



KAYAKING RENTAL POLICIES

EQUIPMENT USE: WEATHER AND WIND CONDITIONS

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	EQUIPMENT	MAX AVG WIND	MAX AVG WIND GUST	AREA
KAYAKING				
Sea Kayaking I	Touring Kayak	12 knots	16 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel
Sea Kayaking II	Touring Kayak	12 knots	16 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel, Basins
Sea Kayaking III	Touring Kayak	16 knots	20 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel, Basins
Sea Kayaking IV	Touring Kayak	16 knots	20 knots	Entrance Channel & Main Channel, Basins
Sea Kayaking V	Touring Kayak	16 knots	20 knots	Santa Monica Bay (NO GALE FLAG)

The chart above is a guideline. Please note that the Dockmaster has discretion to restrict activities based on weather, experience or other factors.

GENERAL SAFETY

- All participants must be water safe and comfortable swimming a minimum of 100 yards and tread water for a minimum of five minutes.
- Sailors, kayakers, stand up paddle boarders (SUP), and windsurfers are required to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) while on the dock and water, at all times. Rowers are exempt.
- Always communicate with the Dockmaster and indicate on your rental slip where you intend to kayak, SUP, sail, or row and the amount of time you plan on being on the water.
- Complete a safety check of your vessel – make sure everything works and is properly adjusted before entering the water.
- When launching and docking, minimize the time you spend on the dock and the space that you take up to help reduce dock congestion.
- Participants must be able to “self-rescue.”
- If you are unable to self-rescue due to an injury or equipment breakage, stay with the vessel. Do not try to swim to shore. Hail the Dockmaster or other boaters for assistance.
- Participants must be able to steer a safe course through the marina, keeping watch for obstacles to their bow.

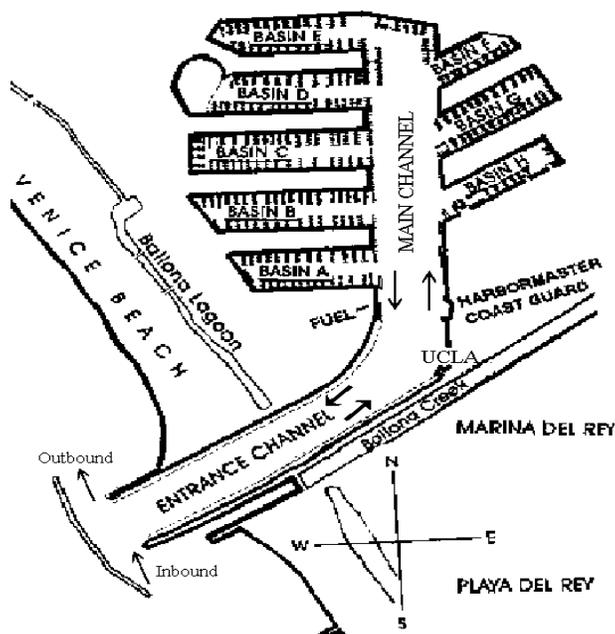
KAYAK SAFETY

- Always use two people to carry the boats to and from the water. Never drag the boats on the ground.
- When lifting boats always communicate with your partner.
- Use your paddle as a brace when entering the boat from the dock.
- Sit on top kayaks may only be used inside Marina Del Rey Harbor. **They cannot be taken down the basins, outside or past the jetties or breakwater.**

- Any outside qualified kayaker wishing to paddle past the break wall must paddle with another outside qualified partner.
- Outside qualified kayakers qualified to paddle past the break wall into Santa Monica Bay must always carry a radio, salamander, and spare paddle.
- Outside qualified kayakers must wear helmets at all times when traveling through surf. Extreme care and caution should always be used when paddling through surf. If you question whether you can make it through, do not attempt it.

MARINA DEL REY TRAFFIC PATTERNS

- Launch and dock with traffic flow. Watch for other boats as you paddle into the power channel.
- Paddle counter clockwise around buoys in the Main Channel and counter clockwise around center line of the Entrance Channel
- Stay closer to the buoy line than the basin entrances to prevent being run over by larger boats exiting the basins.
- It is the general responsibility of all vessels to avoid collision.
- Do not stop where you will impede others. Do not block traffic. If you must stop to receive instruction, or adjust equipment, position your boat out of the main traffic flow.
- Give way to faster vessels.



