



A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FORMED TO
PROVIDE MEMBERS PADDLING ACCESS TO THE
EAST RACE WATERWAY IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

BASIC CLUB GUIDELINES

The East Race Whitewater Kayak Club (ERWWKC) is pretty simple; it's just a bunch of boaters who paddle the East Race for fun. Club rules and policies are as follows.

MEMBERSHIP

All paddlers must complete and sign both an American Canoe Association (ACA) waiver & ERWWKC application. These are to be filled out **completely and legibly**. Club members must be at least 18 years old. Minor dependents of club members will be admitted only if their parent/legal guardian is a member in good standing and a completed current ACA Minor Waiver (rev. 1/2006) is on file for the minor. Minors may paddle only under direct supervision and accompaniment of their parent/legal guardian.

All completed ACA Waivers **must** have "revised 1/2006" under the heading at the top of the form. This is the current revision of the form for 2007. All ERWWKC applications **must** have "Revised 03/24/2006" in the lower left corner.

The ACA Waivers & ERWWKC applications are available at the following link:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/erwwkc/files/Membership%20Forms/>

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jeff Muston at the address below if unable to download the forms.

Club dues are \$45. Dues cover ACA membership, ERWWKC membership and ERWWKC insurance. ACA Waivers, ERWWKC Applications & Membership Dues must be submitted annually. ERWWKC membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of a calendar year due to the terms of our club insurance policy.

It is the ERWWKC's policy to submit ACA waivers & ACA Membership dues for all club members directly. This means that current ACA members (or members of other groups enrolled in the Paddle America Clubs program) will be required to submit the full balance of dues (\$45), just as new members are. The ACA has agreed that any excess membership dues submitted to them by the ERWWKC will be reimbursed.

Checks must be made out to "East Race White Water Kayak Club." If a check is written for someone else's membership or for more than one member, please write the relevant member name(s) on the memo line. The completed ACA Waiver, ERWWKC Application, and your \$45 check (**DO NOT SEND CASH!**) made out to "East Race White Water Kayak Club" should be mailed to:

East Race White Water Kayak Club
C/O Jeff Muston
322 East Colfax Ave., Apt. 105
South Bend, IN 46617



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BASIC WHITEWATER SKILLS

Club members must have a reliable whitewater roll & proficient whitewater skills. Club members must be willing to show the club officer or trustee a roll and some basic paddling skills (front stroke, front/rear sweep, back paddle, ferry) above the floodgates before entering the whitewater facility.

GENERAL RULES

A club officer or trustee must be present during paddling sessions. A club officer or trustee has the responsibility and authority to determine how a paddling session will be run. This includes but is not limited to determining whether conditions are safe to hold or continue a paddling session, whether a paddler is properly prepared and has proficient skills to paddle, how many paddlers are required, and how safety will be run during a paddling session. The judgments of these individuals are final.

Officers and Trustees for 2007 are:

Jeff Muston (Pres.), Greg Rex (Safety), Sharon Schierling (Secr.), Al Fassler (T), Jim Greenwell (T), Reuben Keller (T), David Marks (T), Matt Meersman (T), Brad Penning (T), Brock Royer (T), Steve Taig (T), and Jason Tharp (T).

At least one paddler must run safety with a rescue throw bag from the wall or with a waist mounted tow line from their boat at all times during a paddling session. All paddlers must take turns running safety. Only officers or trustees properly trained and proficient in the use of a waist mounted tow line will be allowed to run safety from their boat.

A minimum of four paddlers are required during a paddling session if safety is run from the wall. A minimum of three paddlers are required during a paddling session if safety is run from the water. The manner in which safety is run is at the discretion of the officer or trustee present during a paddling session.

All boats must be properly outfitted with flotation. Paddlers should have appropriate clothing and protective gear for the paddling conditions. Helmets and PFDs are mandatory. Appropriate protective clothing (i.e. drytop, drypants, wetsuit, fleece/poly-pro base layers, skull cap, gloves and booties) must be worn during cold water paddling sessions.

Paddlers will use the buddy system; no one is to paddle unaccompanied **In the event of a swim or other rescue situation, all paddlers will be expected to assist to whatever extent they are able.**



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ERWWKC MESSAGE BOARD

Paddling activities are communicated through a Yahoo! group message board (erwwkc@yahoogroups.com). Access to that group is controlled; an invitation to join the message board will be e-mailed to a new member after that member's waivers and dues have been received. The invitation will be sent to the email address listed on the ERWWKC membership application.

If a member wishes to paddle, it is his/her obligation to post as such for an available date. For weekday paddle session, all posts (and cancellations) should be in by 2:00PM of the date of the paddling session. Weekend posts should be in no later than 7:00AM of the date of the paddling session, although weekend paddlers are strongly encouraged to have this info posted by 10:00PM of the preceding evening out of consideration for those club members who drive great distances to paddle. Repeated no-shows or drop-ins without appropriate notification will result in suspension of ERWWKC membership.

SCHEDULE

The City of South Bend grants the ERWWKC access to the East Race on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and those Saturdays and Sunday which the City is neither operating the East Race publicly nor has other events scheduled. Paddle sessions will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30PM to 9:00PM, on Saturdays from 1:00PM to 6:00PM, and on Sundays from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. (All times listed are local time in South Bend, IN which is in the Eastern time zone and now observes daylight savings time.) Any other days or special activities must be cleared with the city through Greg or Jeff beforehand. All paddling is at the absolute discretion of the South Bend Department of Parks and Recreation.

SYNOPSIS

It's taken a long time for our club to gain the good standing that we have with the city and anything that jeopardizes that will not be tolerated. Remember that you represent our club whether you are paddling at the East Race or posting on the message board. Please be courteous & helpful.

It's really not that complicated, we really just want to paddle, have fun, get along, and be safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

See you soon,
Jeff Muston
President, ERWWKC