

Boat Parts

Shell: A rowing boat.

Bow: The forward section of a boat.

Stern: The back part of a boat.

Stern section: In an eight (8+): stern 4, seats 5,6,7,8

Bow Section: In an eight (8+): bow 4, seats 1,2,3,4

Port: The left side of a boat when facing the bow. (NOTE: When seated in the boat your back will be to the bow therefore it will be on your right.)

Starboard: The right side of a boat when facing the bow. (NOTE: When seated in the boat your back will be to the bow therefore it will be on your left.)

Rigger: A framework attached to the shell and used to support the oarlock; also called an "outrigger".

Oarlock: A U-shaped device on a boat's gunwale where the oar rests and swings; also called a "rowlock".

Tracks: where seat rollers attach to boat.

Gunnels: sides of the boat.

Foot Stretcher: where feet are strapped into boat.

Slide: seat you sit on that is placed on the tracks.

Bowball: A rubber ball attached to the bow tip of a shell to protect against damage and injury in case of a collision.

Fin/Skeg: A small, flat piece of wood or plastic attached perpendicularly to the bottom of the shell to help the shell stay on a true course; also known as "skeg".

Blade: The flattened, or spoon-shaped, part of an oar that touches the water during rowing