

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**