

Sproat Lake Canoe Club

Membership, Dues & Waiver

Everything a new or returning paddler needs — how to join, what it costs, and what you're agreeing to when you get on the water with us.

Joining SLCC

1. Register with CORA

CORA (Canadian Outrigger Racing Association) is the national outrigger body that provides our insurance and oversees events, clinics, workshops, and races. Each member pays \$40 per year (January to December) to join the association.

1. Go to the CORA website: canadianoutrigger.ca (or Google "CORA Membership")
2. Click "Join Us"
3. Click "Become a Member"
4. Click "Adult Membership"
5. Fill in your personal information. When asked for club affiliation, select Sproat Lake Canoe Club. Also tick the box for their waiver.
6. Proceed to payment (\$40) online by credit card. (E-transfer may not be available for this payment — credit card only.)
7. Save your confirmation number or proof of payment.

8. Email your confirmation number or proof of payment to Lorraine at sproatlakecanoecub@gmail.com

2. Bring Your Paperwork to the Club

New members should complete a Membership Form and Waiver (available at the club) and bring it to their next paddle, placing it in the membership folder in the shed.

There is also an SLCC Membership Fee of \$5 per year, payable by cash (with your name noted) or e-transfer to sproatlakecanoecub@gmail.com.

After your first two free paddles, you'll choose between the \$5 per-paddle fee or one of the unlimited paddling plans below.

3. Join TeamSnap

New members are invited to join TeamSnap, which is used to access the paddling calendar and sign up for sessions. Once added, please review the "New Member" file on the TeamSnap Dashboard (under Media).

Payment Methods

- E-transfer to sproatlakecanoecub@gmail.com
- Cheque

Please include the dates you are paying for with your payment.

Dues Protocol

Payment runs on a quarterly system:

Term	Rate
3 months	\$45
6 months	\$85
12 months	\$160
Pay-per-paddle	\$5 per paddle

Quarterly Blocks

The calendar year is divided into four blocks. Members may choose a 3-month, 6-month, or 1-year term, or a combination that works for them.

Block	Due Date	Expiry Date
Jan 1 – Mar 31	Jan 1	Mar 31
Apr 1 – Jun 30	Apr 1	Jun 30
Jul 1 – Sep 30	Jul 1	Sep 30
Oct 1 – Dec 31	Oct 1	Dec 31

Payment Amounts

Includes the \$5 Membership Fee, added to the first payment of the year, due Jan 1

- **Quarterly:** first payment \$50, then \$45 for each following quarter
- **Semi-annually:** first payment \$90, then \$85 for the second payment
- **Annually:** \$165
- **Pay-per-paddle:** the \$5 Membership Fee is due by Jan 1

Medical Leave

For major illness only — surgery, accidents, bereavement, or conditions a physician advises against paddling for (no doctor's note required).

Members on medical leave must be off paddling for at least one month. Credit is given for that month and any following time, prorated weekly according to the member's payment plan, and deducted from their next payment.

Paddling Fees & New Paddlers

Members are encouraged to use the quarterly system — a member paddling 3 times a month (9 times per quarter) breaks even against the quarterly rate, and paddling more is a bargain.

Members may also pay ahead for a block of paddles and track usage on the honour system, to reduce cash handling.

New Paddlers

After 2 free paddles, a new paddler may pay \$5 per paddle until the next quarterly block begins, or alternatively \$15 per month (new-paddler rate only) until then.

Example: Eddie joins February 15th. He gets 2 free paddles, then pays \$5 per paddle for the rest of February. Starting in March, he can pay \$15 for the month if he expects to paddle 3+ times, then move to a quarterly (or other) plan after that.

Please note: if you know you won't be paddling at certain times of year (e.g., winter or summer), review the available rates carefully — a combination of plans may be most cost-effective. Credit is not given for time missed by choice.

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement

Summary of the agreement all members sign upon joining. The full agreement is completed and signed as part of the membership process.

By participating in SLCC paddling programs — including competitions, races, demonstrations, practices, events, boat rentals, orientation, and instruction sessions — members acknowledge and agree to the following:

Acknowledgement of Risk

Paddling carries inherent dangers, hazards, and risks, including but not limited to: accidents while loading and unloading equipment; abrupt weather changes; collisions with objects, paddlers, or bystanders; variable water and current conditions; equipment failure or improper use; negligence of others; capsizing; falling from the boat; poor swimming ability; site hazards; sustained physical exertion; travel to and from the site; drowning; and cold-water immersion or hypothermia.

Members acknowledge that injuries from these risks are a probable occurrence, and that this includes the possibility of negligence on the part of the club, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives (the "Releasees").

Release of Liability

In consideration of being permitted to participate and use SLCC equipment and facilities, members:

1. Waive any and all claims against the Releasees, and release them from liability for any loss, damage, expense, or injury — including death — arising from participation in paddling programs, for any cause including negligence.
2. Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from liability for any damage or injury to a third party resulting from

the member's participation.

3. Understand this agreement binds their heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and representatives in the event of death or incapacity.

Members confirm that, in signing, they are waiving certain legal rights — including the right to sue — that they or their heirs and representatives may otherwise have against the club.

Paddlers under 19 years of age require a parent or guardian signature.

Safety Requirements

Members must be familiar with and agree to comply with SLCC's rules and procedures and the CORA Safety Manual, and must be able to swim 50 metres competently and re-board a canoe from the water with minimal assistance.

New paddlers are encouraged to review the CORA Safety Manual and CORA Huli Recovery guidance, both available at canadianoutrigger.ca.

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