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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUP, KAYAK, CANOE AND KATAKANU HIRE  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU COMMENCE HIRE**

All equipment for hire is subject to availability.

Anyone hiring equipment does so at their own risk and must realise their own ability and experience.

The person hiring the paddlecraft (canoe or kayak or SUP or katakanu) is fully responsible for the boat/equipment and their individual safety throughout the hire period

Paddlecraft is not hired to out to complete beginners or inexperienced paddlers, all users must assure us of their personal competence and inform us where they intend using the equipment. Seapoint Canoe Centre hires equipment to paddlers only once satisfied that the paddler(s) is aware of the locations appropriate for the paddler's ability and use of the paddlecraft. Seapoint Canoe Centre will not be responsible for any injuries that may occur whilst using any of the equipment

Group bookings are required to book and pay in advance. Cancellation terms are :

24 hours or less before the hire: No refund

24 hours or more before the hire : Full refund less £20 administration fee

The use of our rental equipment is to be within our designated area, ie The Royal Military Canal. Removing a watercraft from the canal over the barrier at West Hythe or out of the water other than at the time of launching and returning the craft is considered to be theft and the police will be informed. Equipment is not for use on the sea.

We provide paddles, buoyancy aids and spray decks as part of our canoe hire package. We expect all equipment to be returned at the agreed time and in the same condition as it was hired. This will be refunded when all items are returned without any damage. Loss replacement and damage repair will be charged at the prevailing rates. If any damage or loss has occurred the following arrangements will be made:

- a) Hirer will pay for any required repairs or replacements in full
- b) Where repairs are not possible the hirer will pay for the equipment in full
- c) Any costs for repairs or replacements shall be taken from the cover fee and the hirer will pay for any excess amounts on demand

LOSS AND DAMAGE RATES (Guideline only, please see <a href="http://www.kentcanoes.co.uk">www.kentcanoes.co.uk</a> for latest prices)		
Total Sit on Kayak loss	£800	Ancillary items – Replacement
Total Open Canoe loss	£1495	Paddle loss (single blade) £150
Total SUP loss	£1000	Paddle loss (twin blade) £140
Total SUP XL loss	£2599	Paddle loss (SUP) £115
Total Katakanu loss	£3750	Lifejacket loss £130
		Helmet loss £110
Replacement of lost items – Prices exclude delivery charges, these would be at an additional charge		
Damage repair to canoes, kayaks and Stand Up Paddleboards and equipment is charged at £25 per hour + materials.		

Courtesy to all other waterway users and anglers is requested from our hirers.

The minimum age to hire the equipment is 18 years old. The persons hiring and in charge of people under the age of 18 will be asked to prove they have enough experience to look after them. Young people under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Unaccompanied children aged 17 and under will not be allowed to hire.

Behaviour considered to be a danger to either the hirer or other canal users will cancel hire immediately and incur loss of deposit.

A photo ID and credit card per watercraft hire is required and will be charged on the following: a) loss of paddles b) damage as a result of collision with other watercraft or canal bank.

The operators reserve the right to refuse or cease hire at any time without prejudice.

Theft of watercraft / equipment will be reported to the police and damages pursued through civil action.

No children under the age of 4 are allowed in the canoes / SUPs.

All hirers are required to wear a buoyancy aid and helmet.

Images are recorded for security reasons.

Unauthorised launching of a watercraft will result in cancellation of the hire without refund.

Electric passenger launches have priority on the waterway and avoid at all times.

Persons assessed as being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused hire, without prejudice. No alcohol should be consumed prior to or during your trip on the water.

Every person in my group must attend the safety briefing and complete and sign a Health and Safety Disclaimer

All paddlers are required to sign a consent form – forms can be downloaded from the Seapoint website or at the centre.

Seapoint Canoe Centre paddlecraft are for use on the Royal Military Canal as far as the West Hythe Dam. They are not to be used on the sea as this requires the paddler to be a minimum BCU Level 3 Coach.

All equipment shall be returned at the agreed time and place – late return without prior agreement shall result in a fixed penalty of 1 hours hire for each hourly period late.

#### **Cautionary notes:**

Can you and all members of your party swim? Buoyancy aids and helmets are essential with each hire, these must be worn. Swimming in the canal is not advised.

Be aware that after time on the water you are likely to feel unsteady on your feet when landing.

We would like you to enjoy your time on the water, have fun, but do so safely! All activity on the water is potentially dangerous, when on hire you are at your own risk.

#### **AGREEMENT FOR THE HIRE OF WATERCRAFT SUPPLIED BY SEAPOINT CANOE CENTRE**

- I have read and understood the Seapoint Terms and Conditions of Hire and agree to comply with the guidelines.
- I am competent and have adequate experience to use the equipment being hired
- I, the hirer, am responsible for your own and the rest of your group's safety.
- I have been given BC Shallow Water Advice by the Seapoint Canoe Centre Hire Team (SUP hire only)

I am providing the following (please tick

my credit card

Driving license and OR Passport (Photo ID as proof of identity and address )

Signed by the hirer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This document is considered to be an open marine charter contract**