

Human Powered Boats

CSBC SmartBoater Checklist



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TRIP PREP:

- Marine Weather Forecast
- Float Plan
- Ensure Experience Level Meets Expected Conditions

Leave float plan with a responsible person.

Experience Level:

- *Be knowledgeable and practiced handling rougher water and righting your boat.*

PACK:

- Lifejackets/PFDs
- Safety Equipment
- Marine Charts
- Good to Have Items

One properly fitting, Canadian government-approved lifejacket/PFD for each person on board in good condition.

Inflatable PFDs must be worn to be legal.

Good to have:

- *Duct Tape or similar that could be used to temporarily plug a leak should it develop*
- *Sunscreen and protective clothing*
- *Snacks and water.*
- *Compass, Portable Marine Radio*

Be sure to:

- *Secure loose items that could be lost if the boat is overturned.*
- *Protect moisture-sensitive items in waterproof containers.*

INSPECT:

- Hull for cracks or leaks
- Paddles / Oars for cracks

BRIEF PASSENGERS:

- Wear Lifejacket / PFD
- Duties including Keeping Watch
- Location / Use of Safety Gear
- Trip Duration and Expected Conditions

Advise passengers on the conditions and the distance you plan to travel.

ON WATER:

Watch for:

- Hazards / Other Boats
- Cloud, Wind/Wave Changes
- Water Seepage

If a portable marine radio is available, check periodically for updated marine weather forecasts.

Watch for hazards, approaching storms and wakes from other boats.

Bail any water.

END OF TRIP:

- Close Float Plan