

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Husky Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please *initial and date* each of the following.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have signed the IMA waiver card. I have read, understood, and signed the Liability Release and Acknowledgement of Risks and Responsibilities. If I had any questions regarding this document, I have discussed them with a club officer before joining the club.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware the University Kayak Club (UKC) Safety Guidelines are available online at <http://students.washington.edu/~ukc/rules/safety.html> and may be updated from time to time as UKC activities evolve and UKC equipment changes. I will read these guidelines thoroughly before engaging in club activities such as individual or group lake paddles, kayak polo, whitewater trips, or sea kayak trips. If I have any questions or concerns regarding safe kayaking practices I will discuss them with the appropriate activity coordinators as they arise.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I have any medical conditions (such as shoulder problems, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, heart conditions, separated ribs, *etc.*) which might interfere with my boating performance or physical abilities then I realize that it is my responsibility to discuss this issue with a club officer when joining the club and to inform other paddlers—especially UKC activity coordinators—of my condition so they can make appropriate risk assessments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have demonstrated the ability to wet exit a kayak, and swim 50 yards while holding onto both the boat and the paddle. I understand this demonstrates my ability to reach shore after capsizing only in moderate conditions and only if I am close to shore. I am aware paddling on bodies of water such as Lake Washington, Union Bay, Portage Bay, Lake Union, and the Lake Washington Ship Canal offers opportunities to be several hundred yards to more than a mile offshore. Such distances to shore during lake paddles are hazardous unless I have a reliable roll or the skills needed to reenter a kayak and resume paddling after a capsize. I am aware the areas accessible by paddling a boat from the Waterfront Activities Center contain stretches of shoreline which offer no safe refuge to recover from a capsize and that escaping from a capsize by climbing onto the I-90 or SR-520 bridges across Lake Washington may be difficult or impossible. I know that passage through the Ballard Locks is not permitted unless I am on a UKC trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware weather conditions may arise during the course of a lake paddle which can make difficult or even prevent returning to the WAC. I know awareness of weather and the passage of time are fundamental parts of paddling safety. I will check NOAA or other official weather forecasts before going on a lake paddle. I will plan the duration of my lake paddles in accordance with the WAC's operating hours and the time of sunset.

\_\_\_\_\_ While float bags are not used in pool sessions in order to help keep the pool clean, I know a kayak without properly installed float bags can sink. I understand using float bags or equivalent floatation is strongly recommended—either when paddling from the WAC or taking boats on club trips—in order to ensure adequate buoyancy. If a kayak does not have a bow or stern bulkhead, I am aware proper inflation and securing of the boat's float bags is especially critical to safe use of the boat.

\_\_\_\_\_ I know UKC requires a PFD (personal flotation device, also known as a life jacket) to be worn while boating and will wear a properly fitting PFD at all times when on the water.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware one of the major risks in kayaking is becoming hypothermic due to exposure to cold water from a capsize or the normal action of waves, spray, and/or rain. I know the club has wetsuits and paddling jackets and strongly recommends their use in cold weather.

\_\_\_\_\_ I know only UKC members are allowed to use UKC equipment and non-member guest privileges are not allowed with the club's double kayak or double canoes. I know UKC equipment may only be transported to locations away from the WAC in the course of official club trips, and that at least three paddlers—one of whom must be a UKC trip coordinator—are required to form an official club trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept my responsibility to check any equipment I plan to use in a club activity to ensure it is in good working condition before I use it and that, while the equipment is in my possession, I am personally responsible for it. I understand and accept use of club equipment means I accept it in its present condition and that if equipment I use is not returned or is lost or broken I will be charged an amount commensurate with the cost of replacement or repair. I release the State of Washington, the Department of Recreational Sports Programs, the University Kayak Club, and their agents, representatives, and assigns from any responsibility or liability for any damages arising from personal injury or property damage or loss relating to my use or operation of any UKC equipment.

