

D. Care and Maintenance of Club Boats and Equipment

Use of Club Boats

Club boats include the dragon boats, outrigger and voyageur canoes, club kayaks, club canoes, marathon canoes and safety boat.

Club boats must be

- treated with care to minimize damage and wear and tear; hulls should not be driven onto the shore or into rocks, pilings, etc;
- stored so as to minimize stress on the boat, whether on land or in the water;
- Rinsed and drained after each use.
- If there is a boat cover it must be placed over the boat and tied down.
- Damage to/loss of a boat or its equipment (including trailers) must be reported as soon as possible to the program director.

Use of Club Equipment

The Club owns a number of paddle craft, paddles and PFDs. The use of these boats and equipment is open to all club members for Club sanctioned activities, excepting that: 1) in the interests of safety, the Club may stipulate training required, and 2) boats may be reserved for sanctioned Club activities or regularly scheduled training. Club Trip Guidelines apply to all Club boat use. Contact the appropriate program director for more information.

Individuals wishing to use club boats must contact the Program Director or their appointed representative for permission to use Club boats for non-Club activities.

- Club paddles and PFDs are for the use of novice paddlers and guests participating in activities based at the Clubhouse and should not to be used away from the Clubhouse except with the consent of the program director. Regular paddlers are expected to provide their own PFDs and paddles.

- Club tandem, solo and marathon canoes are to be paddled on the Gorge Waterway above the Tillicum Bridge or as approved by the Trip Leader or Program Director. Paddlers must have a minimum of Lake water Level 1 certification or equivalent as determined by the Program Director.
- Club river canoes are for the use of members and instructors in Club moving water courses. Because of the risk of damage, a usage fee will be charged when a member uses a Club boat for a moving-water course or Club moving-water trip.
- Club kayaks are to be paddled on the Gorge Waterway above the Tillicum Bridge or as approved by the Trip Leader or Program Director. Paddlers must have a minimum of Introduction to Sea Kayaking or equivalent as determined by the Program Director.
- Dragon boats must not be taken past the Ogden Point Breakwater without prior approval of the dragon boat Program Director and they must only be taken out under direction of a VCKC approved dragon boat coach
- Outriggers can be used on the Gorge Waterway or offshore, as detailed in the VCKC Trip Guidelines.
- Club voyageur canoes may be used by youth and other deserving groups, with the program director's approval, provided that the boat is not required for a Club activity.
- Teams may use club boats for non-club activities as long as the team has received consent from the program director.
- Club activities, courses and clinics have priority of use.
- Any damage to a boat must be reported to the program director, and damage to dragon boats or outriggers must also be recorded in the log book.
- The cost of repairing any damage to a club boat beyond normal wear and tear is the

responsibility of the group causing the damage.

Boat and Equipment Storage

- Except for boats belonging to the Club, no craft larger than those that are normally paddled by two persons may be stored at the Club. Larger boats may be temporarily stored at the Club for races and other paddling events.
- Boat storage is for the convenience of paddlers who use their boats regularly. Regularly means at least monthly, unless the member is away on holiday, or unable to paddle temporarily due to illness. Owners of stored boats that are obviously not in regular use may be required to remove same.
- An annual fee will be charged for canoe and kayak storage and for use of lockers. Fees will be set by the Executive. Spots will be allocated by waiting list, one boat storage spot per individual member, two per family membership. For boat storage information, contact the Boat Storage Director.
- Storage and the waiting list are only for members of the Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club. There is no waiting list for non-members.
- Boat owners are responsible for locking their boats and equipment. The Club is not responsible or liable for theft, fire or damage to individually-owned boats and equipment. Members are encouraged to take out insurance on their boats and equipment.
- Club members wishing to store other items in the Clubhouse or on the premises must receive permission from the Executive.

E. Procedures to be observed by the Paddling Programs

1. Habitat and Wildlife- Every effort should be made at all times to avoid disturbing wildlife during club trips or when using club boats, especially in the upper Gorge waterways from November through December (salmon spawning season) and from March through June inclusive when herons are nesting in Cuthbert Holmes Park. Avoid entering the Colquitz River during these times.
2. Do not feed the wildlife.
3. Habitat should be left as found. When paddling the Gorge, enter the creeks and rivers only when water is deep enough to prevent boats and paddles from hitting the bottom. Do not turn boats longer than 20ft around in the mudflats of Colquitz River. These boats are required to back out.

General - Use of Club Boats

1. Club boats must be used in the context of a VCKC Program;
2. be booked with the program director or designate;
3. be in the control of an approved steers person at all times;
4. be operated in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
5. All VCKC boats must follow the rules and regulations of the Victoria Harbourmaster and Canadian Coastguard. (See Canada's Safe Boating Guide http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/TP-511e.pdf?WT.mc_id=8iatc)
6. not be used during lightning storms;
7. be sea worthy - if the boat is not safe to paddle a note must be placed on the boat, on the Clubhouse basement door and the appropriate program board
8. Club boats will not be used in the open ocean after dusk.