



GRPC OUTRIGGER WINTER PADDLING SAFETY POLICY

Winter Season begins October 1st

- PFD's are mandatory. They are to be worn at all times and properly secured.
- Outrigger cannot go out with less than 5 paddlers.
- It is mandatory for all teams to sign out and sign back in.
- All crews must participate in a Wet Huli Drill while observed by a designated GRPC staff member once season. It is the crew's responsibility to co-ordinate with the BoatHouse Manager to set up a time.

DAYLIGHT PRACTICES

Only experienced crews may paddle in the open water during the winter and extreme caution should be used. It is recommended that experienced crews wishing to paddle open water make arrangements to have a second experienced outrigger crew accompany them.

DARK PRACTICES

Outrigger crews must conduct their practices in the area between the Outer Harbour and Tillicum Bridge. The Steersperson is responsible for putting the correct lights on the bow and stern. TWO crewmembers ... seat 1 and seat 6 are to wear headlamps.

STEERSPERSON

Boat safety is the responsibility of all members of the crew, however the Steersperson is the "Captain" of the boat. A Steersperson must use common sense especially when paddling through the winter months and especially in the dark. A Steersperson must put the safety of their crew first.

The Steersperson should verbally review the Huli procedure with crews upon leaving the dock. Whenever possible, the entire team should train together for added safety.

The Steersperson is also responsible to check for the following outrigger safety equipment ...

1. 2 large bailing buckets, and 2 small bailing buckets
2. 1 floating throw bag
3. 2 huli straps and/or ladder if required by your crew
4. Flare/whistle kit taped under seat 6
5. Extra paddle

NO BOAT WILL LEAVE THE DOCK WHEN ...

- There is ice on the waterway.
- The temperate is 1°C or lower.
- Environment Canada has issued a Wind and/or Weather Warning

Any exceptions require permission from the Centre Manager/ Staff Member who is in charge or if a cancellation is posted on the website.