

## KHC Paddling

KHC organizes seasonal group paddling outings that generally fall into two categories:

- recreational paddling for kayaks and canoes in flatwater conditions
- paddling on rivers, larger lakes, and the ocean for experienced paddlers who have seaworthy kayaks

For all outings, Transport Canada safety regulations apply:

- [\*\*Mandatory Kayak and Canoe Safety Gear\*\*](#) (link)
- [\*\*Kayak Safety Guide\*\*](#) (link)

In addition, the following expectations apply:

- some knowledge of self-rescue is expected
- all participants will stay in sight and earshot and will communicate with the leader if going out of sight
- participants must be able to handle their own boats, as required
- KHC does not supply boats for outings
- the start time is the time on water, not the arrival time
- participants are expected to bring all needed items for outings
- leaders have the right to refuse to take any member who is not adequately prepared or experienced for that outing

KHC appoints a committee each year to oversee posted kayak outings. He/she discusses potential outings with paddle leaders, as required and reports any issues to the Board. For 2015, Doug Smith, Greg Arvidson, and Dave Schmidt advise the Board on paddling.