

ORR Slalom Equipment Use Policy

The Ottawa River Runners owns a fleet of composite slalom canoes and kayaks. Most of the newer equipment was purchased with a Trillium grant that was awarded to the ORR for the purpose of supporting base level development slalom programs and increasing access to quality equipment for youth who are being introduced to slalom technique, and beginning to train in slalom canoe/kayak. Composite equipment has a limited lifespan and is prone to damage, and so the following policy will be used as a framework for how the equipment can be used. The priority is to maintain access to equipment in good condition for the base level development paddling and slalom participants who are beginning in slalom lessons with the ORR. All use generates wear and tear, and so if there is long term regular use or uses for purposes that are not in line with basic development, there will be fees charged on a cost recovery basis for use and damage caused. The overall use will be limited for this reason, with the goal of maintaining the equipment in good condition for as long as possible for use in youth development and introduction to the sport.

The Slalom Boat Use Policy will apply to the boats listed in this document.

Equipment Description:

2013 Vajda Galaxy Kayak size XS

2013 Vajda Galaxy Kayak size S

2013 Vajda Galaxy Kayak size M

2013 Vajda Canoe size S

2013 Vajda Canoe size M

Vajda Kayak, colour blue and white

Vajda 360 Kayak, size M, colour blue with sparkles

iTomco Red Kayak

All Fluid Donsa Plastic Slalom Kayaks

All users are financially responsible for any damage caused to club composite or plastic slalom boats. Users may also be required to assist with or do repairs if damage is caused.

1.1 First Priority Use

The first priority use of the composite slalom boats will be by youth who can be described as Youth Development Athletes¹, who are registered in ongoing coached slalom-focused programs with the ORR, and who have not yet owned a personal slalom boat. These youth who have not yet owned a personal slalom boat may use composite slalom boats during their coached sessions subject to any requirements of their program. For example: a program requirement may be that athletes arrange for a long term use⁵, or purchase a boat within a certain time period in order to participate. Youth who do own a slalom boat may use club boats during ongoing sessions where they are training in a second category (ex: a K1 using a C1 or opposite). First priority use will begin on flatwater, until the

participants have proven to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that boat) on the pumphouse. If they have not sufficiently proven their rolling abilities, they can use the plastic slalom Fluid Donsa kayaks for moving water sessions. Youth who are using a club boat to learn to paddle in a secondary category will begin on flatwater, until the participants have proven to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that boat) on the pumphouse. Athletes may use the club boat for which they have a long term use agreement at other slalom training sites such as Valleyfield during day trips only. Special permission must be obtained for long term use boats to be taken on any overnight trips or training camps. Club composite boats are not to be used at non slalom sites, including Champlain Bridge, Ottawa River trips, La Petite Nation. Club C1s are not be used at other slalom or non-slalom sites.

Note: Athletes who have committed to a spring-fall slalom program should be actively pursuing purchasing their own equipment. If an athlete has never owned a personal slalom boat, and purchasing a boat is not an option for them, they can apply for a long term use⁵ agreement with the ORR that would give them priority use of a composite kayak for a single 1 year term. Additional terms and fees apply, see details in section 4.0 Definitions.

1.2 Second Priority Use

The second priority use of the composite slalom boats will be by children and youth who can be described as Youth Development Athletes¹ and are registered in (non-camp) ongoing development programs with the ORR as they are introduced to slalom canoe/kayak technique. This use will take place on flatwater. These athletes may also have the opportunity to use club boats at non-Pumphouse sites if arranged for by the ORR for development activities.

2.0 Additional Uses

Additional uses will only be considered when the composite boats are not already in use for first and second priority activities. All use is subject to the mandatory rules in section 3.0

2.1 Use by Junior Competitive Athletes²: Plastic slalom boats are available whenever they are not being used in coached programs and can be used on flatwater or whitewater. Composite slalom boats may be made available for short term use⁴ as a part of a coached slalom program for the purpose of trying a different model, as a temporary stand in while a damaged boat is being repaired, or when a personal boat is unavailable due to transportation arrangements for a slalom event (being shipped to Nationals or Worlds). Athletes may use composite slalom boats on whitewater if it is their primary category, and they have demonstrated to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll on the pumphouse. Athletes may use composite slalom boats in a second category on flatwater, and when they have proven to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that boat) on the pumphouse, they will be able to train on whitewater as well (not considered short term use). Junior

Competitive Athletes may not use club composite boats in any non-local competitions (only at the Pumphouse), and may not travel with the boats. Short term use privileges may be revoked if athletes do not take care and precaution when using club composite boats.

2.2 Use by High Performance Athletes³: Plastic slalom boats are available whenever they are not being used in coached programs and can be used on flatwater or whitewater. Composite slalom boats may be made available for short term use⁴ for training purposes only in a primary or secondary category, and only when not in use by Youth Development Athletes¹ or Junior Competitive Athletes². High Performance Athletes may not use club composite boats in any non-local competitions (only at the Pumphouse), and may not travel with the boats. In order to use a secondary category boat athletes must have demonstrated to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that boat) on the pumphouse. Access must be requested from the equipment manager in advance. Athlete must sign a boat use agreement, which will designate a specific start and end date for the use. The use schedule will be overseen by the youth program coordinator and any coaches involved. Short term use privileges may be revoked if athletes do not take care and precaution when using club composite boats.

