

## **Wasabi Paddling Club Small Boat Certifications Policies**

### **Preamble**

Wasabi owns a number of small boats, including both OC-1 and OC-2 boats. Club members are allowed to use these boats (subject to first checking the on-line OC reservation calendar). The Board of Directors adopts the following policies to use of these small boats.

### **Formal Policies**

1. In order to use Wasabi's small boats, a paddler must first be certified in use of the small boats.
2. Certifications shall be granted solely by the Wasabi OC Coordinator or that person's designated agent (which designation shall be in writing and given to the Wasabi Secretary). The same rule shall apply to persons holding the clinics.
3. Small boat certifications consist of the following steps.
  - a. Paddlers must attend a small boat clinic before using a Wasabi small boat.
  - b. The clinic will consist of training in how to rig a small boat, how to carry a small boat, demonstrating the ability to paddle a small boat, and passing a huli test.
4. The huli test shall consist of the following steps.
  - a. Huli tests will be monitored by either a team coach (not an assistant coach), a Board member, or the OC Coordinator.
  - b. The paddler must be able to huli the boat, return the boat to upright, and get back into the boat – all within two minutes.
  - c. Paddlers can choose to use a "huli strap" to assist them in righting the boat.
5. Huli tests must be done every two years.
6. A paddler can ask the Board for a "hall pass" exception to the huli test requirement. This applies to a paddler who is personally known to a Wasabi coach to have strong proficiency in the use of small boats. That coach can then make a written recommendation to the Board that this individual paddler not have to take the huli test before using the club's small boats. This would not exempt the paddler from the every two years rule.
7. The small boat certification rules and the huli rules do not apply to paddlers who are performing time trials under the direct supervision of a team coach.