



Ecomarine Ocean Kayak Centre – Youth Consent Form

INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

To be completed for participants under the age of 19.

This *Consent and Acknowledgment of Risk* form is an agreement between the custodial parent/guardian of the minor participant named below and Ecomarine Ocean Kayak Centre (Ecomarine). The choice to participate in any Ecomarine program is made freely and with understanding of the associated benefits, risks and responsibilities. This is not a waiver and signing this form DOES NOT waive your child's legal rights. **Please initial the two boxes (below right) to indicate that you and the participant named have read each section and sign below to confirm that you understand and agree to the following terms.**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The activities offered at Ecomarine are designed to pose appropriate challenges for participants. The enjoyment and educational benefit derived from outdoor activities is, in part, a result of risks inherent in these activities. The benefits of participation include developing self-confidence, leadership, teamwork and interpersonal skills, exposure to outdoor recreation activities, and nature education. While Ecomarine strives to manage risk, it is neither possible nor desirable to eliminate all risk.

In consideration of (**print participant's name**) _____, for whom I am the custodial parent or legal guardian, being allowed to participate in any Ecomarine program, I understand that:

- Ecomarine offers outdoor activities which include, but are not limited to: flat water and ocean kayaking; stand up paddle boarding; and instructional courses.
- Outdoor activities include inherent risks that may be different or greater than those risks normally assumed at home, work or school. These risks include but are not limited to: slipping; insect or animal bites; immersion in cold water; hypothermia (cold exposure); hyperthermia (heat exposure); uneven terrain; stream crossings; unpredictability of weather and ocean conditions; psychological and physical reaction to extreme natural forces and conditions; collision with exposed or unexposed hazards including vessels; loss or damage of personal property; injury; permanent disability; or fatality.
- Communication and emergency response times may be significantly longer than in urban settings.
- I may contact Ecomarine in advance if I have questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program.

I UNDERSTAND

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I agree that participation in Ecomarine activities requires the Participant to:

- Share the responsibility for the safety of their self and others during all activities.
- Follow all instructions and directions of Ecomarine Instructors/Guides. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
- Assume the above risks and accept responsibility for all damages and loss resulting from their participation.

I AGREE

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I, as the custodial parent/legal guardian of the Participant, am not relying on any oral, written or visual representation or statements by Ecomarine or any other inducement or coercion to go on the program, and I want the Participant to attend Ecomarine's program.

I agree that this Agreement shall be governed exclusively in all respects by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

Signed by Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian:

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Optional:

Consent to Display Photographs and Images

I give my consent to Ecomarine to use photographs or other images of the Participant for educational or promotional purposes, as they deem fit.

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature