



## **Marine Notice No. 31 of 2019**

*Notice to all Masters, Owners and Users of Pleasure and Recreational Craft.*

### **Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft: Canoeing and Kayaking**

In response to Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) recommendations, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to draw attention to the availability of the Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft and in particular to Chapter 7 which deals with canoeing and kayaking.

Canoeists, kayakers and kayaking and canoeing organisations are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the contents of the Code of Practice and to comply with the safety advice and recommendations of the Code.

The Code is divided into two parts followed by a series of Appendices. Part A outlines the legislative requirements that apply to all recreational craft or specific types or size of craft. Owners and operators must comply with the requirements appropriate to their craft. Part B contains recommended guidelines and best practice for the safe operation of a range of recreational craft including canoes and kayaks.

Chapter 7 (Canoeing/Kayaking) of the Code gives advice to heed prior to taking to the water including details on appropriate training and information on personal safety equipment. There is also information on sea kayaking, river kayaking and canoeing.

The Code is a free document and hardcopies can be obtained on request, in both English and Irish, from the Maritime Safety Policy Division of the Department at email [MarineLeisureSafety@dtas.gov.ie](mailto:MarineLeisureSafety@dtas.gov.ie).

The Code is also available to view or download from [www.dttas.gov.ie](http://www.dttas.gov.ie). For convenience, Chapter 7 of the Code is also available to view or download from [www.safetyonthewater.ie](http://www.safetyonthewater.ie) in addition to the full publication.

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