

MEMBERSHIP 2020: RECREATION

Thank you for joining the Calgary Canoe Club.

Our boat bay staff and instructors would be happy to answer any questions you may have about procedures and equipment. The following info should help you get started.

**Check off the box on your membership form to acknowledge you have read the following and agree to rules.*

Hours of Operation

Spring hours: The boat bays are open Monday to Friday from 4:00-8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:30am to 6:30pm (weather permitting).

Summer hours: The boat bays are open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:30am to 6:30pm (weather permitting).

Fall hours: The boat bays are open Monday to Friday from 4:00-8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:30am to 6:30pm in September. In October our weekday hours are cut back due to daylight hours and earlier hours for boat patrol. Signs will be posted for the month with our change in hours. Saturday and Sunday are 8:30am to 6:30pm (weather permitting).

*** Do consult the website for notices on reservoir closures.** Specifically, during spring run off as the reservoir may be closed for flood mitigation.

*Boat bay hours are weather permitting. In the event of lightning, high winds and cold temperatures we will close so please call ahead to ensure we are open. We will also post closures on the Calgary Canoe Club Facebook page.

Kayaking

All new members must have an orientation session with one of our staff members, please try to book ahead as we may be too busy to accommodate you on weekends. Members must know the basics of dock etiquette, reservoir traffic flow patterns and off limit areas, getting in and out as well as a wet exit in case of tipping over. We do not provide spray skirts for kayaking.

Guest Policies

Members are encouraged to bring guests to the club and introduce them to paddling. Guests are allowed to join members in a canoe at anytime. If you would like to introduce kayaking to guests please ensure safety precautions are taken. Again, arrange an orientation session for those new to kayaking. There is no charge for your guest if you are sharing a canoe.

Guest fees for additional boats are:

Full day - \$20.00 Half day - \$10.00. This includes a maximum of 2 guests at one time.

Junior age paddlers

All members and guests under 15 years of age must be accompanied/supervised by an adult. Paddlers 15-17 years of age must be accompanied by a partner (with parental permission). We recommend that all junior members take a kayaking course before using the boats.

If you would like to clarify any of the above please contact us at the Club (403) 246-5757. or email: calgarycanoocluginfo@gmail.com

Equipment Use Rules & Guidelines

Please read the following and acknowledge you have done so on your membership form.

The City of Calgary bylaws that pertain to paddling on the reservoir include the following;

- *You must wear a full jacket style DOT approved PFD* (personal flotation device) at all times while on the reservoir, please note that only competitive paddlers have special permission to wear a DOT approved inflatable PFD.
- *No swimming in the reservoir.* This includes practicing kayak rolls. Yes, we understand boats may tip over. Remember – you need to be able to swim to shore if you do tip over so keep this in mind when paddling further away from shore.
- Pets are not allowed in the reservoir so sorry yes this includes in your boat.

Other areas to be aware of;

- There is no fishing allowed from the dock, it is a safety hazard to paddlers. As a courtesy you can mention this to anyone fishing off the dock while you are nearby.
- Having mentioned the above, please be courteous to people fishing along the shoreline, keep your eyes open for fishing lines and paddle well around the lines.

Basic common sense:

Weather on the Reservoir can change quickly. Be aware of changing weather patterns and stay closer to the Clubhouse in case you need to get off quickly.

- Boat patrol will complete a sweep and ask paddlers to get off the reservoir in the event of any lightning activity. Don't wait for boat patrol to find you, get off asap !
- In the event of windy days stay closer to shore.
- Stay off the ace course area (buoys) and well away from the SS Moyie (Paddle wheel boat from Heritage Park)

Bring a watch when you are paddling in the afternoon or evenings. If you are late getting back we will send boat patrol out looking for you. If they do not find you, they are obligated to call 911 – let's hope that is not necessary.

Going for a longer paddle ? Here are a few items suggested in sealed drybag:

- Cell phone, with the CCC tel number programmed into phone
- water, snack, sunscreen

In the event of tipping over keep in mind;

- your glasses have a strap and no loose items that can sink into the reservoir (camera, cell phone, etc)

***CARE OF THE RECREATION KAYAKS.**

You are responsible for returning the kayaks dry and clean to the racks.

If you need help carrying the boats ask boat bay staff for help.

The Pyranha kayaks have a skeg that may or may not be used, PLEASE BE CAREFUL that you do not catch this on the shore and docks, as well as when you replace in the rack.

- Please sponge out kayaks of any water and/or dirt before replacing on the rack.
- The rubber hatch to store equipment in is a tight fit, if you use, YOU need to replace the hatch for the next user. If tricky please ask BB staff for help and some tips.