

GRAD KAYAKS AND CANOE

Hello BMSC Grads! The Graduate Student Association has graciously provided two kayaks and a canoe for your adventuring pleasure. Rules and safety precautions must be followed.

Before you take out a boat you must:

- **Contact the grad in charge** of boat rentals, who will arrange:
 - An explanation of all safety equipment and protocols
 - A quick paddle test
 - A “wet exit” test
- Read through the **BMSC Boat Policy** and **Boat Rules** below
 - Section "401.2.5 Graduate Student Kayaks and Canoes", and Appendix B of the BMSC boating policy
- **Reserve a boat** using this google sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/gradboats>
 - Link via QR code below!
- Fill out a **sail plan** indicating your route and expected return time
- Make sure you have a **check-in person** at the station who knows your expected return time

Please note:

- Must carry all safety equipment (PFD, extra paddle, splash skirt, paddle float, bilge pump, radio)
- No kayaking between dusk and dawn (ei. Daylight hours only)
- Kayaks must be taken out **in pairs** outside of the inlets
- If you are not a graduate student, user fees must be paid before use
- Boats should be stored on the racks above the South dock
- Canoes and kayaks are for pleasure use only

Please contact:

Em Lim

Email: em_lim@sfu.ca

Phone: (604) 671-8255

Location: SFU

Link to boat reservation:



BOAT RULES:

CANOE:

- Do not leave the inlets
- If you're going to the west side government dock:
 - Make sure you have PFD's and a bailer
 - Fill out your trip information on the black board at the boat checkout desk (Name, vessel, destination, departure and return time)
 - You do not need a radio or a sail plan, but you should have a check in person
- If you're paddling around the inlets:
 - Make sure you have PFDs and a bailer AND an extra paddle
 - Fill out your trip information on the black board
 - Carry a radio and have a check in person

KAYAK:

- If you plan to stay within the inlets (or just go to west side):
 - Carry all safety equipment
 - You do not need to fill out a sail plan
 - Fill out your trip information on the black board at the boat checkout desk (Name, vessel, destination, departure and return time)
 - Carry a radio and make sure you have a check-in on station who knows your return time
- If you are planning on leaving the inlets
 - Carry all safety equipment
 - Fill out a sail plan indicating where you are going and when you will be returning
 - Carry a radio and make sure you have a check-in on station who knows your return time
 - Always kayak with a buddy outside of the inlets
- If you're planning on staying out overnight (such as camping on Brady's):
 - Email grad in charge for permission
 - Follow all rules for leaving inlets
 - If you're overnighing outside of the inlets (ie. camping in the deer group) please check in before/at nightfall

Relevant sections of the BMSC Boat Policy

401.2.3 Researcher Boats

- 401.2.3.1 Only for use by researchers, instructors, graduate students, and research assistants associated with the respective university unless prior permission is granted.
- 401.2.3.2 All rules for BMSC power boats will apply to university boats with the following exceptions:
 - 401.2.3.2.1 Prior permission required between sunset and sunrise.
 - 401.2.3.2.2 Maximum number of persons on board will follow the capacity plate description.
 - 401.2.3.2.3 Two persons minimum in a boat outside the Inlets unless prior permission has been granted. General or per trip permission for one person will only be considered for use within the BMSC boundary area between sunrise and sunset, if the operator is experienced, and the boat is capable and equipped for rowing.
 - 401.2.3.2.4 Must comply with Transport Canada regulations.
 - 401.2.3.2.5 Requests for use outside of the scope of these regulations can be submitted in writing and are subject to the Director's approval.

401.2.4 Private Boats (including staff owned vessels)

- 401.2.4.1 Not required to follow WCUMSS boat use rules unless moored at BMSC floats overnight and used for teaching or research related to BMSC. In such cases, the rules governing Researcher boats will apply.
- 401.2.4.2 Must comply with Transport Canada regulations.
- 401.2.4.3 Encouraged to use BMSC sign out and sign in procedures.

