

## Sail, Motor and Rowing Boat Use

**Maine coastal waters can be lethal and MUST NOT be approached lightly or with over-confidence.**

**Any College property to be used on the water MUST have approval by appropriate supervising faculty or staff ahead of time.**

### EVERYONE

1. Personal floatation device (PFD) must be worn at all times by all sailors/boaters
2. Shore-side monitor must be established for any excursions
3. Appropriate safety kit must be onboard while in use
4. Stay within appropriate safety zones (see below)
5. No watercraft shall be used if:
  - Small craft advisories are in effect
  - Local wind gusts are 20 kts or greater
  - Visibility is less than 1.5 miles (you cannot see Bald Rock)
  - Lightning warnings are in effect
  - During sundown hours

### SAIL

1. 3 person min, 1 approved sailing crew (see below)
2. Shore-side monitor with VHF radio
3. Sailing safety kit onboard
4. Stay within sailing zone  
(There must always be a tender available on the dock. If you require one to access a moored boat, but there is only one available, you may not leave it on the mooring while out)

### MOTOR

1. 2 person min, 1 approved crew (see below)
2. Shore-side monitor
3. Inflatable safety kit onboard
4. Cellular phone in watertight container (safety kit)
5. Stay within motor/row zone

### ROW

1. 1 person min, approved for rowing (see below)
2. Shore-side monitor
3. Row safety kit
4. Cellular phone in watertight container (safety kit)
5. Stay within motor/row zone

## OTHER

1. Any trips intended to operate outside approved safety zones must file a Float Plan or have explicit permission from COA Captain.
2. Canoes are for fresh water use only
3. Use of canoes and kayaks is permitted by the Director of Student Activities only.
4. **CREW** are approved by the Captain to operate COA rigid inflatable boats (RIBs) and have proven they have proficient operating and safety skills.
5. **SAILING CREW** are approved by the Captain to operate RIBs and can proficiently sail and dock COA sail boats.
6. **APPROVED FOR ROWING** means you have been approved by the COA Captain or appropriate Staff.

## RADIO

1. Use channel 67 or 68 for COA boating activities.
2. Channel 16 is for watch, hailing and emergency calls.
3. Channel 01 is used by all local tour boats for general comm.

Radio protocol: Establish contact (hailing) on ch 16. Example, say “*COA mobile, COA mobile, COA mobile, this is COA base on channel 16, over.*” Transmissions must not exceed 30 sec. Wait 2 min for response. Mobile response: “*COA base, this is COA mobile, switch to channel 68, over.*” COA base response: “*Switching to 68.*”)

4. You may bypass ch 16 if boat and shore monitor are clear what channel is being used and radios are on “lock” function.

## EMERGENCY

US Coast Guard	244-4270	VHF channel 16
Harbor Master	288-5571, cell 266-2110	VHF channel 16
COA Captain	460-8183	
COA Emergency	288-9001	

