RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

I want to take part in the activities of the Seattle Sea Kayaking 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 these activities. I also agree that I will be personally responsible for my own safety and that of any minor person 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.

The risks of other club activities. In addition to kayaking, the club also arranges other types of activities and works with vendors to provide products and services such as guiding, training, lodging, food, equipment, transportation and facilities for meetings and practice. These arrangements are made purely for the convenience of members. Each such activity, product or service creates risks such as defective equipment, cancelled trips, negligence or poor quality service, which in turn can result in injury, property loss or financial loss. The club and its members make no representations about the quality of any vendor or the services, products, or facilities they provide, and take no responsibility for any losses or injuries resulting from them. I am responsible for determining whether any such activity or vendor meets my needs and for taking any steps I deem necessary to protect myself from any injuries or losses.

Release of liability. I assume 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 agreement and I agree to all its terms.

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