

Information to Support the Event Checklist

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Touring Events

1. Safety Equipment:

Each touring or coastal boat must carry Transport Canada required equipment: whistle, heaving line, bailer or working pump, and one life jacket per rower and coxswain. Coach boats, generally in Coastal Waters, may be required by Transport Canada to carry additional equipment, e.g., flares, if more than 2 km from shore.

If navigating through canal locks, at least one cable hook per boat is required.

2. Internet for weather:

The organizer must have a cell phone with internet connections and must check the hourly forecast and relevant radar on the day before the tour and on the morning of the tour.

3. Contact for Emergency Services:

The organizer has researched the required emergency services (including hospitals phone numbers) for the tour route and will give these telephone numbers to each boat captain.

4. Route chart or map:

A route chart or map must be provided to each captain in a boat.

5. Emergency supplies:

A First Aid kit and a thermal blanket must be present.

6. Reconnaissance:

A reconnaissance must have been carried out, either by land, or water in order to identify launch/landing spots (including for emergency landings).

7. Safety Plan:

A Safety Plan must be created by the Tour Organizer or their delegate.

8. Touring Guidelines:

The Tour Organizer must have read the Touring Guidelines document.

9. Requirements for Participants:

All participants must sign a waiver. Tours are for experienced scullers, with, at least, one full year of sculling practice. Tour organisers may set higher standards.

10. Safety Boats:

Safety boats are required if temperature is below 5 C or if rowing on Coastal Waters.

11. Safety Boat drivers:

If required, all safety boat drivers must meet Transport Canada requirements and be competent to operate their assigned boats.

12. Communication tools:

If it is a Coastal Waters tour, then a two way radio system with a range capable of receiving a clear signal for the maximum distance required for safety purposes, with a minimum of three operating channels, must be available for communications.

13. Drinking Water:

Extra water is required, if temperature is over 30°C. Note that all participants are required to bring their own filled water bottles.

14. Tidal Times Chart

Required if the tour is on tidal salt water.