

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 (Personal Flotation Devices). 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. Trip Guidelines can be found on page 7 of the VCKC Club Policies & Procedures document that is posted under the Documents list on the Members-Only page of the VCKC.CA website. 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. For day use of a tandem canoe, contact the Canoe director by email.

Club paddles and PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) 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 available to members for non-Club activities under the following Conditions:

- Boats are to be equipped with painters, spare paddles, throw bags and bailers
- All paddlers and passengers will wear pfd's
- Use of Club tandem, solo and marathon canoes is confined to daylight hours and 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.

Contact the kayak director by email.

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. Contact the Dragon Boat program director by email.

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. Contact the Voyageur program director by email.

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.

Email addresses for all program directors are published on the VCKC website under Contacts.