

PRETRIP KAYAK BRIEFING

FOR TRIP LEADERS

Prior to launching it is prudent for the leader to provide the group w/ a short briefing to insure the safety of the paddlers & reduce the liability of our club. If we do not follow "standard peer practices" we could be liable as a club or leader.

A "standard operating procedure" should include the following:

1. A brief DESCRIPTION of the trip route.
2. SAFETY concerns relative to the trip (dangerous currents, getting lost, cold water/temps., boat traffic or whatever the issues might be relevant.).
3. Establish a SWEEP person to assist slower paddlers and keep track of the group
4. Ask any paddlers who decide to EXIT from the group to tell the sweep or leader.
5. Take a COUNT of how many paddlers are on the trip.
6. Make sure that all paddlers are ACCOUNTED FOR at the end of the trip.

OTHER TRIP LEADER NOTES:

- Trip leaders should LEAD & NOT LEAVE the group
- Regroup if the group gets too spaced out
- Remind any paddlers of our P.F.D. requirements (must be worn while paddling) if necessary.