

# SEA KAYAK RENTAL POLICY

## Eligibility

Sea Kayak rentals **require previous paddling experience and/or formal instruction.** Before renting kayak equipment, you will be required to demonstrate your experience and knowledge by answering detailed safety related questions.

**Castine Kayak** reserves the right to refuse renting equipment to those with insufficient knowledge or ability for your own protection and safety!

## Reservations

A 50% deposit is required to reserve your equipment. Payment may be made with cash, check or VISA/MasterCard. Reservation fees on equipment will begin the intended day of rental. Balance must be paid in full before picking up the equipment, with a non refundable security deposit if equipment is not returned in the condition it was rented in. Castine Kayak reserves the sole right to determine the condition returned!

## Security Deposit

A credit card is required for an equipment deposit. The renter will be charged for repairs or replacement of damaged or lost equipment and assessed a cleaning fee for returning dirty equipment. Please treat our equipment as if it were your own or better. We take pride in our gear and hope you will enjoy and appreciate the value and performance of our top of the line equipment

## Rates and Late Fees

Daily rates are based on a 24-hour period and equipment may be picked up and returned as follows:

PICK UP TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:am \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 pm or 8 am following day \_\_\_\_\_

No refunds will be made due to weather conditions, equipment returned early, or for equipment rented but not used.

Equipment returned late will be charged \$10.00 per item, plus the additional day rate for each day it is late.

## Equipment Rental Rates

Sea Kayak rental includes paddle, PFD, sprayskirt, paddle float,

bilge pump.

Sea Kayaks	1-2 Days	3-4 Days	5+ Days
Plastic Single	\$45/day	\$40/day	\$35/day
Plastic Double	\$60/day	\$55/day	\$50/day

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1. I assume full responsibility for all of the equipment provided to me by Castine Kayak Adventures and **will treat it carefully as if it were my own.**
2. I will return it in the same condition that it was provided to me. **This includes washing all equipment completely.**
3. **I understand that I will be billed** for any damage incurred to the equipment. Retail price replacement cost will be charged to my credit account if items are not returned.
4. I attest to the fact that I have practiced rescue skills in a kayak and am competent to perform self and partnership rescues.
5. I will wear my PFD at all times while paddling.
6. I will practice appropriate rules of the road, understanding that other boats have the right of way. I will make channel crossings direct from point to point, being aware of boating lanes.
7. I attest that I am aware of the ocean environment including tides, weather and wind and will use good judgment when planning paddling trips with Castine Kayak equipment.
8. If Kayak is car topped you are responsible for carrying it in an appropriate manner approved (by CKA).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Rented by: (CKA staff) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RENTER FORMS:

- Policy Form Signed
- Release form signed
- Float plan filed with CKA

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## Kayak Rental Questionnaire.

- We rent on a limited basis only to experienced kayakers for your safety!
- If you would like to rent a boat, please answer the following questions so that we can assure your safety in the tidal waters of the Castine Area:
- **If you are not sure about some of these questions we recommend a guided trip with us at Castine Kayak.**
  - We offer daily trips from 9-12 and 1-4**
  - full day adventures with lunch from 9-3 or private trips or customized groups.
  - We also offer instructional workshops that teach the skills necessary to be safe.

1. What ocean experience have you had in kayaks? Please list any formal training that you've had.

2. At what time in the tidal cycle is the current the strongest?

3. What is the best way to cross a bay with several kayakers, or alone?

4. Who has the right of way??? Kayakers, sailboats or motorboats (in what order?)

5. What stroke is efficient in dealing with a beam wind ( a wind coming at your side)?

6. What tide level are charts drawn at?

\*7. Please explain how you would handle a capsized kayak....

8. What is a bulkhead and what is its importance in safety?

9. Please explain your technique for getting into and out of your kayak from a beach or on rocks.

10. Where are waves and strong currents most likely to be?

Thanks for taking the time to fill this out! Castine Kayak