

## Rowboats at BMSC

### **401.2.1 BMSC Rowboat Policy**

- 401.2.1.1 Only to be used between sunrise and sunset.**
- 401.2.1.2 Use on holidays, weekends, and between 1630 and 0830 weekdays must have an after hours check-in person.**
- 401.2.1.3 Restricted to Bamfield and Grappler Inlets.**
- 401.2.1.4 Four persons maximum.**
- 401.2.1.5 M.O.T. approved lifevests must be worn and zipped up during use.**
- 401.2.1.6 Bailer, whistle and buoyant heaving line must be present.**
- 401.2.1.7 Must be signed out on Rowboat sign-out sheet.**
- 401.2.1.8 Overdue boats will be allowed one half-hour before search and rescue procedures are initiated.**
- 401.2.1.9 May be used for recreational activities only, excluding swimming, diving and fishing.**
- 401.2.1.10 May not be used for research.**
- 401.2.1.11 Beaching is not allowed.**

### **In Rowboat Orientation (Day one of course) students will learn**

1. Knots and tying
  - a. knots on the dock
  - b. Only tying up once everyone's out of the boat
  - c. Purpose of the buoys to prevent the boat from hitting the dock when a wave hits
  - d. Students will practice knots
2. Getting in
  - a. How to safely get in and out of the boat
  - b. Thinking about weight distribution in the boat
3. Location, location, location
  - a. Will be shown where to tie up on the West Side

- b. Will be shown the government dock and to tie up on the inside, or outside in front of yellow lines, (may have to raft to another boat)
  - c. Will be shown where to tie up at the Store Dock – only for short periods of time and only if you're purchasing something from the store
  - d. Will be shown to tie up on the white lines at BMSC dock
4. Paddling out
- a. Will be shown the difference between the bow and stern of the boat
  - b. Will be shown that it's easiest to canoe paddle the boat out from the dock, then switch to rowing to get across the inlet
  - c. Will be told to (and how to) watch for boat traffic
  - d. Will be reminded to think about current and wind and the angle you're heading at – recognize if the current is too strong for you
  - e. Will be shown to wave and shout (or use Whistle) to the Coast Guard in the event of an emergency
5. Practice!
- a. Send out 4 people per boat
  - b. Paddle to the store and back!