

Method Statement title:	Tudor Sailing Club Kayaking Good Practice Guidance 2021		
Linked Risk Assessment:	TSC RA002 - Kayaking Risk Assessment 2021		
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NOTE: The following guidance has been issued for Tudor Sailing Club owned boats and is linked to the Kayaking Risk Assessment 2021. This guidance is not a replacement for the Risk Assessment which is available on the club website.

Any deviation from these guidelines is at individual's own risk.

Daylight Kayaking

Check and confirm that at least two people in the group have the following

- Accessible mobile phone – fully charged or fully charged VHF radio
- Line suitable for attaching to a buoy or other craft
- Whistle

Additional controls for kayaking at night:

- Ensure someone is aware that you are kayaking and know who to contact if you are late back. Coastguard to be alerted if crew get into difficulty.
- Always kayak with another paddler.
- Always carry a fully charged waterproof torch.
- Glow stick to be clipped to the shoulder strap of all buoyancy aids and activated at dusk
- Club kayaks not to leave the harbour at night-time
- Consider sharing GPS track of location whilst kayaking using a mobile phone app eg Glympse.
- Keep to the edges of the channel

Guidance for use of club kayaks.

- Visual inspection of all equipment to be completed before each trip (hull, paddles, bung, seats, leash)
- All paddlers are responsible for assessing their own health and fitness to paddle.
- Check weather (including fog) and tide forecast before leaving the slipway. Ensure your ability matches the expected conditions.
- Leave contact details (mobile no) and expected ETA on whiteboard outside Sailing Club male changing room.
- Confirm bung is fitted before leaving the slipway (and remove when storing back in the compound)
- Return wheels to compound for other members to use
- Paddlers MUST wear buoyancy aids while in the boat.
- Be aware of dredger movements.
- Club kayaks may not leave Langstone Harbour unless part of a planned event or with prior authorisation from the sailing committee.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Be courteous to other Harbour users and comply with international navigation rules.
- Respect the environment and the wildlife in the Harbour.