

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Human Powered Boats



Trip Prep:

- Marine Weather Forecast
- Float Plan
- Ensure Experience Level Meets Expected Conditions

Leave float plan with a responsible person.

Experience Level:

- *Be knowledgeable and practiced handling rougher water and righting your boat.*

Pack:

- Lifejackets/PFDs
- Safety Equipment
- Marine Charts
- Good to Have Items

One properly fitting, Canadian government-approved lifejacket/PFD for each person on board in good condition.

Inflatable PFDs must be worn to be legal.

Safety equipment available at local Marine Retailers, Canadian Tire or Recreational Retailer.

Good to have:

- *Duct Tape or similar that could be used to temporarily plug a leak should it develop*
- *Sunscreen and protective clothing*
- *Snacks and water.*
- *Compass, Portable Marine Radio*

Be sure to:

- *Secure loose items that could be lost if the boat is overturned.*
- *Protect moisture-sensitive items in waterproof containers.*

Inspect:

- Hull for cracks or leaks
- Paddles / Oars for cracks

Brief Passengers:

- Wear Lifejacket / PFD
- Duties including Keeping Watch
- Location / Use of Safety Gear
- Trip Duration and Expected Conditions

Advise passengers on the conditions and the distance you plan to travel.

On Water:

Watch for:

- Hazards / Other Boats
- Cloud, Wind/Wave Changes
- Water Seepage

If a portable marine radio is available, check periodically for updated marine weather forecasts.

Watch for hazards, approaching storms and wakes from other boats.

Bail any water.

End of Trip:

- Close Float Plan