



Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

VCKC Kayak Use Guidelines

When not scheduled for club event use (instruction, workshops, club paddles, etc.), the club kayaks are also available to VCKC members for personal use on the Gorge Waterway on the club side of the Tillicum Bridge only. Members must have Paddle Canada "Introduction to Kayaking" or equivalent skills. Members must always paddle with one or more other paddlers. Never paddle alone.

NOTE: Access code for basement door lock can be obtained by members when they log on to the VCKC website. The combination for the kayak cables and locker is available from the kayak booking contact. Please do not share door and lock combinations with non-VCKC members.

To help you have a safe and enjoyable paddle, please

1. Check the club kayak you have signed out:
 - Ensure that everything is working as it should (foot braces adjust properly, skeg extends and retracts as designed for skeg boats, kayak shell is intact and not showing any cracks or other damage that may interfere with the kayak operating as intended OR that may compromise your safety.)
 - Please, contact Boat Booking Volunteer immediately (contact information below) if there are any problems before you go paddling or notice any problems while paddling.
2. Sign out boat /gear using the log book found in plastic tub on top shelf in kayak locker.
3. Safety gear in kayak locker: paddles, and extra PFDs. The two longest paddles are for the double kayak (check markings on back of paddle). Only take a PFD from the locker if the PFD with your kayak does not fit you.
4. Safety gear with kayak: spray skirt, PFD, pump, throw-rope-bag, paddle float, and sponge.
5. Lock the kayak locker.
6. Lock basement door on way out.
7. After your paddle: take hose on reel outside and use it to wash off kayak, paddle, and rest of the gear and drain off as much water as possible prior to bringing kayak and equipment inside.
8. Wipe off excess water from inside cockpit and hatches with sponge, and leave hatch covers off to air dry.
9. Roll up hose on reel and put it back inside basement storage area.
10. Lock up all clean, damp gear with kayak by putting the cable through the spray skirt opening, PFD armhole, etc.
11. Lock up paddle in kayak locker.
12. Sign boat & gear back in.
13. Lock the locker.
14. Turn off light and lock basement door on way out.
15. If there are any problems with the kayak or equipment, please write it in the log book and **NOTIFY BOAT BOOKING VOLUNTEER AFTER YOU RETURN THE BOAT AND GEAR TO THE CLUBHOUSE.**

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