

## Station Name: Beach Volunteers

**Location:** On Beach

**Setup Items:** All usable boats laid out on the beach area, organized by size, life jacket signs, caution tape/stakes, direction signs.

**Description:** Beach volunteers will assign customers an appropriate boat, ensure that they properly adjust their footpegs, assist them in carrying their boat to the waterline, oversee launches, oversee landings, and ensure customers deposit their used equipment appropriately. Beach volunteers will wear a mask while dealing with customers or when social distancing is not feasible.

- Kayak selection and entering the kayak
  - Customers have been explained how to get into and out of their boat at station 2. Remember to always stay 6 feet away from customers at all times!
  - Customers will be waiting at the rack line. When the beach is clear, call the next group down.
  - Ask each customer their weight (if necessary) and assign each customer a kayak that is appropriate for their weight
    - Weight limits can be found in each boat on the interior side wall. This is the max recommended weight for ASC kayaks.
  - Allow customers to settle into their boats and check that they have adjusted their footpegs correctly. Ask them to stand at the stern of their boats when they are ready.
  - Either have customers pair up to carry their boats to the water or assist by carrying one end while the customer carries the other end (children and people that are not strong may need help at both ends, do not handle customer contact areas of the kayaks).
  - Make sure customers give their name and boat number to the board master before the kayak is taken to the water.
  - Oversee participants entering their boat, remind them to maintain 3 points of contact, and have them do a final life jacket check before allowing them to launch themselves off the beach.
    - You can give a small push from the end of the kayak if someone is having a very hard time getting launched.
- Launching
  - Remind customers to not drag boats! Always carry with a partner. Only carry boats by the handles located at the bow and stern.
  - Remind customers to communicate with the board master
  - To launch, put your kayak halfway or more in the water, place your paddle parallel to your boat on the ground, and use 3 points of contact to enter the boat and get comfortable. You can then use your hands on the ground to “scoot” out into the water picking up your paddle as you do so.
    - You may also teach a parallel entry if the customer is comfortable.
- Landing/return to beach
  - Instruct customers to wait on the water (around 4 boat lengths offshore) until called onto the beach
  - Instruct customers to paddle fast straight at the beach area to help them get as far up on the sand as possible
  - Once they have beached, instruct them to lay their paddle parallel to your boat on the sand and use 3 points of contact to exit. Remind them to keep their life jacket on.
  - Pick up 1 end of their kayak while they pick up the other end of the kayak and their paddle. Carry everything to the right (near the sheds). Have them drop their paddle and life jacket in the canoe and place their kayak in the area to sanitize it.
  - Instruct them to exit by walking up the gravel walkway

### Sanitizing:

- Encourage customers to only touch the equipment they will be using to minimize cross contamination.
- If you come in contact with an unsanitized surface, please use hand sanitizer.
- If a customer needs to use a different kayak after sitting in a kayak, carry the kayak to the sanitizing area near the sheds/racks so it can be sanitized.

### Cleanup:

- Replace all unused kayaks back on the racks at the end of each session

