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EXTREME WEATHER POLICIES

a. Cold weather – When out on the water in cold weather (5 degrees or colder), it is strongly recommended that paddlers wear neoprene gear, or several layers of quick-dry fabric (fleece, polypro, polyester, wool). Be aware of the danger and symptoms of hypothermia. Also, refer to GO Safety Policy for Cold Water Guidelines.

b. Thunder & lightening – No boats are allowed out on the water during an electrical storm. If caught in an electrical storm, paddle to the closest landmass and beach the canoe. Find shelter and remain there until the storm has passed.

c. Fog – No boats are allowed out on the water when fog impedes visibility. If caught in the fog, paddle as close to shore as safely possible and remain calm. Use a whistle to warn others of your location.

d. Rough seas / high winds - If the wind is more than a constant 35 km/hr there will be no rowing. Paddling will be limited between the Johnston Street and Tillicum Bridges. **If Environment Canada posts a weather or wind warning for Victoria, no water craft will leave the dock.** Weather warnings will be indicated on our website at www.gorgerowingandpaddling.com.

If caught out on the water when ocean conditions become hazardous, remain calm and paddle to the closest land mass. Beach the canoe and wait until the conditions calm.

GRPC/GO reserves the right to restrict on water activity, including complete Facility/Dock closure, for factors listed in the GO Safety Policy and other extreme weather conditions for the safety of participants, coaches and staff. This can be done without notice and at GRPC/GO's discretion.