EQUIPMENT CARE: ONLY SEA KAYAKING LEVEL I – V QUALIFIED

- Secure accessories and equipment before launching.
- With cockpit boats, make sure that neoprene hatch covers are attached before getting to the dock.
- All boats that have gone through the surf and have collected sand must be cleaned by using the “washing machine technique” at the dock.
- If you hear water in the bulkheads, undo the neoprene covers and drain the boat. Replace neoprene covers immediately after draining. Never leave neoprene covers off a boat when paddling
- Store neoprene covers in hatches.
- Rinse all gear with fresh water before returning it to equipment cage.
- Return lifejackets to equipment cage after zipping them up.
- Return wetsuits to equipment cage after dunking them in disinfectant and hang right side out.
- Return all kayaks and paddles to their designated racks. When placing kayaks on their rack, fill all empty slots from the wall out, so that the next person does not have to move your kayak to put theirs on.

FACILITY POLICIES

- Parking at the MAC is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Facility users are encouraged to ride their bike or carpool. Do not park on any yellow striped area; doing so will force other vehicles to drive on the bike path to get around you. Do not park in the Breakwater Apartment's parking lot or garage - you will be towed. Overflow parking is available at Dock 52 and Fisherman's Village
- Drive slowly and carefully to and from the MAC parking lot. Watch for pedestrians and cyclists on the bike path and the Breakwater access road. Once you reach the Marina Aquatic Center facility, drive on the striped access lane only. DO NOT drive on the LA County bike path. When exiting parking spaces, watch for bike path traffic; stay on the striped driving lane and back into the turnaround area provided.
- Do not use any tools or other supplies owned by the Marina Aquatic Center. Do not attempt to fix or customize any equipment while in your use. See your instructor or the Dockmaster on duty if you need help with equipment.
- The MAC is not responsible for any personal gear, clothing, etc. left in the locker rooms, boat bays, or other areas of the facility. Please store your gear in lockers provided or in your vehicle. Remember to pick up your gear before you leave.
- If you are using the docks on Ballona Creek at low tide, never attempt to jump or walk over the algae growth on the hoist docks. Ask MAC Staff to lower you down to the water with the dock.
- Never step over a boat on the ground, always walk around it.
- Please pick up after yourself - trash, water bottles, & towel etc!
- Help us conserve! Turn off lights in restrooms, locker room, classrooms, and boathouse bays when not in use. Turn showers, faucets and hoses off completely when finished. Recycle plastic, glass and aluminum in bins provided.
- Report all injuries and equipment damage immediately to the Dockmaster, coach or instructor.
- To protect your feet, always wear shoes at the MAC. Shoes should have sufficient tread and heel support to prevent you from slipping on the wet surfaces around the dock. Bare feet are only allowed on the dock as you are launching or docking rowing shells, stand up paddleboards, windsurfers, kayaks, lasers or surfboards. Shoes should be replaced first thing after docking.

The following is prohibited at the UCLA Marina Aquatic Center:

- Alcohol
- Smoking or vaping
- Dogs off of their leash.
- Launching of personal equipment.
- Running, roughhousing, and/or riding bikes or scooters anywhere around the facility.
- Talking loudly or making excessive noise that may disturb our neighbors, before 8am and after 9pm.
- Sitting in or riding on the rolling equipment.

WEATHER POLICIES

WIND

- No outside sailing or kayaking if gale flag is up at the Harbormaster's Office.
- Conditions within three hours of the rental, current weather, and trends will be considered.
- Weather forecast and/or warning flags will be used as justification for amending or suspending water activities in the entrance channel, marina, and Santa Monica Bay.
- Dockmaster will use both Wind Gusts/Maximum Wind Speed and 10-Minute Wind Average in deciding whether to allow rentals.
- If the small craft warning is posted with measured, or expected winds exceeding 20 knots, there will be no water activities.

FOG or LOW VISIBILITY:

- Dockmaster must be able to see the opposite shore for at least 15 continuous minutes before allowing any water activities.
- All renters, and unaccompanied vessels, must maintain visual contact with the MAC at all times.

DARKNESS or LOW LIGHT:

- Lights must be used during early morning and nighttime rentals.
- All boats must display a red and green bow light and a white stern light.

LIGHTNING:

- At the first sign of lightning, all water activities will be immediately suspended and all users – renters, teams, class participants, and staff – should return to the MAC without delay.

RAIN:

- Following significant rainfall, certain water activities shall cease for a minimum of 48 hours after the rain has stopped. All other activities will be allowed on the water after signing a water quality waiver. Please call the Marina Aquatic Center before leaving home to find out whether water activities have resumed.
- No water activities are permitted when there is a thunder and lightning storm.