



## HMBYC SUPS AND KAYAKS: SAFETY & USAGE POLICY

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### \*\*\*KNOW YOUR ABILITIES, KNOW THE CONDITIONS\*\*\*

**HYPOTHERMIA** is a real danger; dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. Our water temperature runs from 47° to 54° year-round; **hypothermia can impair you in less than 5 minutes.**

**WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED** are critical safety factors. The most common wind—from the northwest or north—blows you **AWAY** from the club and out towards the breakwater. It can be **VERY** difficult to paddle back against the wind, and tides can suck you out of the harbor.

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### Rules & Responsibilities

- SUPs and Kayaks are for **MEMBERS' USE ONLY.**  
Members' guests may rent a SUP from Maverick's (offering club member discount) or a kayak from Half Moon Bay Kayak. On busy days, be considerate of other members and don't stay out for more than two hours.
  - SUPs and kayaks that are for members' use are stored in the racks closest to the south boatyard gate and are clearly marked.
  - Paddles are in the plastic storage unit on the other side of the gate.  
***Lock storage container after signing out a paddle craft and/or replacing paddles.***
  - PFDs are in the sailing container.
- **SIGN OUT and SIGN BACK IN** any of the club's paddle craft.  
The sign-out book is in the paddle storage unit. By signing out the SUP or kayak you are stating that you have read and agree to follow the Safety & Usage Policy.
- **PFD (lifejacket) and ANKLE LEASHES (for SUPs) must be worn at all times—adults and children both; no exceptions.**
- SUPs and Kayaks **MUST REMAIN IN THE HARBOR.**
- **CHILDREN UNDER 16 must have a supervising parent or guardian either on the water or on shore (not at the bar!). You are responsible for your child's safety.**  
Based on water conditions and/or safety considerations additional restrictions may be imposed. If you are unsure, check with the Watch Officer.
- **DO NOT LEAVE ANY EQUIPMENT ON THE BEACH.**  
It should be in use or properly stored and available for other members. And, things can float away and disappear faster than you think!
- **DO NOT DRAG SUPs or kayaks.**  
They are to be carried from the rack to the water and back. This particularly applies to the ramp—dragging a paddle craft up or down the ramp, even once, can **ruin** it completely.
- **CLEAN ALL GEAR AND STOW PROPERLY AFTER USE.**  
There is a rack and hose right near the ramp to the beach for cleaning.
- **LOG ANY DAMAGES** in the sign-out book when you check back in so we can get it repaired.

**BE SAFE!!      HAVE FUN!!**

**The use of club paddle craft is a privilege, not a right.**

Violation or abuse can result in loss of privileges.

If you have any questions about the club's paddle craft or need the paddle container lock combination, please contact [paddle@hmbyc.org](mailto:paddle@hmbyc.org)