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I agree to voluntarily undertake the risks of kayaking, canoeing, camping, and any travel or accommodations which might be involved in trips or activities organized by the University Kayak Club, its volunteers, officers, members, and participants (hereinafter collectively referred to as UKC). I release UKC, its officers, trip coordinators, club members, agents, and other participants on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I understand and accept kayaking or other paddle activities bear both known and unanticipated risks and may expose me to hazard: which could result in injury, death, illness or disease, physical or mental, mental anguish or trauma, or damage to myself, my property, or to third parties. Injuries and deaths among paddlers can and do occur due to hazards which include, but are not limited to, capsizing, drowning, hypothermia, winds, waves, currents, rapidly changing weather and water conditions, eddies, whirlpools, rapids, rocks, surf, tide rips, other natural hazards, equipment failure, entrapment against natural or man made structures due to wind or current, and collision with anchored, moored, or moving water craft. I understand some of the above risks and hazards, and others unnamed may be encountered. I understand water levels, tide, currents, weather or other conditions or circumstances may make a change in paddling or related plans reasonable or necessary.
2. My participation in paddling or other UKC activities is purely voluntary, with understanding of the risks, and I choose to participate in spite of the risks. I expressly agree to accept and assume all responsibility and risk for injury, death, illness or disease, or damage to my property or other property arising from my participation in this paddling and/or activity organized by UKC. I assume responsibility for properly using and caring for UKC equipment. In the event equipment I am responsible for is damaged or lost in the course of club activities, I will repair or replace the equipment or financially compensate the club for any needed repairs or replacement. I understand ensuring the good condition and maintenance of club equipment is a collective responsibility and agree to promptly report any damage or problems I encounter with UKC equipment to UKC's equipment manager.
3. I know UKC activity coordinators such as pool session coordinators, trip coordinators, and kayak polo captains are recreational volunteers. They are not professional leaders or guides. They seek safety but are not infallible. They might be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, water, or terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or direction. An activity coordinator may not have had any organized or formal training in whitewater or sea kayaking boating skills, boating safety skills, leading trips, first aid, or CPR. If I prefer to engage in UKC activities only with coordinators who have had formal training in one or more of these areas, it is my responsibility to ask the coordinator about their experience and training and it is solely my decision whether the coordinator's qualifications are satisfactory to me. Coordinators are not responsible for judging my qualifications or for my safety. A trip coordinator may never have run the scheduled river, or paddled the particular stretch of water. Or they may have done so, but not under the current conditions.
4. Should it become necessary for UKC, or someone acting in UKC's behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement or any portion thereof, I agree to indemnify and hold UKC harmless for such costs and attorney fees. I certify that I have sufficient health, accident, and/or liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage I may incur or cause while participating in UKC activities. If I have no such insurance, I agree to pay the costs for all expenses or liability.
5. I further certify I will limit my involvement with UKC to activities for which I have the requisite skills, training, and physical vigor. I have no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with safety or else I am willing to assume—and bear the costs of—all risks which may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. I understand I am responsible for my own safety and rescue, and than no other participant, including trip coordinators, UKC officers, or other UKC volunteers, is responsible for extricating me from danger or potential danger. I am aware situations may arise where no rescue is possible and not all lives can be saved.
6. If I participate in river paddles, understand I am responsible for learning to recognize river hazards, and for developing the skills and practicing techniques for avoiding these hazards. If I participate in paddles on Puget Sound, in the San Juans, or on other large bodies of water I am responsible for understanding the effect of tides, currents, and weather on paddling difficulty and safety. If I participate in kayak polo I am responsible for knowing the rules of the game and conducting proper play. I am responsible for developing the abilities and practicing the skills, such as edging, bracing, and rolling, needed to handle difficult paddling conditions. I am also responsible for acquiring boating safety and rescue skills commensurate with the level of difficulty of the paddles I undertake. I acknowledge UKC provides informal training for its members where experienced members of the club provide instruction to the best of their ability but are limited to the extent of their own training. It is my responsibility to actively pursue the appropriate information and become familiar with the skills associated with activities of interest.
7. I understand that if I lack the necessary skill, training, or vigor I increase both my own level of risk and the hazard to other people who may be participating in the activity. I will not endanger my life or the lives or others by trying to paddle under conditions which are beyond my ability.
8. In the event that I file a lawsuit against UKC or the University of Washington I agree to do so solely in the state of Washington, and I further agree that the substantive law of Washington shall apply in such action without regard to the conflict of law rules of the state. If any portion of this release and acknowledgement of risk is held to be invalid by a court of law, it is agreed that the balance of the document shall remain in full force and effect.
9. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless UKC and the University of Washington from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in paddles or other UKC activities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of UKC.

