Lakeside Paddlesports Club 'Peer Paddling' policy.

Trips advertised through Lakeside Paddlesports club social media platform fits into one of two categories. **'Peer Paddles' or 'Club Activity'.** These definitions and their limitations are described below:

Peer Paddles – Peer paddles can be advertised through Lakeside Paddlesports clubs' members Facebook group only. These adverts must include the following statement in order to comply with the clubs' rules.

This is a 'peer paddle' and not supported by the club's safety framework. To see the definition of peer paddle and its limitations please refer to the Peer Paddle Policy on the club website.

KEY POINTS:

· Insurance Coverage: Peer paddles are not covered by club liability insurance. Participants usually need their own individual membership (e.g., Paddle UK "On the Water" membership) for insurance purposes.

· Responsibility: Nobody takes overall responsibility for the safety or wellbeing of the group. Group members are expected to look out for each other whilst staying within their own capabilities/limitations, but there is no onus on anyone to support anyone else if they do not feel confident doing so in any given situation. Nobody on a Peer Paddle has any duty of care for the group. Organisers have no more authority over the group or responsibility for the group than any other participants.

· Risk: Kayaking and canoeing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

· Definition: A peer paddle is one that has not been assessed as part of the club's safety framework. Peer paddles are ad-hoc trips organized by members for members. They are not covered by club leaders or coaches.

· Kit: Access to club kit is not permitted for peer paddles. The participants are responsible for their own kit.

Club Activity – A Club activity is any that has been assessed as part of the Club's safety framework and advertised on the Club social media, calendar, website, email or noticeboard.' These are any advert which does not state it is a 'Peer Paddle.'

KEY POINTS:

· Insurance Coverage: Club activities are covered by club liability insurance provided to us through affiliation with PUK.

· Responsibility: Club activities have been assessed through the club's safety framework. It has been risk assessed and ran by trained and qualified leaders or coaches.

· Risk: Kayaking and canoeing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. The club has assessed the risk to make it as low as reasonably practicable. Copies of the club's risk assessments are available on each club activity.

· Definition: A Club activity is any that has been assessed as part of the Club's safety framework and advertised on the Club social media, calendar, website, email or noticeboard.'

· Kit: Club kit is available to borrow for any club activity for members.