of the Dee (CofD) and I will adhere to its guidance at all times.
- That use of the launches is restricted to purposes directly involved in the sport of rowing. This includes coaching, filming, safety purposes, marshalling at regattas, laying buoys etc.
- That the launches must not be used for recreational purposes not connected with rowing. Anyone seen 'joyriding' in a launch risks restriction of permissions.
- That when I am driving the launch it is entirely **my** responsibility to ensure safety of the launch, any passengers and other river users.
- Launches are restricted to use on the River Dee and are subject to the same tidal and limit restrictions as rowing boats (< 3 bricks showing for Railway Bridge and < 1 brick for King George VI Bridge)
- I will report any damage immediately.
- If I see these rules being broken by anyone, I will report this to the CofD.
- Breaking of launch driving rules may result in permission to use CofD launches being revoked for me or my club.
- The Committee of the Dee retains overall responsibility for approving use of launches regardless of whether or not a test has been passed. They also may alter these rules in the future and I agree to adhere to any such new rules.

Signed

Date

(This must be signed and passed to Ron Wallace of the Committee of the Dee)

Committee of the Dee
Launch Driving Test (2) – practical supervision

Name of Candidate

Any **new** launch driver must shadow a qualified driver (QD) on at least four separate occasions before they can drive solo. This does not need to be the same QD on each occasion. This rule can be waived for existing drivers with suitable experience.

The qualified driver remains responsible for the launch during these outings.

The QD should encourage the candidate to take a **hands-on approach** as much as possible whilst retaining overall responsibility for the candidate's actions. The candidate can drive the launch as long as the QD is satisfied as to their competence.

The QD must sign each outing and is encouraged to add comments as to:
 points covered,
 what was done well
 what areas need further work.

<p>The candidate should ensure that, by the end of the 4th outing, they have personally undertaken a full range of activities including (tick boxes as done);</p> <p> on-land preparation <input type="checkbox"/> launching the boat <input type="checkbox"/> starting engine <input type="checkbox"/> manoeuvring on water <input type="checkbox"/> landing the boat <input type="checkbox"/> putting the boat back on trailer again <input type="checkbox"/> </p>

Date	Areas covered / activity undertaken	Comments	Name and signature of qualified driver

Having signed the declaration on page 6, and after having at least four supervised outings, you should return pages 6 and 7 to Ron Wallace. The CofD will then consider your application.