

The following notes apply to HotDoggers Canoe Leaders

You should not attend the session or visit the site if you any signs of the symptoms of COVID infection or should be self-isolating for any reason.

If you need to go inside the building, please wear a mask at all times and use the hand sanitisation provided.

There are 3 section groups arriving with one or two leaders at 6pm, 6:15pm and 6:30pm. Each section will be supported by 3 or more canoe leaders.

We need a swift turnaround to get each group moved from the car park, to kit collection and out on to the water to avoid mixing with other groups. Groups will return at 15 minute staggered intervals, with the last group due to be off the water by sunset.

As we are fully booked most weeks we will need at least 9 canoe leaders each week. We cannot combine the groups or allow them to mix. I will endeavour to share the group bookings in advance.

The extra section leaders who are not paddling will assist bankside and help with general organisation kit allocation and return under the guidance of the canoe leaders. The section leaders can paddle if we can do while maintaining ratios and we should ideally stick as close to 15 scouts with 5 leaders per section. Extra canoe leaders to help with launching until all groups are on the water and can then paddle themselves floating between the groups offering support if required but not directly interacting with the groups unless the situation demands multiple leaders. Ideally the extra canoe leaders should be the first off the water to assist getting the paddlers and boats off the water.

Any adult paddlers not directly involved in supervising groups who are paddling socially, must adhere to the rule of six (no more than 6 adults in a social group) while that remains government advice.

One canoe leader to meet each section and greet parents dropping off in the front car park. If parents are waiting, remind them to maintain social distance from other parents and youth paddlers.

Paddlers are to be directed to the outside hand wash area and then to the grass area by the cage where their section leader will hand them over to the canoe leaders who are leading each group.

Ideally, leaders should access the the stores and in this confined area it is important to maintain social distancing and/or wear masks. Please aim to get all boats out you are likely to need before the youth paddlers arrive.

Kayaks and sit-ons are all stored in the cages cellar. Paddleboards and canoes are stored in the canoe shed. We should avoid tandem kayaks and triple canoes unless the paddlers

are from family groups. At the end of the session, return the craft to the original location. They do not need to be wiped or decontaminated under normal circumstances.

BAs are stored in cage on the normal wooden pegs. Two sizes of BA are now in use. Universal large/Adult (red) and Universal child (yellow). At the end of the session hang the BAs on the Monday rope in the back left corner of the cage where they must remain for at least 72 hours before being re-used. Do not take BAs from the ropes unless we run out of BAs on the pegs, and then only take from Tues, Wed or Thursday.

Paddles are stored in the cage and canoe shed in the normal location. New paddles have been purchased and are colour coded for size. At the end of the session wipe/disinfect the paddle and return them to their original location. Should there not be time for this paddles that have not been disinfected must be returned to the temporary storage at the back of the cage in the Monday racking. If we run out of paddles they can be used from the temp storage, but any taken from the Fri/Sat/Sun sections must be disinfected before use.

Leaders to carry masks and gloves and use when appropriate.

Plan your session so that paddlers should remain as dry as possible. Do not plan games or activities that are likely to result in a capsizes, close contact such as rafting up or require shared use or swapping of paddles. It might be easier to go for a journey and teach some paddle strokes along the way, or do some boat manoeuvring around bridges.

There is no routine access to showers, but toilets and changing are accessible if required but we must limit the numbers using the changing and toilets at any one time to allow for social distancing. Showers must only be used in an emergency situation and then with strict isolation and must be cleaned after use. There is a one way system in place for changing room access from the outside doors - up the ramp, down the steps.

Encourage people to leave the site promptly but politely at the end of the session to avoid mixing with other section groups who are leaving after them.

Advise paddlers to use the outdoor wash area after the session.