

5.H. SAILBOATS, KAYAKS AND CANOES

1. **Eligibility.** A sailboat, kayak or canoe may be operated by members or guests holding a valid Foundation Issued Card and who have signed a waiver of liability, hold harmless, and indemnity agreement (the waiver) which can be viewed on the Foundation's website, www.pelicanbay.org under the ACTIVITIES tab: Sailing Canoeing and Kayaking. Operator is defined as the person to whom the vessel is loaned. The waiver must be signed by the operator and all adult passengers 18 or older in the presence of a Foundation employee. A parent or natural guardian must complete the waiver for participants between the ages of 6 and 18. Persons holding a Guest Card may not bring guests.
2. **Sailing General Rules**
 - 2.1. The operator must be at least 18 years of age, have successfully met the Foundation's certification requirements and be on the approved Sailing Club's Member List. Unless a passenger complies with this rule, they shall not operate the vessel.
 - 2.2. The operator must wear a life jacket and confirm that each passenger of the vessel has a life jacket that is the proper size and fit for the intended wearer.
 - 2.3. The operator is responsible for inspecting the vessel and rigging before getting underway. At the end of the session the operator is responsible for derigging the vessel.
 - 2.4. The vessel must be launched and beached between the orange cones, "Cone Zone". Onboarding of passengers must also be done in the launch area or offshore while in irons (stopped).
 - 2.5. The operator must be aware of current and forecasted weather conditions such as wind speed and direction, water temperature and tides. While underway, monitor conditions, scan the horizons for storm clouds and listen for Thor Guard, the Pelican Bay Lightning Prediction System. Be prepared for sudden changes in the weather while underway and seek shelter at once if thunder is heard or lightning is observed. Operations will be suspended if sustained winds equal to or exceed 15 mph, gusting to 20 mph or waves exceed three feet. Dangerous conditions will be signaled by the presence of the L-Flag (Lima – black and yellow checkered flag located near the Sandbar and Marker 36 Restaurants). Return to shore at once if signaled by the flag.
 - 2.6. Beach vessels must be kept within boundaries established by Bay Colony to the north and the Naples Grande Hotel (the copper top tower just beyond Clam Pass) to the south. Distance offshore may not exceed the operator's ability to see when displayed the L-Flag black and yellow checkered L-Flag near the south beach Sandbar restaurant.
 - 2.7. It is illegal and prohibited under Florida Law to operate a vessel while impaired by alcohol or drugs. Furthermore, all State of Florida boating and fishing laws shall be followed.

- 2.9. Reckless or willful disregard for the safety of passengers, wildlife, natural surroundings, or other third parties while vessel is underway is prohibited. The operator, natural or legal guardian, or sponsoring member shall pay the cost of any loss or damages to vessel or natural environment.

3. Kayak and Canoe General Rules

- 3.1. The operator must be at least 13 years of age, and in compliance with all 5.H.1 Eligibility requirements. One vessel per Foundation Issued Card.
- 3.2. Operator under the age of 18 may not transport passengers.
- 3.3. Passengers between the ages of 6 and 13 are allowed as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a Foundation Issued Card.
- 3.4. The operator must wear a life jacket and confirm that each passenger of the vessel has a life jacket that is the proper size and fit for the intended wearer.
- 3.5. Beach vessels must be launched in the designated area identified by orange cones, “The Cone Zone.” Vessels and equipment are to be returned to the origin of their launching.
- 3.6. The operator must be aware of current and forecasted weather conditions such as wind speed and direction, water temperature and tides. Check for updates as you sail, scan the horizons for storm clouds or listen for Thor Guard, the Pelican Bay Lightning System. Be prepared for sudden changes in the weather while underway and seek shelter at once if thunder is heard or lightning is observed. Operations will be suspended if sustained winds equal to or exceed 15 mph, gusting to 20 mph or waves exceed three feet.
- 3.7. Beach vessels must be kept within boundaries established by Bay Colony to the north, and the Naples Grande Hotel (the copper top tower just beyond Clam Pass) to the south. Distance offshore may not exceed the operator’s ability to see when displayed the L-Flag black and yellow checkered L-Flag near the south beach Sandbar restaurant.
- 3.8. Inner Clam Bay vessels may not be taken into the Gulf of Mexico and shall be returned to the North Boardwalk dock. Stow vessel upside down and secure before returning all equipment to Station 6.
- 3.9. It is illegal and prohibited under Florida Law to operate a vessel while impaired by alcohol or drugs. Furthermore, all State of Florida boating and fishing laws shall be followed.
- 3.10. Reckless or willful disregard for the safety of passengers, wildlife, natural surroundings, or other third parties while vessel is underway is prohibited. Operator, natural or legal guardian, or sponsoring member shall pay the cost of any loss or damages to vessel or natural environment.

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