

Kelowna Canoe and Kayak Club (KCKC) Trip Leader Guidelines for Short Easy Trips

- All KCKC recreation paddles must comply with Transport Canada's pleasure craft regulations as outlined in the Safe Boating Guide. KCKC recreation paddles are not "guided excursions" and the trip leader does not have to comply with Transport Canada's Human Powered Non-Pleasure Vessels Guide (TP 15204E). Instructors do have to comply with Transport Canada's Human Powered Non-Pleasure Vessels Guide (TP 15204E).
- The trip leader has the authority to cancel a club paddle. A minimum of 3 kayaks is necessary for a club paddle.
- The trip leader has the authority to refuse an individual.

- The trip leader should evaluate weather and water conditions. Based on the assessment, the leader may cancel the trip, modify the trip or suggest certain individuals do not paddle.
- The trip leader should leave instructions with someone on land with details of where they are going and when they are expected back. The person on land should contact the authorities if the trip leader does not report back at the agreed upon time.

- The trip leader (and all individuals on the paddle) must carry the safety equipment specified by Transport Canada for pleasure vessels as outlined in the Safe Boating Guide. In addition the trip leader should carry:
 - A cell phone (or other appropriate communications device)
 - An extra paddle
 - A paddle float
 - A set of warm clothing
 - First aid supplies (these should be appropriate for the trip. The club has 3 first aid kits which trip leaders are welcome to use).

- All individuals must have signed a club liability waiver.

- The trip leader should hold a pre-trip meeting to discuss:
 - Route, schedule and known hazards
 - Accident prevention, signals and emergency / rescue procedures
 - Paddling etiquette
 - Who will lead and who will sweep

- The trip leader should pace the paddle so that the individual with the least ability is comfortable. If other paddlers decide this is too slow and paddle faster they are deemed to have voluntarily left the club paddle.

- HAVE FUN