

Beaver Canoe Club Trip Safety Rules

- 1. All Beaver Canoe Club Trips must be advertised in Beaver Tales.***
- 2. A suitably experienced paddler must be appointed for all Club Trips.**
- 3. Club Trips must be at least three canoes.**

The Trip Leader will:

1. Determine the canoeing experience of those present, and where necessary, assign paddling positions.
2. Check individual canoes' safety equipment before embarking.
3. Hold a pre-trip meeting for the purpose of discussing:
 - a. Objectives of the trip,
 - b. Type and any known hazards of the trip, (weather, sweepers, waterfalls, etc.),
 - c. Accident prevention, signals, emergency and rescue procedures,
 - d. Etiquette and ethics.
4. Assign a participant to write a Trip Report for Beaver Tales.

Trip participants will:

- 1) Contact the Trip Leader at least 24 hours before any day trip.
- 2) Equip their canoe with:
 - a) a bailer,
 - b) a paddle per person and a spare paddle,
 - c) secured bow and stern lines that will float, (9-14mm X 5-8m is recommended),
 - d) a 15m, (minimum), floating throw rope with a float at one end,
 - e) extra floatation if required, (it may not prevent a capsize but it could save your boat),
 - f) a white navigation light if you will be on the water after sunset.
- 3) Carry a spare set of emergency clothing in a waterproof container, (a wool toque and rain clothes are recommended even if you are wearing a wetsuit).
- 4) Wear a Personal Floatation Device, (attaching your whistle and a spare set of car keys are a good idea).
- 5) Wear a helmet in grade III or higher.
- 6) All gear and equipment shall either be tied in so that with the canoe upside down none hangs below the gunnels, or it falls completely free.**
- 7) Club members are responsible for informing their guests of these rules**

Trips

1. All Club Trips are advertised in Beaver Tales. (1977) Traditionally these have been annually proposed by the Executive, printed in Beaver Tales and ratified by the Club Members in March.
2. In accordance with RCA guidelines, the Beaver Canoe Club will not run or advertise trips that exceed Grade III water. (October 1992)
3. Short Notice Member Initiated Trips
Members may advertise trips on the Beaver Canoe Club website as "Club Trips" provided:
 - 3.1. The Trip Leader has participated in A Beaver Canoe Club Trip Leaders' Clinic,
 - 3.2. The Beaver Canoe Club Trips Director is notified,
 - 3.3. The trip only takes place on Lake, Ocean or up to Grade I river,
 - 3.4. The Trip is led by a member that is familiar with the waterway,
 - 3.5. All Beaver Canoe Club Trip rules are abided by,
 - 3.6. The trip does not take place on the same day as a similar designated Club trip. (May 8, 2019)