

(As adopted by General Membership Meeting with notice in Beaver Tales)

A group of people got together and decided to form the Beaver Canoe Club in the fall of 1976. The Beaver Canoe Club was incorporated May 25, 1978. Its status as a society lapsed. It adopted a new constitution and incorporated as a Society in 2010. To meet Provincial Society's Act provisions a minor change was made to the Constitution in 2017. The club is a member of the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia and the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia.

Past Practice

It has been the Club's practical interpretation that any policy change or major decision be introduced at a club meeting, printed in ~~the next issue of~~ Beaver Tales and then voted on at the following meeting.

Club Colours

The club colours remain brown on yellow. (October 1983)

Insurance

~~The club will carry liability insurance. (May 2004)~~

~~The Beaver Canoe Club discontinue purchasing annual liability insurance.~~

~~(Unanimous decision January 10, 2018 AGM)~~

The club will obtain RCABC General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. (January 8, 2025 AGM)

Membership

Dues

1. Adult individual member \$35.00 (January 14, 2026 AGM) ~~\$25.00 (January 13, 2016)~~
2. Associate Members (under 19 non-voting) \$10.00 (January 14, 2026 AGM) ~~\$6.00 (2010)~~
3. Memberships terminate annually on March 31. ~~If the dues are unpaid, the former member would not receive the April newsletter. (January 1981) (February 1982) (2010 Constitution)~~
4. Anyone joining in November ~~meeting~~ may carry over to the next year. ~~(November 1986)~~ (September 9, 2015)

Lifetime Membership

Is granted to: Wally Priedolins. Wally was the first club instructor and a founding member. (October 10, 1990); Les and Pauline Mushens—founding and active executive members. (November 13, 1998); Carey Robson, Janice Power, Gerry Lamb, Susan Murray, Madeline Waring and Marie Bremner, (2007).

Dogs

No dogs are allowed on day trips, unless with the express permission of the Trip Leader, after informing the participants, with due regard for safety, and unless under strict control of the owner at all times. (February 23, 2026) ~~No dogs are allowed on day trips.~~

Dogs are allowed on ~~weekend~~ overnight trips provided they are under the strict control of the owner. (May 10, 1989) (September 9, 2015)

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Trips

1. All Club Trips must comply with RCABC Club Trip Sanctioning Guidelines and Beaver Canoe Club Safety Rules. (February 23, 2026)
2. ~~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.~~
3. ~~In accordance with RCA guidelines, the Beaver Canoe Club will not run or advertise trips that exceed Grade III water. (October 1992)~~
4. ~~Short Notice Member Initiated Trips~~
Members may advertise trips on the Beaver Canoe Club website as “Club Trips” provided:
 - 4.1. ~~The Trip Leader has participated in A Beaver Canoe Club Trip Leaders’ Clinic,~~
 - 4.2. ~~The Beaver Canoe Club Trips Director is notified,~~
 - 4.3. ~~The trip only takes place on Lake, Ocean or up to Grade I river,~~
 - 4.4. ~~The Trip is led by a member that is familiar with the waterway,~~
 - 4.5. ~~All Beaver Canoe Club Trip rules are abided by,~~
 - 4.6. ~~The trip does not take place on the same day as a similar designated Club trip. (May 8, 2019)~~

Projector & Screen

Decided to purchase an LCD projector. (March 2005)

Decided to purchase a screen (February 2003)

The projector will be available for rent to club members for a fee of \$45.00 plus \$10.00 per hour. The rental rate for the screen is \$10.00 per use. A contract for rental must be signed. (April 2005)

Contributing Instructor Promotion Honorarium

A budget item is to be established ~~each year~~ for the funding of instructor RCABC registration in order to promote ~~promotion~~ members becoming contributing instructors within the club. Reimbursement of RCABC instructor membership ~~registration~~ fees will be made to those who apply in writing to the executive before the end of September during the current calendar year, and: ~~This shall take the form of current year’s dues being credited in January of each year to those members who:~~

- a. Are a current RCABC certified Lakewater Instructor,
- b. Significantly contributed by teaching at ~~to the immediate prior year’s~~ Basic Paddlers’ and / or other volunteer training events within the past twelve months ~~lessons,~~
- c. Are approved by the Executive ~~on the recommendation of the Training Director.~~

Initial year

That this policy be applicable to those Instructors that met the criteria for 2021 ~~2016.~~

(January 11, 2017) (amended Jan 12 2022) (clarified February 23, 2026)

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Instructor Certification Recognition

The Beaver Canoe Club will:

1. Continue its policy of only utilizing currently certified RCABC Lakewater Instructors for Lakewater paddling instruction within the Club, and
2. Only recognize a RCABC Lakewater 2 Instructor certification if the holder can provide reasonable proof that they have successfully completed a solo, unassisted canoe over canoe rescue, and (February 23, 2026 - BCC to follow RCABC standards)
3. Only recognize those Lakewater Instructors that that have passed an exam that met the RCABC Standards of Instruction as published from 1980 through 2015. See appendix A. (February 23, 2026 - Conflicts with item 1 above)

(February 14, 2018)

\$ Money

The Executive is empowered to spend up to \$50.00 on a majority vote. Anything over \$50.00 must go to the General Meeting with a notice in Beaver Tales. (April 13 1977).

