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.

Motor and row interest: Speak with COA Captain
Sail, canoe, kayak interest: Speak with Coordinator of Community Engagement

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 and may not leave campus while monitoring boating event.
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, to include 1 approved sailing crew (see below) OR 2 person min, to include 1 instructor
2. Shore-side monitor with VHF radio
3. Sailing safety kit onboard
4. Stay within sailing zone
   There must always be at least one skiff w/oars available for use at dock

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

ROW
1. 1 person that has been approved for rowing (see below)
2. Shore-side monitor with call-in start/end time
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 Coordinator of Community Engagement 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 Coordinator of Community Engagement 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 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.

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