

Official Regulations from Transport Canada:

[See below for summary for canoe/kayaks]

Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and rowing shells less than 6 m (19'8") in length

Personal protection equipment

1. One (1) **Canadian-approved personal flotation device or lifejacket** of appropriate size for each person on board
2. One (1) **buoyant heaving line** no less than 15 m (49'3") in length

Boat safety equipment

3. One (1) **manual propelling device** (for more detailed description, refer to the manual propelling device definition)
OR
An anchor with no less than 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination
4. One (1) **bailer**
OR
One (1) **manual water pump** fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to discharge water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel

Navigation equipment

5. A **sound-signalling device** or a sound-signalling appliance
6. **Navigation lights** that meet the applicable standards set out in the Collision Regulations *if the pleasure craft is operated after sunset and before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility*

Pleasure craft propelled by oars and pleasure craft 8 m (26'3") or less in length within sight of navigational marks do not require a compass.



Summary of the Regulations for BCKC Participants:

1. **PFD or lifejacket** that fits (at BCKC this should be worn on the water at all times)
2. **floating rope** (15+ meters in length)
3. **paddle** (1 per person + 1 spare per boat is recommended when feasible)
4. **bailer** (canoe) or **manual water pump** (kayak)
5. **whistle** (pealess)
6. (optional) **waterproof flashlight** ("just in case" although you should avoid paddling when visibility is restricted if at all possible)