

**PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING CATARAQUI CANOE CLUB
GROUP PADDLING TRIPS DURING COVID-19 CONDITIONS
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Purpose:

To work within provincial public health regulations, guidelines and permitted group size to safely conduct the planning and operation of Cataraqui Canoe Club group paddling trips.

Preamble:

Paddlers within a group on the water must necessarily remain over 2m apart to operate their craft. As long as no equipment is shared, surfaces touched by participants do not require disinfection. (Paddlers therefore should not exchange equipment, e.g. paddles.)

Procedures to maintain COVID-19 precautions when off the water are as follows:

- 1) Trip planning and scheduling is conducted solely by remote means of phone, email or virtual meeting
- 2) During trip operation physical separation by 2m of individuals not from the same household must be practiced at all times:

Trip Leaders and Participants are required to:

- 'Work from home' to **prearrange all trip details** including the travel plan (?convoy) and pre-trip briefings by phone, email or virtual meeting
- Arrange registration **within the permitted size** of a group gathering
- Establish that **participants are in good health** with no fever or respiratory symptoms
- **No Shuttles are permitted, or car sharing** with other than family members
- Try to **avoid planning a trip with portages**
- Meet members of the paddling group **whilst maintaining strict physical distance** at a spacious neutral location (?car park), or at the launch site
- **No waiver is required for club members** (their application form included a waiver) but leaders are asked to email a list of participants to the club secretary
- Maintain strict physical distancing during the launch/landing or beaching processes, **taking turns where necessary.**
- Should paddlers assist another person, e.g. loading/unloading vehicles, they must **wash or disinfect their hands with sanitizer before and afterwards**
- **Wear a mask** at any time it is not possible to maintain a 2m separation distance
- On the water: **avoid rafting up**

NOTES

When a non-member is participating in a club trip, the leader should bring a hard copy of the waiver for their use, whilst maintaining social distance. The guest is required to bring their own pen.

Due to the limitations of organizing a trip with a designated maximum number of participants, leaders may choose to repeat the trip at another time. They could also attempt to recruit a 'second in command' to lead a time delayed version of the same trip.

Where there is a question of physical safety, assisting the member in difficulty would take precedence over COVID-19 precautions.

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