Club donations shall not exceed \$150.00 per fiscal year. (October 14, 1992)(September 9, 2015)

Instructor Recertification Reimbursement

- a) A budget item is to be established for the funding of instructor recertification. (February 2003)

Dispensation of monies. Reimbursement of recertification fees will be made to those who apply in writing and who have:

- a) - Been a continuous member of the Beaver Canoe Club for the previous twelve months.
- b) Been certified or recertified as a Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia Instructor.
- c) - Have applied to the executive during the month of June, within 12 months of which the recertification was achieved with proof of recertification.
- d) Have taught at Basic Paddlers, lead a club trip or participated on the club executive in the last 3 years. (January 2004)

That reimbursement be made for recertification only in the expiry year of later. (April 13, 1988)

Note: instructors must recertify every three years, in which case the club will pay for the recertification. If an instructor wants to recertify in less than three years, then that person will pay for their own recertification.

EPRIB, Wilderness First Aid Kit & Other Equipment

Decision to purchase an Emergency Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB):

The EPIRB be available for:

- a) Firstly club trips
- b) Secondly Club Member extended trips on application to the executive

Use to be granted on the basis of first come first serve and with consideration to

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~~the remoteness and duration of the trip.~~

~~Users of the EPIRB to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for the use and same condition return.~~

~~(April 1986)~~

~~Allocation of the EPIRB will be made at the April Executive meeting each year.~~

~~Applications past this date will receive secondary priority.~~

~~The Beaver Canoe Club will purchase a new EPIRB for the use of Club Members.~~

~~The EPIRB will be reserved for use by set regulations, which may be amended~~

~~from time to time by the Executive Committee. (April 1996)(2010 Epirbs are~~

~~obsolete)~~

~~Decision to Purchase an Extended Trip First Aid Kit—conditions for use the same as~~

~~the EPIRB. (June 1986)~~

~~Decision to maintain the Extended Trip Wilderness First Aid Kit. (October 1993)~~

~~(2005 First Aid Kit has gone missing)~~

~~Any member of the Beaver Canoe Club may make use of the Club's EPIRB under~~

~~the following conditions: they must request its use in accordance with the~~

~~regulations in place at the time, they must make a contribution towards its upkeep~~

~~and eventual replacement and they must return the equipment in the same~~

~~condition as they receive it. (April 1996), (2010 obsolete)~~

~~Decided to purchase two day first aid kits and one throw rope. (February 1980)~~

~~Decided to purchase a tarp and ropes. (April 1980) (2005 All missing)~~

Revised September 2, 2005, December 2010, October 12, 2011 September 9,
2015, January 13, 2016, January 11, 2017, February 15, 2018 and May 8, 2019.

(Updated by Carey Robson)

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~~Appendix A~~

~~THE RCABC INSTRUCTOR EXAM~~

~~PADDLING SKILLS Solo Paddling~~

~~Candidates must be able to paddle the RCA solo course in a smooth and efficient manner on both left and right sides. Paddlers cannot switch paddling sides to complete manoeuvres, but offside strokes are permitted. A maximum of 4 minutes is allowed for each side, but competent instructor candidates should be able to complete the course in 3 minutes in calm conditions.~~

~~Tandem Paddling~~

~~Candidates must complete the RCA tandem course in both bow and stern positions. This is accomplished by paddling the course once, switching ends and then paddling the course again. During the tandem course the stern paddler gives commands and the bow paddler must follow them. The stern paddler must call out the name of each stroke required, not give descriptions of the manoeuvre to be performed. The bow paddler must only perform strokes called by the stern paddler and not correct mistakes unless directed to do so. During the tandem course the candidate is only evaluated in the stern position.~~

~~The evaluation is based on:~~

- ~~-giving commands (clear and appropriate)~~
- ~~-stroke mechanics (choice of stroke and efficiency of application).~~

~~Rescue~~

~~Candidates not recommended by an RCA Course Conductor must demonstrate a solo, unassisted canoe over canoe rescue, to be completed within 90 seconds of first contacting the canoe.~~

~~TEACHING~~

~~Each candidate is required to teach 3 items from the topics in the RCA Instruction Manual. Two items will be strokes or manoeuvres and the third will be a theory or dry land topic. Most examiners give candidates one basic and one advanced stroke to teach.~~

~~Candidates are expected to:~~

- ~~• Briefly describe the stroke and its purpose or when it would be used.~~
- ~~• Give an effective demonstration.~~
- ~~• Have students attempt the stroke.~~
- ~~• Give general corrections or point out "keys to efficiency".~~
- ~~• Have students perform the item.~~
- ~~• Give individual correction as required.~~

~~**THEORY EXAM** Brief written answers to questions in the following areas:~~

~~History 10~~

~~Equipment 10~~

~~Strokes and Paddling 25~~

~~Rescue and Safety 25~~

~~Terminology 18~~

~~Leadership 4~~

~~Environmental Ethics 8~~

~~**TOTAL 100%**~~

~~(February 23, 2026 – No longer aligns with RCABC standards)~~