

**Vancouver Ocean Sports**  
**Small Boat Regulations for Independent Use**

1. Must be a full-time VOS paid member. (i.e. any annual member; NOT drop-in, special programs or monthly Intro participants). Members are not allowed to bring non-members to use the boats.
2. Must have participated in a smallboat clinic with Ryan or Arleen to be proficient in:
  - a. Rigging and maintenance of the boats
  - b. Huli procedure
  - c. Safely loading/unloading/carrying boats
3. Must NEVER paddle alone
  - a. For safety on the water
  - b. It takes 2 people to carry a boat to prevent damage and injury
4. Rigging and De-rigging MUST be done on the GRASS
5. Boats can be used for up to 2hrs per session.
6. Sign up on the VOS Yahoo Group to reserve boats  
<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/poguesportscanoclub/> (Click on the link "Join this Group"....it should take you to a page where you sign-in with your Yahoo ID)  
This can be done a max of 7 days in advance and up to 2hrs before. If no one has reserved a boat in advance, then first-come, first-serve.
7. Any damage noticed must be documented on a Boat Damage Report and reported immediately to [canoclub@poguesports.com](mailto:canoclub@poguesports.com) or by calling 604-685-5955 to prevent further damage or potential injury to users.
8. Any boat(s) tagged "Damaged" cannot be used until repaired and the tag removed.
9. Each paddler is responsible for Safety Requirements as set by the Canadian Coast Guard:
  - a. PFD
  - b. Bailer
  - c. Whistle
  - d. Lights when paddling after dusk and before dawn
11. Regular maintenance (e.g. nicks, scratches, worn out cables, etc.) will be covered by VOS. Any significant damage from misuse will be the responsibility of the user (e.g. cracked hull or ama from dropping the boat).

**Any paddler found misusing or blatantly violating regulations may be suspended from independent use of smallboats.**

**Thank you for taking care of VOS equipment for everyone to use!**