2.3 Use by ORR members who are not described by any of the athlete categories:

Composite slalom boats are available for up to 3 sessions per calendar year on flatwater for the purpose of trying out different models. Permission may be granted to use the boats on whitewater at the Pumphouse for those sessions if the paddlers has demonstrated to a coach that they have a consistent roll in class 2+ whitewater (in that type of boat) and can confidently and carefully paddle and roll (in that type of boat). Plastic slalom boats may be made available for more sessions, as is manageable for ORR volunteers and staff to coordinate. These sessions will only be scheduled when boats are not in use by any club athletes. Access must be requested of designated equipment manager in advance.

3.0 MANDATORY RULES

- Boats must always contain two fully inflated airbags, either 2 in stern, or 1 stern 1 bow.
- It is the user's responsibility to check for the 2 airbags and ensure they are fully inflated.
- When paddling club slalom boats, users must never paddle alone. They must always be accompanied by a second paddler on the water in close proximity.
- Cadet and Junior age athletes may only use club slalom equipment under the supervision of a coach, during a coached session.
- Composite slalom boats are not permitted for use on any river trips.
- Plastic slalom boats are permitted for use on river trips when not in use by ORR programs.
- ORR policies which govern safety standards for members while paddling are always in effect, and are mandatory when using any club equipment.
- All users are financially responsible for any damage caused to club composite or plastic slalom boats. Users may also be required to assist with or do repairs if damage is caused.

THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL USERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT

All ORR athletes, volunteers, and staff are responsible for ensuring that ORR slalom equipment is used as described in this document. Please report any misuse of equipment to the Equipment Manager. If you are unsure of how the rules apply to a situation, please contact the Equipment Manager or the Youth Programs Coordinator.

4.0 Definitions

Please note that definitions and all athlete descriptions in this document are not aligned with ORR names for programs groups or training groups, which may or may not match.

Youth Development Athlete¹: Athletes in the Cadet or Junior age classes, who are in the 'Developmentals' stage, or very early in the 'Transformation' stage (as described in the LTPD Model). All of their slalom coaching is provided through the ORR, and they are training in a well rounded program that runs from Spring through Fall.

Junior Competitive Athlete²: Athletes in the Junior age class, who are firmly in the 'Transformation' stage, or in the 'Pursuit of Excellence' stage (as described in the LTPD Model). These athletes are training full time in a slalom program, being coached locally, and attending races in Canada and the US. Some may be on Junior National Team and travelling to competitions in Europe.

High Performance Athlete³: Athletes in the Junior, U23 or Senior age classes, who are in the 'Pursuit of Excellence' stage, or in the 'Training to Win' stage. These athletes are competing nationally and internationally with the National Team, or National Development Team. This also describes athletes in these age classes who are training full time but who may not be on a national slalom team.

Short Term Use⁴: Describes a period of up to 2 weeks. Maximum of two short term use periods per athlete per calendar year.

Long Term Use⁵: From April 1 to November 30 of one calendar year.

Composite kayaks may be made available for long term use to new participants in a slalom focused program who have not yet purchased a slalom boat. For 2013 only, composite kayaks under a long term use agreement may also be made available to participants who are not new to the slalom program only if they have never owned a personal slalom boat. The kayaks are available for one long term use per athlete, of one paddling season, as described above. The participant must apply to the program coordinator and the equipment manager, and pass a skills evaluation. There will be an agreement signed by the athlete and their parent, a season fee will be charged, and a damage deposit given and held. The season use fees will be partially refundable if an athlete no longer needs to use a club kayak due to having purchased a personal slalom boat, or due to withdrawing from the program for the year. The refund will reflect the amount of time the kayak has been used by number of months. Athletes who have

a long term use agreement have first priority for use of the boat in all sessions and local/day-trip events that they attend. Special permission must be obtained for long term use boats to be taken on any overnight trips or training camps. There may be a few scheduled times where the boat will not be available for their use (due to repairs or other circumstances), in which case an alternate boat will be provided. The damage deposit will be held until the end of the year and then returned if no damage has been caused by the athlete which has required repairs. If damage is caused and repairs are made, the cost of the supplies will be subtracted from the damage deposit. Any funds remaining will be returned at the end of the year. If the cost of repairs supplies needed exceeds the value of the deposit, or if the boat is damaged to the point of major reconstruction being needed, additional funds will be required, as the athlete and parents are responsible for the boat up to the full replacement value. Composite canoes are not eligible for long term use because all new slalom athletes will be starting by learning kayak technique first, and due to the low availability and high use as a second category boat.

Long Term Fees = \$200 for use of a 2013 kayak, \$100 for use of a pre-2013 kayak

Damage Deposits = \$100 for use of a 2013 kayak, \$100 for use of a pre-2013 kayak

For all terms in ‘single’ parentheses are referring to classifications that are described in detail in the CanoeKayak Canada Long Term Paddler Development Document, available on the CKC website.

http://canoekayak.ca/files/56/25/Long_Term_Athletes_Development.pdf

5.0 Equipment Replacement Values

2013 Vajda Galaxy Kayak size XS	\$2000
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2013 Vajda Galaxy Kayak size M	\$2000
2013 Vajda Canoe size S	\$2000
2013 Vajda Canoe size M	\$2000
Vajda Kayak, colour blue and white	\$700
Vajda 360 Kayak, size M	\$500
iTomco Red Kayak	\$500
Fluid Donsa Plastic Slalom Kayaks	\$650

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