



Cape Fear Yacht Club Paddlers

Welcome and thank you for being a part of the Cape Fear Yacht Club Paddlers. This group is open to any/all CFYC members and limited invited guests.* This group will be self-governed and any/all outings will be planned and executed together. We want this to be a **SAFE**, incident free event(s) for you and your fellow paddlers. We feel with an organized float plan, we can all enjoy a safe and fun time on the water. Please take time to make sure you understand all of the information so we can make things go as smoothly as possible during the outing/event.

Please remember, have a float plan in place and attempt to execute it to the best of your ability, but there will be on-the-water decisions made to allow for the various water conditions and weather. Please be patient and do not get in a hurry.

Safety First

Our goal is to have a relaxing occasion that is accident free and fun. Please keep in mind that the water temperatures will vary depending on time of year, but a person overboard has dramatic current and wind conditions to be concerned about. Please take special precautions not to put yourselves in danger of going overboard. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for everyone and must be worn at all times while on the water.

The weather is generally nice this time of year, but the possibility for strong currents, wind and rain always exists. The Cape Fear River and the Intra-coastal Waterway (ICW) can surprise us either way. The US Coast Guard (USCG) will help us judge the weather conditions. The final weather decision will be made in coordination with the USCG. If you don't feel comfortable with the conditions, **DO NOT GO!**

Group Rules

- All Vessels will be safety inspected before joining in on an outing/event
- No pets allowed
- No inflatables allowed
- Outings to be limited to 10-12 people/max
- Waiver/Release required for insurance purposes (CFYC Hold Harmless)
- All vessels must monitor (VHF radio) Coast Guard Channel 16 or channel 78. Channel 78 is the CFYC Paddlers operating channel for all directions and information.
- All vessels must also have a working cell phone
- Group outings must be agreed upon by the whole before disembarking; a float plan must be filed with someone associated with the group, who is remaining on land. Group(s) must remain together throughout the outing/event. Any changes to the filed float plan must be agreed upon together
- The Group will decided upon any paid guide for an outing/event and will evenly split the cost of any guide among the participants.

* See CFYC House Rules/Guests

***All vessels and participants must adhere to USCG boating safety regulations, including those related to the consumption of alcohol.*

All updates and planned outings will be posted on the CFYC website & calendar. Please notify Lee Roberts, Communications Director, CapeFearYC@gmail.com of any and all changes.