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IN SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT IF ANYONE IS HURT OR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED WHILE I AM ENGAGED IN PADDLING OR OTHER UKC ACTIVITIES, I MAY BE FOUND BY A COURT OF LAW TO HAVE WAIVED ANY RIGHT TO MAINTAIN A LAWSUIT AGAINST UKC, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR VOLUNTEERS, EVEN IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM NEGLIGENTLY CAUSE THE BODILY HARM OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ON THE BASIS OF ANY CLAIM FROM WHICH I HAVE RELEASED UKC HEREIN.

I understand UKC is a cooperative organization where all members share responsibility and that UKC is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable atmosphere in which to participate in paddling activities. It is my responsibility to speak out, to inform the club officers when something occurs which is contrary to the positive goals of the club, and to suggest any improvements where appropriate. I am solely responsible for the following decisions at all times:

1. The decision to participate in any UKC activity.
2. The decision to put a boat in the water and begin paddling under the conditions existing at the time of the put in.
3. Choosing what equipment to use and inspecting it to make sure it is in good condition before using it.
4. Deciding whether to scout any rapid on a river or to run any particular rapid.
5. Whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of equipment.
6. Whether or to not take advantage of any walk-out or take-out opportunity.

I acknowledge I am expected to perform these actions during UKC activities and agree to perform them:

1. Inform myself of the difficulty of any river or stretch of water under current existing conditions.
2. Inform the activity coordinator of my skills, experience, and training.
3. Inform the activity coordinator of any health conditions which may affect my abilities during a UKC activity.
4. Equip myself with appropriate safety gear and warm clothing.
5. Observe good safety practices.
6. To inform the activity coordinator of any injuries I sustain, or if I am becoming fatigued, chilled, dehydrated, or suffering from any other condition which may impair my ability to paddle.
7. During a river or sea trip, inform the trip coordinator of any paddling decisions I make (to scout or not, to take out, to paddle a rapid, to change your paddling course).

The activity coordinator is responsible for the following:

1. To be familiar with the rendezvous place, put-in, take-out, and shuttle if applicable.
2. To be informed of the existing water and weather conditions to the extent possible before arriving at the site.
3. To respond to participant inquiries to the best of their knowledge, about the river or sea-kayaking site, the coordinator's own training and experience, and the participants' training and experience.
4. Organizing transportation and the shuttle.
5. Providing information and advice to the best of the coordinator's ability when requested.

I acknowledge activity coordinators have the authority to refuse allow a person to participate in UKC activities on paddling related grounds, but it is not the coordinator's responsibility to determine whether I am qualified for a particular activity.

My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I certify that I am not a minor or, that if I am, my parent's or legal guardian's indemnification is attached to this document.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (Minor's name) being permitted by the University Kayak Club (UKC) to participate in its activities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless UKC from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of said Minor, and which are in any way connected with such Minor's participant.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PAYMENT SHEET

UNIVERSITY KAYAK CLUB      ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Husky Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Stop: 35 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One => Female  Male

Check One => Student  Faculty / Staff  Spouse / Partner

### Membership (Circle One Number)

	Quarter Joining			
	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Students	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Faculty & Staff	\$48	\$41	\$34	\$27

**This section is for the HUB Ticket Office only.**

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment received by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the following:**

Seen a valid Husky Card.

Issued membership card.