



## Boat Use Guidelines and Safety Rules

The following *Boat Use Guidelines and Boat Safety Rules* are to be followed by ALL participants when renting and using WBDBC boats and equipment. Safety is the Priority! The Tiller must review all safety procedures at the beginning of each practice. The Caller is the captain and decision maker. Both Tiller and Caller should be on the lookout for dangerous situations at all times.

- **NO** practices are to be held after dusk.
- **In an emergency, stay with the boat.**
- In the event of high winds or inclement weather practice will be cancelled and rescheduled. All applicable fees will be credited to the rescheduled practice.
- No more than two non paddlers (in addition to the Caller and Tiller) are allowed in the boat at anytime. eg. photographers or bench coaches.
- There must be at least 10 (and no more than 20) **trained\*\*** paddlers, on the boat at any time.
- When individual paddlers are changing position on the boat, all other paddlers must obey the “Brace the Boat” command.
- Fenders, bumpers and lines should be securely fastened to the boat at all times.
- One extra paddle and personal flotation device (PFD) will be on the boat during all practices.
- All US Coast Guard rules (posted on [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) ) must be followed at all times. (See laminated green sheet in Check-in Kit)
- Everyone on the boat must be wearing a US Coast Guard approved, adjusted, and fastened, personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. NO Exceptions.
- Damage to the boat or equipment is reported to SMI immediately.

**\* Caller and tiller approval requires 5 practices with an experienced trainer on board and written approval filed at the SMI/World Beat office by a WBDBC chair. For more information call 503.581.2004.**

**\*\* To ensure that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency, all paddlers, regardless of previous experience, must attend dry dock training by a qualified trainer before going out on the river. This can take place before a water practice.**