

# PADDLECRAFT SAFETY!



## 1 SAFETY FIRST!

- ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE PRESERVER OR PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD) WHEN PADDLING.
- TAKE A SAFETY WHISTLE TO SIGNAL YOUR PRESENCE.

## 2 PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

## 3 STAY CLOSE TO THE SHORE

## 4 AVOID PADDLING ALONE

## 5 MIND THE WAKES IN MULTI-USE WATERWAYS

IF A LARGE WAKE APPROACHES, TAKE THE WAKE AT A 45° ANGLE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT.

## 6 PAY ATTENTION TO WATER MARKERS

FLOATING WATER MARKERS DIRECT TRAFFIC AND KEEP MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT AND PADDLECRAFTS SEPARATED.

## 7 PAY ATTENTION TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC

## ALCOHOL & PADDLING DO NOT MIX!

25% OF VICTIMS IN FATAL PADDLECRAFT ACCIDENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONSUMED ALCOHOL BEFORE THE ACCIDENT (AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION)

## BOAT SAFE, BOAT SMART, BOAT SOBER!