

Paddling Prairie Club Boats at Hazelhurst

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The Prairie Club provides kayaks and paddleboards to members and their guests to use at the Hazelhurst beach free of charge.

Who: Club members and their guests, to be eligible to use the Club kayaks and paddle boards, must

- 1) Be at least 12 years old
- 2) Able to swim to the sand bar and back
- 3) Submit a signed liability waiver, signed by parents or legal guardians for boaters under age 18, to the Waterfront Director or to the Beach Chair at rwlutter@gmail.com
- 4) Have sufficient prior knowledge and experience and
- 5) Seek advice as necessary from the Waterfront Director or the Beach Chair about selecting and donning a personal flotation device.

Where: Equipment is stored in the Hazelhurst boating area by the orange sign "Club Boats" and by the stand for the Waterfront Director.

How: Youtube videos can help you learn!

- a. Kayak paddling techniques in five minutes
 - i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68KMZXAstSs> or
 - ii. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUYEH2cOA7c>
- b. How to re-enter a sit-on-top kayak, after falling off:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZQw2N_aIY0
- c. How big people can reenter sit-on-top kayaks in deep water.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhXWmgQL_xY
- d. An introduction to stand-up paddling.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-7rDavdJGs>

Every time you use a Club boat please tell the Waterfront Director that you wish to do so and let him know when you return the boat and the equipment.

When: COBs may be used only if the WFD is on duty or the Beach Chair or his delegate is present, during green flag or yellow flag conditions.