

REGISTRATION 2022

AFRICAN PADDLING ASSOCIATION

Sea Kayaking



Representing the Commercial Paddling Industry
Operators, Guides and Instructors
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Welcome to the African Paddling Association Sea Kayaking. We aim to keep things simple, functional and as inexpensive as possible. Membership is voluntary and each Operating Membership includes one free Individual Registration as well. If you are keen to join our association, please complete and return this form, together with an individual form for your nominated individual. You will be sent an invoice with our bank details.

2022 Membership Fee: R250

You will receive:

- Laminated Certificate
- Training Manual
- Training Video
- Listing on APA Sea Kayaking Website

MEMBERS ACCEPT THE CODES

(see overleaf)

All members of APA Sea Kayaking are bound by the APA Sea Kayaking Codes. By registering, you signify that you accept and will abide by the codes.

Please complete the following and let us know if any of your details change in future

Company Name: Province:

Office contact number:

E-mail Address:

Physical Address:

..... Code:

Postal Address:

..... Code:

Contact Person

Surname:..... First names :

Designation: Contact number (mobile):

Products offered (attach further info if necessary):

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Current Areas of Water Operation (Required by SAMSA):

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CODE OF SAFETY

- Guides and participants will always act cautiously and responsibly.
- Each trip will be led by an appropriately qualified and experienced Trip Leader, supported, if required, by an appropriately qualified and experienced Guide Team that meets the recommendations in terms of guide to client ratios.
- The Guide Team will be equipped with the appropriate safety equipment for the conditions and have appropriate communication tools for example, mobile, satellite or radio contact.
- Craft will be selected according to prevailing conditions and all craft will be maintained in good working order.
- Operators will maintain an SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) document relating to the various trips they run. Although each SOP will be unique to the company concerned, all will include certain basic aspects with regards to safety & rescue and emergency procedures as well as Leave No Trace principles.
- All participants will be warned that no alcohol or intoxicants are to be taken during the eight hours preceding and during any paddling activities and it is the operator's responsibility to enforce this rule.
- Operator will communicate minimum or maximum age, weight, and experience to participants, based on conditions and location.
- All participants will be correctly equipped and warned to always wear a personal flotation device (pfd). Pfd's and helmet (if required) will be properly fitted and worn to manufacturer's specifications.
- All trips will begin with the APA Sea Kayaking Safety briefing appropriately modified for the particular paddling discipline and section.
- Operators will ensure that correct safety gear is provided, and guides will check this gear daily
- All participants must sign appropriately worded indemnity forms before departure.
- Participants will be warned about known risks and hazards and how to avoid them.
- Guide to client ratio 1:5 boats or 1:10 clients on ideal conditions, add more guides for bigger groups or less than ideal conditions

CODE OF PRACTICE

Vision:

- Together we build a commercial ocean and flatwater paddling sector that is affordable and accessible with world class standards

Mission:

- Work together to increase the standard and lower the cost

Values:

- Keep the main thing the main thing
- Take part to give, not only to receive
- Better together
- Celebrate innovation
- Bring the solutions not just the problems

As an Adventure Guide, I understand that I have a duty of care to the participants on my trip and to the environment that we travel in. I agree to the following:

- I will adhere to and always uphold the APA Sea Kayaking Code of Safety
- I will always place the wellbeing of the participants on my trip first
- I will strive to be respectful and kind whenever possible and to actively avoid all forms of discrimination and disrespect
- I will follow the Leave No Trace principles, adjusted as necessary for the SOP of the trip I am running
- I will respect all wildlife and take care not to disturb it
- I will respect property boundaries, landowner rights and community rights and will always seek access permission, where this is required
- I will take care to treat fellow guides and other operators with respect and in a spirit of co-operation and collaboration.

UNDERTAKING: I accept the conditions of APA Sea Kayaking membership.

Date:.....Place:.....Signed:.....