

POTOMAC PADDLESports

WHITEWATER SAFETY INFO PACKET

Stay safe with the skills you'll learned in whitewater self-defense. **Please review all of this information carefully at least one week prior to your lesson.** You may contact us at any time with questions by calling 301-881-2628 or emailing us at info@potomacpaddlesports.com.

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A few notes and answers to the most frequently asked questions:

1. You must provide all your own equipment, including boat, paddle, PFD, helmet and sprayskirt.
2. You have up to two years from your first lesson to complete any lesson package.
3. Please schedule or re-schedule your lessons online.
4. You have up until 72 hours before a class's start time to reschedule. Students who do not reschedule in time or who don't show up forfeit their lesson. No exceptions are made to this policy and we do not offer refunds.
5. New liability release forms are required for each event. PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. (Tip: Partially complete your paperwork and make copies to keep in your car and then sign them the day of the event.)
6. Please arrive and be prepared fifteen minutes prior to your lesson start time. (Late arrivals will not be admitted to class.)
7. All lessons meet rain or shine. A decision to postpone due to lightning or other dangerous conditions is made on-site at the last possible minute. (Mother Nature often cooperates if we wait-and-see.)
8. You'll spend half of your lessons in the water, literally. Paddling-specific apparel is required. Don't try to go on the cheap when it comes to your comfort. Visit our retail store for assistance with purchasing the right clothing for kayaking. A full 3mm wetsuit (covering arms and legs) is okay if you cannot swing a full "layering system," but you will eventually want better paddling clothing.
9. Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your clothing and accessories.
10. During your lesson, store your car key in a "Hide-a-Key" box somewhere on your vehicle.
11. Package students may attend free practice clinics indefinitely.
12. You may repeat any lesson at a discounted rate of 10%. Please call our registration office for further information.
13. For your safety and enjoyment, we request that you keep your personal information up-to-date via your schedule page. Please log in and update your info at www.potomacpaddlesports.com.

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LIST OF THINGS TO BRING

The following list of things to bring is for your comfort, safety, and enjoyment of your on-water experience with us. ALL ITEMS ARE REQUIRED. Please call or visit our retail store for assistance. (See map and directions below.)

- Pre-completed Release of Liability
- Pre-completed Medical Form (if you've taken a class with us before, we only need a medical form if anything has changed since your last class.)
- One liter of water and a waterproof snack (Clif Bar, etc.)
- Allergy medication (We require medications for all severe reactions such as bee stings, peanuts, asthma, etc.)
- Throw rope, knife and whistle
- Rescue PFD with quick release cow tail/tow or quick release tow belt
- Neoprene booties without laces or big straps
- Paddling-specific semi-dry jacket and synthetic under-layers (April-May and September)
- 3mm neoprene pants or shorts (April-May and September)
- Bathing suit and rash guard (June-August)
- Sunscreen
- Ear Plugs (To help prevent ear infections)
- Sunglasses
- Eyeglass strap (so you don't lose your expensive prescription lenses)
- Note to those who wear contacts: Bring extra. You will need to close your eyes while underwater.
- "Smileys" (Kayak-specific nose plugs) are a MUST HAVE item. You'll find these at our store.

Directions to Potomac Paddlesports' RETAIL STORE (not to lessons!):
11917 Maple Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

