AGREEMENT THAT I ASSUME THE RISKS OF KAYAKING

I want to take part in the activities of the Seattle Sea Kayak Club, a noncommercial group of people interested the sport and recreation of kayaking. In return for being able to join in these activities, I agree to assume the risks and dangers of kayaking. I also agree that I will be personally responsible for my own safety and that of any minor person whom I bring to a club activity.

The risks of kayaking. Kayaking can be a dangerous and sometimes life-threatening sport. There are various hazards associated with this kind of outdoor activity, including particularly the tides, currents, and unpredictability of the weather and the sea, accidents and illness in remote places, and the actions of other participants.

My responsibilities. I am responsible for my own safety and happiness. It is my responsibility to review the club's descriptions of skill required for each trip level (*e.g.* SK I, SK II) and trip equipment as published, and as may be updated from time to time in the newsletter, and to be sure I have the skills and necessary equipment to participate in club trips and activities. I am also responsible for seeing that any guest I bring to a club activity understands and signs a copy of this agreement.

Trip leaders and coordinators. Trip leaders are not in any way trained, certified, or prequalified by the club so far as their skills and abilities as kayakers or leaders. They act voluntarily and without compensation, in the same manner that anyone among a group of acquaintances might agree to act as leader for a particular activity or trip.

Release of liability. In assuming the risks described above, I agree that I and my family and heirs release the club and its members from all liability and claims I may have arising out of any club activity.

I have read and understood this release and assumption of risk, and I agree to all its terms.

DATE: _____

Signature	Print Name

Minimum Equipment for Club Trips

PFD (CG approved life jacket)
Spray skirt
Flotation in both ends of boat (air bags or bulkheads)
Bailing device
Rain gear
Warm change of clothes (polypro type preferred)
Hat
Fresh water
Basic outdoor items, incl. whistle, waterproof matches or lighter, flashlight, sunglasses and sunscreen, knife

Highly Recommended for All Trips

Paddle leash
Paddle float for self rescue
Compass
Charts of area
First aid kit
Flares
Extra food
Tow line (50')

Note: A trip leader may turn you away for not having adequate equipment, but it's <u>your</u> responsibility to make sure you have it. A trip leader may also require that you bring additional equipment.