

SHUSWAP ASSOCIATION FOR ROWING AND PADDLING

MEMBERS GUIDE

Welcome to SARP!

The Shuswap Association for Rowing and Paddling (SARP) is a B.C. Registered "non-profit" Society officially formed on May 14, 2004. Its purpose is to "*foster a healthy, happy lifestyle and build a stronger community through promoting and developing paddling and rowing activities*".

Member Rights

Membership in SARP is open to all people, ages 13 and up, who have an interest in paddling and/or rowing activities. Each member must complete an application form and waiver, accompanied by payment of annual dues. All members have the right to participate in SARP activities, to vote at general meetings and to be elected or appointed to the Executive.

Member Responsibilities

All members shall:

- 1) Demonstrate a positive attitude and set an example of cooperation towards SARP rules and directions.
- 2) Show respect for all members, SARP property and equipment.
- 3) Assist in facility maintenance and cleanliness.
- 4) Assist in fund raising events.

Members are asked to observe SARP Policies and Procedures and to advise their guest accordingly. Members and guests shall release SARP and the District of Salmon Arm of any liability for damage or loss as a result of participating in activities or using any equipment and/or facilities by signing a waiver.

SARP is a volunteer-based, community-oriented organization. Many hours of volunteer time are required for coaching and instruction, maintenance of the boats, equipment and site, and administration of business each year. The Association relies on its members to ensure that the operations of the organization are of the best possible standards.

Meetings

General meetings are held twice yearly, pre season and post season. Reports on SARP business, events and programs are presented along with an informational or entertainment program; members are encouraged to suggest program ideas. The Annual General Meeting is held in October to elect an Executive and approve club finances.

Use of SARP Facilities

The storage area and moorage is provided "in kind" from Shuswap Lake Vacations and the District of Salmon Arm for the use of SARP members. The docks, drives and launch area are included in the Salmon Arm Bay Marina and are open to the public.

Please treat this area with the same care as if it were your own. Please also be aware and considerate of other members using the facilities, neighbours and public using the park. Keep noise to a minimum, load and unload boats quickly if others are waiting to use the dock area.

Routine maintenance is done by the members at spring and fall cleanups and as necessary. Any related issues should be brought to the attention of the Director of Boats, Equipment and Site Maintenance.

Hours of Operation

Access to the dock area is from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the paddling and rowing season, that being May 1 to September 30. These times are subject to water levels of the Shuswap and other extenuating circumstances.

Safety, Standards and Education

SARP is committed to ensure that its members participate in paddling and/or rowing activities with the utmost attention to safety. Safety is actively practiced on every outing and activity. SARP offers courses and workshops in all aspects of paddling and/or rowing sports in the interests of safety. There may be a charge for some courses or workshops. Related courses and workshops are advertised on the website and in the newsletter.

Use of Boats and Equipment

SARP has Dragon Boats, Outrigger Canoes, and Kayaks as well as paddles and PFD's. The use of these boats and equipment is open to all SARP members for sanctioned activities and/or regularly scheduled training.

Rules of the Waterway

Be mindful and adhere to the Nature Bay restrictions. Do not venture past the buoy markers in the bay and do not enter the river channel. In consideration of marine park residents, drumming is not allowed in the wharf area before 8:00 a.m.

Programs

Presently we are consolidating and honing our Dragon Boat, Outrigger Canoe and Kayak programs. Plans for future include working towards the introduction of a Rowing and Sculling program.

Paddling is a fun, social and competitive team sport. Teams begin practicing in May for the upcoming summer race schedule which runs from June through to September. Paddling, coaching, steering and drumming workshops are held throughout the season. Meetings are held as needed to organize teams and plan events.

Insurance

SARP carries third party liability insurance and is also insured against claims for personal injury or loss of life from members while participating in SARP activities and following approved procedures. SARP also provides Directors and Officers Insurance for the Executive.

Members may invite guests to participate in SARP activities and events. All guests are required to complete a signed waiver for participation in any SARP activity or event and for the use of the boats. Guests are encouraged to join SARP if they intend to participate in more than two outings.

Executive of SARP

The Executive of SARP is composed of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 Directors who represent the interests of the members at large and serve on committees as required. The Executive meet on the first Tuesday of every month or as deemed necessary, except for July and August. The Executive manages the business of SARP including membership records, financial affairs, correspondence and liaison with other clubs and agencies, organization of SARP events, coordination and communication with members.

Policies

Rules governing membership, meetings and voting, composition of the executive, duties of officers and club finances are set out in the Constitution and Bylaws of SARP. These rules are unalterable except by special resolution of the membership. Copies are available upon request.

The Executive of SARP may also establish policies and procedures to be observed by the paddling and/or rowing program, for the care and maintenance of boats and equipment, the administration of the Association and other matters.

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