

# Snowgoose Mountain Centre

## Kayak (Sea & River) & Open Canoe Hire Package & Personal Safety 2010

### The Hire Package 2010

When kayak or open canoe gear is hired out from Snowgoose Mountain Centre you should expect to be issued with:-

Kayaks (Sea of River) as per your booking form. These are always fully checked on return from trips & before clients go out on hire.

The boats will be issued along with paddles; buoyancy aids (these will always be fitted individually from our stores at Corpach); suitable safety gear (including flares, first aid kit, throw bags - if required).

The most of our boats you will be using have inherent built in buoyancy. Those that do not have lower specific gravity will be fitted with extra buoyancy. (We have found that some folks will take out and let down fitted air bags in open canoes to make extra room for gear). Barrels & camp gear will also give additional buoyancy.

#### **Increased Safety**

The lower specific gravity (SG) of the triple layer material increases its inherent buoyancy and makes the canoe float much higher when full of water, assisting with self-rescue techniques

#### **Increased Durability**

Even if the outer shell is damaged, the core will not absorb any water, leak or suffer any lasting damage

#### **Greater Rigidity**

Improving efficiency through the water and greatly reducing flex in rougher conditions making it a suitable material for canoes which will venture out on to rivers and in rougher conditions.

#### **Loading Boats - How much gear can we take with us?**

We are frequently asked how much gear folks can carry in kayaks & open canoes. Purely as a guideline:-

- 3 man 17' open canoes (Colemans) have a maximum load capacity of 660 lbs. If there are 3 paddlers of approx 12 stone each they will weigh approx 504 lbs. This will leave a gear carrying capacity of 156 lbs between the 3 paddlers.
- In a 2 man 15' canoe if there is 2 paddlers of approx the same weight this will leave approx 322 lbs gear carrying capacity between 2 paddlers.
- In our 2 man 15' Symphony the load carrying capacity is 880 lbs – with 2 folks of approx 12 stone this will leave a gear capacity of 544 lbs
- Our 2 man 16' Rangers / Symphony have a load carrying capacity of 990 lbs. This will leave a gear capacity of 654 lbs.

We have available for hire wet suits, canoe cags, wet feet plus full camping gear.

### **Personal Safety**

Before you take our boats out on hire we will always do our level best to ensure that you are properly kitted out, equipped and adequately informed for your trip. We have a duty of care towards our clients.

**However**, you and your party do have a personal responsibility in terms of your own safety.

- You must ensure that **all** of your group have the necessary skills, knowledge & experience to look after themselves and others on the trip you have planned - should the weather turn against you.
- All of the group should be able to effect rescues in Force 2 – 4 winds.
- The group should be able to carry out effective rafting procedures if the need arises
- Please ensure that the entire group aware of what to do if an emergency does arise.