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Hire & Drive Vessels Inspection Requirements for Canoes

1. GENERAL

This Guidance note should be read in conjunction with the Northern Territory Marine (Hire and Drive Vessel) Regulations. Information as required by Section 8 of the regulations are given below.

2. CANOES

- 2.1. May be G.R.P, plastic, aluminum or timber: minimum length 3.0 metres.
- 2.2. Must be such that escape is easy in the event of capsiz. Kayaks and similar designs are not acceptable.
- 2.3. The bow and stern shall be decked in for a length not less than 400mm from the fore end of the bow and the after end of the stern.
- 2.4. Built in buoyancy required, to AS 1799.1. Swamp testing will be required to check for level flotation to AS1799.1. Number of persons allowed will be decided after these tests.

Enclosed compartments with air will not be treated as buoyancy and will have to be punctured before tests.
- 2.5. A buoyancy aid complying with AS 1512 shall be carried for each person adult or child and hirers are required to wear them in canoes in accordance with conditions on the permit.
- 2.6. Paddles to be provided. Paddles should float when dropped in water.
- 2.7. Canoes will **not** be permitted outside sheltered harbour waters.
- 2.8. Canoes shall be double ended without any arrangements for engine oars or sail.
- 2.9. With maximum load evenly distributed, freeboard of the canoe is not to be less than 150mm.
- 2.10 A flooded canoe without load is to have at the midship point minimum freeboard of 50mm.
- 2.11 One canoe of each type will be required to be swamp tested.

3. INSPECTION OF CANOES

- Check general condition including grablines
- Ensure buoyancy in place and in good condition
- Check paddles and buoyancy aids
- Check marking and identification number
- Trial may be required

4. Any item not covered in this note shall be as per the USL Code and requirements of surveyor.

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