

Ottawa River Runners (ORR) Boat Usage and Facilities Policy for Slalom and Downriver Boats

1- General

- a. Respect the Boater Checklist.
- b. Slalom boats are used on a tiered basis.
 - i. Users of composite slalom boats should have a reliable roll and until such a time should use the plastic slalom (i.e. Fluid Donsa) kayaks for moving water sessions.
 - ii. Tier 1: For new slalom paddlers
 1. Blue Vajda boats
 2. All 4m boats
 3. Older slalom boats (iTomco, etc.)
 - iii. Tier 2: Must be recommended by coach and approved by Equipment Manager
 1. Red Vajda boats
- c. Boats must always contain fully inflated airbags, 2 stern and 2 bow.
- d. It is the user's responsibility to check for the airbags and ensure they are inflated. Airbags should be left with some room for expansion if the boat is being left in the sun. Please do not overinflate.
- e. Users must never paddle alone. They must always be accompanied by a second paddler on the water in close proximity.
- f. Composite slalom boats are not permitted for use on any river trips.
- g. Plastic slalom boats are permitted for use on river trips when not in use by ORR programs.
- h. ORR policies which govern safety standards for members while paddling are always in effect, and are mandatory when using any club equipment.
- i. All users are financially responsible damage up to \$500 caused to club composite or plastic slalom boats. Users may also be required to assist with coordination of repairs if damage is caused.
- j. All ORR athletes, volunteers, and staff are responsible for ensuring that ORR slalom equipment is used appropriately, and all effort is made to minimize damage.
- k. Please report any misuse of equipment to the Equipment Manager. If you are unsure of how the rules apply to a situation, please contact the Equipment Manager.
- l. Any users that are considered to be negligent in their use of the boats will have their boat use privileges revoked and forfeit any maintenance funds.

2- **Short term (weekly, monthly) Programs** performed by other organizations using ORR facilities and equipment. (Currently limited to Whitewater Ontario and Canoe Kayak Canada)

- a. Program must be approved by the ORR Board of Directors.
- b. Organizing body shall pay a "Facilities Fee" to ORR in the order of \$25 per 4-week block, or part thereof, per participant.
- c. This is not a rental fee and does not provide exclusivity to the facility or equipment.
- d. This fee allows that participant to use the ORR facility (clubhouse, toilet, tailrace access) and equipment (canoe or kayak, paddle, spray skirt, helmet, pfd) for the duration of the Program while under the supervision of the Program organiser, or their delegate (instructor, coach)
- e. All participants must have a valid Whitewater Ontario membership or must purchase an ORR membership (that includes WO) prior to start of the Program.

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- 3- **Annual Programs** including those performed by other organizations using ORR facilities and equipment. (Currently limited to Whitewater Ontario and Canoe Kayak Canada)
- a. All participants require a valid ORR membership.
 - b. In addition to membership, participants are required to contribute financially to equipment maintenance. The financial contribution is as follows:
 - i. Slalom Canoe and Kayak maintenance fee = \$125 annually
 - ii. Maintenance for any combination of Paddle, Sprayskirt, Helmet, PFD = \$50 annually
 - c. Participant may also be required to assist in maintenance or boat transport to allow maintenance.
 - d. Equipment may be used:
 - i. Onsite at the ORR tailrace facility,
 - ii. At approved offsite events, generally slalom competitions and/or training camps, and
 - iii. By permission by Equipment Manager
 - e. Offsite use of boats is generally limited to the following:
 - i. Directly approved by Equipment Manager. May require Coach recommendation.
 - ii. Tier 1 boats (as defined on previous page)
 - iii. Locations generally considered for boat loan
 1. Minden Wild Water Preserve, limited to below the falls
 2. Valleyfield, not into the top hydraulic
 3. Middle Madawaska
 4. Jonquiere
 5. Harvey Passage
 6. Kananaskis, Canoe Meadows
 - iv. Club composite boats are not to be used at non slalom sites, including Champlain Bridge, Ottawa River trips, La Petite Nation, etc.
 - f. The priority of the composite slalom boats will be by youth who can be described as Youth Development Athletes, who are registered in ongoing coached slalom-focused programs with the ORR or partner organization (WO, CKC).
- 4- **ORR Club Members**
- a. Composite slalom boats are available for up to 3 sessions per calendar year on flatwater for the purpose of trying out different models.
 - b. Permission may be granted to use the boats on whitewater at the Pumphouse for those sessions if the paddlers has demonstrated to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that type of boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that type of boat).
 - c. Plastic slalom boats may be made available for more sessions, as is manageable for ORR volunteers and staff to coordinate.
 - d. These sessions will only be scheduled when boats are not in use by any club athletes.
 - e. Access must be requested of designated equipment manager in advance.