



The Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network Statement of Understanding

I, (print your name) _____,

a participant this _____ day of _____, 200____
in a kayak trip advertised through the Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network (SMSKN) hereby state that I have read
the following Statement of Understanding and fully understand and agree with its contents:

1. that SMSKN is a social non-profit organization that exists for the sole purpose of allowing people who enjoy the sport to meet each other and share among themselves information and resources regarding the safe enjoyment of sea kayaking. As such, SMSKN does not benefit financially from my participation in events,
2. that SMSKN is a network of self-motivated people just like me who enjoy kayaking and appreciate the opportunity to coordinate kayaking activities with others with like interests,
3. that SMSKN members are not required to be trained, pre-qualified, tested, or rated prior to volunteering to play any particular role on trips advertised through the Network,
4. that sea kayaking involves significant risks including the risks of personal injury, drowning, disability, and equipment loss,
5. that water conditions can change rapidly and unpredictably in response to changing currents, passing boats or ships, changing weather, or other factors,
6. that at events advertised through the Network, injury or loss might result from my own or from others' actions, inactions, negligence, from equipment failure, or from risks not known or foreseen,
7. that other participants in an event advertised through the Network may not know how or be able to save me should I be in trouble,
8. that it is my responsibility when taking part in trips advertised through the Network to equip myself properly and to take appropriate safety precautions, including developing my kayak safety skills,
9. that it is advisable to inform my fellow paddlers of any significant aspects of my physical condition or medical history that might increase risks to myself or anyone else,
10. THAT ON TRIPS ADVERTISED THROUGH THE NETWORK, IT IS SOLELY MY RESPONSIBILITY TO JUDGE CONDITIONS, TO DECIDE TO LAUNCH OR NOT LAUNCH, TO SEEK HELP, AND TO DECIDE TO RETURN TO SHORE WHEN I JUDGE IT APPROPRIATE TO DO SO.

I therefore agree to assume all responsibility for my personal safety against all associated risks in their entirety when participating in events advertised through the Network.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Trip Organizer: _____ Date: _____