401.2.5 Graduate Student Kayaks and Canoes

Please read full Graduate Student Kayaks Policy in Appendix B

- 401.2.5.1 The grad student in charge or his/her designate, where required, grants prior permission. Users must demonstrate to the grad student in charge their competence in handling a kayak prior to permission being granted.
- 401.2.5.2 General or per trip permission must be obtained prior to use.
- 401.2.5.3 Only to be used between sunrise and sunset.
- 401.2.5.4 Use on holidays, weekends, and between 1630 and 0830 weekdays must have an after hours check-in person.
- 401.2.5.5 May be taken overnight as long as 401.2.5.3 is followed and an after hours check-in person is used for the initial trip.
- 401.2.5.6 Use outside the BMSC boundary area, indicated on the sail plans is at your own risk.
- 401.2.5.7 Minimum two kayaks must be used outside the Inlets unless prior permission is granted.
- 401.2.5.8 Three persons maximum in a canoe with a minimum of two persons outside the Inlets.
- 401.2.5.9 Transport Canada approved PFD's must be worn and fully zipped up during use.
- 401.2.5.10 Must be signed out using sail plans when outside the Inlets. Blackboard can be used when inside the Inlets.
- 401.2.5.11 Overdue kayaks will be allowed one half hour before search and rescue procedures are initiated.
- 401.2.5.12 Not to be used in fog or low visibility conditions.

401.2.6 Alta and Barkley Star

The research vessels Alta and Barkley Star are large vessels intended for conducting open ocean fieldwork and are only operated by authorized and qualified BMSC personnel. These vessels are equipped to deal with adverse weather and sea conditions and for night operations. Their use is under the direction and discretion of Foreshore personnel.

401.2.7

Permission to use boats may be denied if weather and sea conditions are unfavorable or if distance from the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre is excessive. This will partly be demonstrated by the use of a RED sign, which restricts all boat use to the Inlets unless prior permission is granted.

The open powerboats covered by WCUMSS's auspices are powered by outboard engines and not intended for work in adverse

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Graduate Student Kayak Policy

Regulations

This document was created by the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) Graduate Student Association (GSA)

The BMSC GSA owns three sea Kayaks. The use of these kayaks is limited to graduate students, BMSC staff, researchers, technicians, and fall program students. These individuals may invite a guest. Guests must be accompanied by a grad student (or any other authorized user) at all times and must have completed a checkout beforehand. Due to high wear-and-tear in the past, we unfortunately cannot allow undergraduate students of the summer program to use the kayaks. Summer students can only use a kayak as a guest of a grad student and must be accompanied by an aforementioned authorized user.

Completion of a checkout includes a “wet-exit” is mandatory prior to taking out a kayak. To arrange a time for a checkout, contact the GSA kayak rep.

All users must be familiar and comply with the W.C.U.M.S.S. boat safety policy (available on BMSC website: www.bamfieldmsc.com, library and at the foreshore sign-out) section 401.2.5 Graduate Student Kayaks.

Kayaks when used inside the inlets are to be signed out via a BMSC Sail Plan.
Kayaks when used outside the inlets (follow cope policies):

- Kayaks must be signed out using a sail plan.
- A radio must be taken.
- A PFD and whistle must be worn
- A minimum of two kayaks must travel together.

Use on holidays, weekends, and between 16:30 and 08:30 weekdays must have an after hours check-in person.

The Grad kayaks are only to be used between sunrise and sunset unless prior permission is granted and a light is worn.

Please be aware of and respect prior reservations (check reservation sheet on locker door.)

Equipment List (as required by Canadian Coast Guard)

Each kayak must carry all items listed, with no exceptions:

- PFD with a whistle attached
- Spray skirt
- Paddle and a spare paddle
- Kayak goodie bag containing
 - Float
 - Manual bailer pump
 - Buoyant heaving line

All equipment must be rinsed with fresh water and properly hung to dry, then put away in the upstairs dive shed grad locker after each use.

The kayak, especially the pedals inside the kayak, should also be rinsed with fresh water (hose on south dock) before storage.

If any equipment is missing, damaged or lost, please contact GSA kayak rep.

Fees are as follows:

User	Period	Fee
Graduate Student	Unrestricted	No fee*
Researcher, technicians,	8 months to a year	\$65
BMSC staff,	4 months	\$45
Fall program students	6 weeks or less	\$35

All fees are due to GSA kayak rep at time of kayak checkout.

*Although access to the use of kayaks is free for graduate students, grad users will be expected to help out with maintenance of kayaks and other grad activities.