

Waikoloa Canoe Club Paddling Regulations

The following are guidelines and practices that WCC has established for all paddlers of the Club. These guidelines and practices are set up to insure safety in the canoe and care of the equipment.

Before paddling in a club canoe, a WCC waiver form must be signed by all paddlers, no exceptions.

- Physical requirements
 1. All paddlers must be able to swim 100 yards.
 2. All paddlers must be able to tread water for 10 minutes.
 3. If items one and two cannot be met, a life jacket will be made available to the paddler and must be in the canoe with the paddler.
 4. All paddlers must be able to enter the canoe unassisted should the canoe huli.
 5. All steersmen must be qualified by the coach and must have completed a steering clinic.

- Requirements to leave the beach.
 1. Instruction of the paddle stroke will be given prior to entering the canoe for first-time paddlers. Instruction will continue during paddling by the Steersman (and only the steersman) unless the steersman has given different orders.
 2. Seat assignments will be made by the steersman.
 3. The canoes can only be taken out at times designated by the club.

- Requirements to leave the Bay (the bay is considered from lone palm to the north point)
 1. The coach will decide if weather conditions are safe enough to leave the Bay. In the absence of a coach the steersmen will take into account weather conditions (wind and swell) and decide if it is safe to leave the bay.
 2. The steersmen will discuss the direction and destination of the canoes and an approximate time the canoes will be on the water. If a canoe wants to return early it needs to be discussed prior to leaving the Bay so another canoe can return with it.
 3. There must be a minimum of two canoes with qualified Steersman. They will stay together, go in the same direction and remain in sight of each other. In rough weather they will stay within 100 yards of each other.
 4. All paddlers must have successfully completed a huli drill.
 5. The steersman will make sure all paddlers know their assigned task should the canoe huli.

- Handling of the canoe and equipment
 1. Paddlers should help with all aspects of getting the canoes in and out of the water. Don't wait to be told what to do, jump in and help.
 2. The rigging, bailers and plugs must be checked prior to moving the canoes. Loose rigging can cause a canoe to huli.
 3. The trolley is placed under the canoe between seats three and four. At no time should the trolley slide under the bottom of the canoe.
 4. There needs to be a person at each tire of the trolley when the canoe enters and leaves the water. Wet sand stops the trolley causing it to slide along the bottom of the canoe. This is hard on the canoes and needs to be avoided.
 5. Wet the rigging and wash off all sand before entering the canoe.
 6. When returning the canoes to the beach, rest it's ama on the iako of the parked canoe. iako guards will be placed on the iako prior to resting the ama on the canoe. The ama must rest on both iako.
 7. The canoes will be rinsed and the water bailed out. Canoe covers will be placed on the canoes.
 8. All borrowed paddles will be rinsed and returned to the WCC shed. The shed will then be locked.

- Other
 1. Paddles are available for new paddlers for a period of two weeks. Paddlers will be expected to provide their own paddle beginning the third week.
 2. It is recommended for new paddlers to go to the Waikoloa canoe club web site (<http://www.waikoloacanoclub.com/technique09/index.html>) and watch the paddle technique and read about what to do in case of a huli (turn over).
 3. Membership enrollment will be required beginning the third week.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to providing a safe and enjoyable paddling experience for seasoned and novice paddlers.