



Fairfax County Park Authority Marina
ASSUMPTION OF RISK
(IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE SIGNING)

There are inherent risks involved in waterfront activities. Prior to renting any watercraft or equipment from the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), this document must be read, understood, and signed.

The following rules apply to all persons using canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, or row boats, or otherwise engaging in activities on or near a FCPA waterfront, that have been rented from The Fairfax County Park Authority. Violation or suspected violation of any of these rules is grounds for a rental to be canceled without refund:

Please read and **Initial** that you understand the following:

1. _____ Swimming, bathing and wading are prohibited in bodies of water, to include, but not limited to, streams, rivers, ponds or lakes, within or adjacent to a park without the express written permission of the Park Authority
2. _____ Each occupant of rental row boat, canoe, kayak or pedal boat must wear a Coast Guard approved Type III or better Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Additionally, each rowboat and canoe must have one Type IV throwable PFD for each occupant of the boat.
3. _____ Each occupant of rental row boat, canoe, kayak or pedal boat is responsible for ensuring that their PFD is being worn correctly. I understand that, although, FCPA staff may assist me in donning my PFD, I am responsible for ensuring fit. If I am an adult co-signor for a minor using a rental row boat, canoe, kayak, or pedal boat, I understand that I am responsible for the ensuring that the minor's PFD is being worn correctly, and that the minor keeps his/her PFD on while on or near the water.
4. _____ Observe and adhere to any restrictions marked by buoys.
 - a. Shallow areas will be marked by shallow area buoys, entering these areas is at the boater's own risk. Assistance may be delayed or obstructed in shallow areas. **Paddle boats may not enter shallow areas.**
 - b. Do not for any reason go past any **Danger Dam** buoys.
5. _____ No alcohol is permitted in boats or in the park at any time; coolers are subject to search.
6. _____ Remain seated in boats at all times while on the water.
7. _____ Only service animals are allowed on Park Authority rental boats.
8. _____ The number of passengers in a boat may not exceed the posted maximums (see page 2).



Unpredictable weather conditions are to be expected. We reserve the right to close marina operations at any time if we believe water conditions and/or weather conditions to be hazardous.

By signing this document, each occupant acknowledges and fully understands that they will be engaging in activities that involve potential risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result from their own actions, inactions or negligence, and the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, or the conditions of the premises or of any equipment used. Each occupant must assume all the foregoing risks and accept

personal responsibility for the damages and medical expenses following any such injury, permanent disability or death. Each occupant will be responsible for such injuries and/or property damage as described above and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Fairfax, Park Authority, its officers, employees, volunteers and/or agents for such losses which might result from their participation in this activity. By signing this document, the occupant agrees to waive any claim to liability that they may have against the County of Fairfax, Park Authority, its officers, employees, volunteers and/or agents as a result of participation in this activity. In the event of a breach of this contract by the occupant, the Park Authority shall be entitled to recover its cost, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in enforcing its rights herein.

	Row Boat	Canoe	Single Kayak	Tandem Kayak	Paddle Boat
Maximum passengers	3	3	1 16 yrs.	2 plus one child	2 or 4
Minimum passenger age (Riverbend Only)	3yrs.	3yrs.	16yrs.	5yrs.	n/a

*All occupants under 18 years of age **must** have an adult co-signature

Wear your life jacket at all times! If you are not sure how to properly wear a life jacket, please seek assistance from a marina staff member.

Occupants complete the following information

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ ALL OF THE ABOVE LETTER AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENT, AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY

Participant Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

In the event of an emergency, the Fairfax County Park Authority should contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL MINORS

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Address: _____

Initials: ____ I understand and agree that I am responsible for the safety of this minor and for ensuring the minor is in compliance with the above rules.

**Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
Remember your safety is your responsibility.**