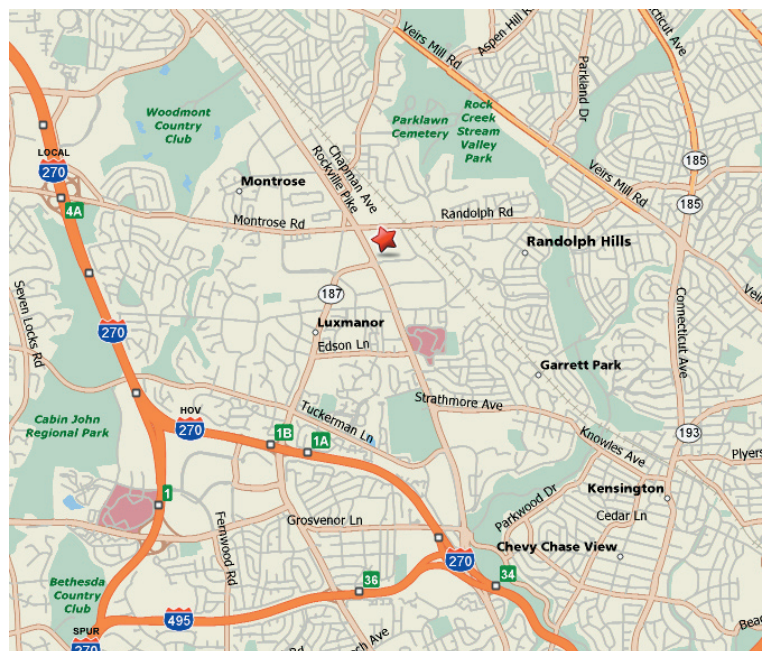
From DC Beltway (I-495) OUTER LOOP, take exit 34

(Rt. 355) north toward Rockville. Go approximately 2 miles through several traffic lights and make a right onto Randolph Road. At the first traffic light make a right onto Maple Avenue. The store is the second on the left.

From DC Beltway (I-495) INNER LOOP, take exit 36 (Old Georgetown Road) north toward Rockville. Go approximately 2 miles through several traffic lights and make a left onto Rockville Pike (Rt. 355). At the first traffic light make a right onto Randolph Road. At the first traffic light make a right onto Maple Avenue. The store is the second on the left

From Rt. 29, exit off onto Randolph Road heading west toward Rockville (if going south on 29 that's a right turn, if going north make a left turn). Continue on Randolph Road for about 8 miles making certain to bear right at the "Y" to stay on Randolph. Cross the railroad tracks, then make a left at the second light onto Maple Avenue. The store is the second on the left.

From Rt. 270, take the Montrose Road exit. Go East on Montrose Road for 2 miles to the intersection of Rockville Pike (Rt. 355). Cross Rockville Pike and at the first traffic light make a right onto Maple Avenue. The store is the second on the left.



POTOMAC PADDLESPO RTS INCORPORATED
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY (REQUIRED FOR EACH EVENT)
READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in the Potomac Paddlesports Inc., sports and recreation program and related activities ("Activities") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of paddlesports and related activities and that I am qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately notify the nearest official and discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) Paddlesports and related ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Potomac Paddlesports Inc., their respective ACA certified instructors, certified instructor trainers, and certified instructor trainer educators, administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, independent contractors and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, INJURIES, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim. I further understand and agree that Potomac Paddlesports will not issue a refund under any circumstance.

4. By participating in or attending any activity in connection with this program, whether on or off the premises, I CONSENT TO THE USE OF ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, PICUTRES, FILM OR VIDEOTAPE TAKEN OF ME or provided by me for publicity, promotion, television, websites or any other use, and expressly waive any right of privacy, compensation, copyright or other ownership right connected to same.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF PADDLESPO RTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(If participant is under the age of 18)

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DIRECTIONS FOR WHITEWATER SAFETY (ANGLER'S LOT)

Whitewater Safety is held at the Old Angler's Inn parking area. For alternate routes, Mapquest 10801 Macarthur Blvd., Potomac, Maryland 20854.

From the Capital Beltway (I-495) take exit 41 toward Carderock/Great Falls, MD and merge onto the Clara Barton Parkway

Take the Parkway 1.7 miles until it ends at Macarthur Blvd., and then turn left onto Macarthur Blvd.

The parking area will be on your left across the street from the Old Angler's Inn. Look for the Potomac Paddlesports Trailer. (Note: There are three separate lots at different levels. Please look around for us.)

PLEASE have your waivers completed in hand and all your clothing and supplies ready to go fifteen minutes prior to start time so that we can start promptly.

Note: Vehicles have been broken into at this parking lot. Please leave all valuables at home and bring a small drybox for your credit cards and cash. You can store your car key in a hidden key box on the underside of your fender.

