



**The Tasmanian  
Sea Canoeing Club Inc.**  
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**The Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club.....**

is an incorporated community-based association with the following objectives:

- \* to encourage all facets of blue water touring;
- \* to encourage and maintain high standards of safety and canoeing skills;
- \* to develop specialised techniques and equipment;
- \* to document and co-ordinate members' canoeing and related activities; and,
- \* to affiliate with such other bodies, associations or organisations as may from time to time be appropriate.

**Club Facilities**

The Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club .....

- \* Meets generally on the last Friday of every second month. The agenda includes both business and entertainment or training.
- \* Conducts a program of paddling activities which include day trips of varying standards, overnight trips and training events. There is generally no fee for members' participation in Club events.
- \* Publishes a magazine, up to two issues per year, with articles on all aspects of sea canoeing including trip reports, boat building and training.
- \* Has a library of magazines, books, videos and DVDs on canoeing and related matters. These are generally available from the Club secretary/ librarian.
- \* Owns a single sea kayak, a fibreglass 'Greenlander', with spraydeck, paddle, buoyancy vest and paddle float. This is

available for rent to Club members (generally for club trips only) for \$10 per day.

- \* Owns several moulds for the building of fibreglass sea kayaks; the single 'Nordkapp', 'Greenlander' & 'Moonbird' and double 'Dean 21'. Club members can provide advice or assistance in the building of boats as necessary.

**Getting Involved in Sea Canoeing.....**

Canoe or Kayak?

What is the difference? In general terms we use these words interchangeably and it's more a matter of history as to what is used. However, a canoe is usually an open decked boat whereas a kayak has a closed-in deck to shed water. Most Club members are then paddling sea kayaks rather than canoes.

Buying a Sea Canoe/Kayak?

If you do not already own a boat then we would suggest that you experience as many different types as possible before buying or building. Talk to members, borrow or hire boats. Outside the Club there are various commercial organisations who will allow you to try boats. The Club publishes useful notes that will assist you in the choice.

Building a Sea Kayak?

If building a boat appeals, tap the immense resources developed within the Club, both in published material and personal experience. The TSCC has a well deserved reputation for innovation in design and construction of sea kayaks.

And Starting to Paddle?

The Club program specifies trips suitable for beginners. We also run training sessions for beginners. Don't be shy, and don't bite off too much to start with. Avoid paddling on your own, at least until you have mastered basic skills and safety procedures.

And first of all....

Contact Club members listed above for a general chat. Complete the membership application form attached. A current trip program and introductory information will be sent to you. Choose an appropriate activity and contact the co-ordinator. We'll see you on the water!

**Statement of Club Philosophy**

The Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club comprises a group of people who enjoy canoeing (kayaking) on many different water environs, particularly the sea and open waters.

Members offer their knowledge and experience on a voluntary basis and any person taking part in a Club activity, or using Club equipment, or acting on the advice of a Club member does so entirely at their own risk. All members should take the time to research and understand the degree of physical risk involved in each activity. Members should use all the required equipment and make sure that it works.

We organise and offer activities on our Club program on the understanding that the organiser is a co-ordinator and not a leader. Each participant on a Club trip is responsible for their decision to participate and to make an assessment of the risk involved. We stress that on a Club activity each member has a responsibility for the safety of the group and should at all times be mindful of the safety of the group.

Activities listed in the Club's program will often have some indication of the expected difficulty or exposure, and the experience required of the participating paddler. This advice is given in good faith, but there is no such thing as a completely safe canoeing activity, and even those aimed at the inexperienced and on our most sheltered waters can become difficult or dangerous in adverse weather. Such weather is not necessarily predictable, and adverse changes can occur suddenly.

Members should participate whenever possible in any training, rescue and safety activities to enhance their skills and maximise the safety of their canoeing.

Above all, we share a philosophy of mutual benefit and co-operation in canoeing and related activities. Members organise trips and training to help other members and visitors gain enjoyment from the sport of canoeing and are pleased to share accumulated experience with those who are interested in taking up the sport. We trust that in turn these people will also make a contribution to the benefit, progress and success of the Club.

**Contact the club at [info@tsc.org.au](mailto:info@tsc.org.au)**

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Membership Application or Renewal 2010

Subscriptions are \$35 for individuals and \$50 for family or double membership.

Subscriptions fall due on the first of January and membership is for a calendar year. Note new members that join after September will receive membership to 31 December the following year

Membership is achieved or renewed by completing the form below, signing to acknowledge the Risk Warning and returning it with the appropriate payment:-

- By mail - Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club Inc. GPO Box 599 Hobart TAS 7001
In person - the Treasurer (Jim Anderson) at a General Meeting. If paying in cash please bring correct change.

A signed membership form must accompany payment

NAME

[Empty box for Name]

ADDITIONAL NAME(s) (family or double membership only)

[Empty box for Additional Name(s)]

Risk Warning:

Sea kayaking is a dangerous recreational activity exposing participants to known and unanticipated risks, dangers and hazards. These could result in serious physical or emotional injury, even death; or damage to your own or others' property. Such risks cannot be eliminated without jeopardising the essential qualities of the activity.

The Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club Inc. is an association whose members enjoy paddling open waters. The Club organises trips, training events and social functions. In doing so it is able to share its accumulated experience with those who are interested in taking up these activities. However, Club members do this on a voluntary basis only and any person taking part in a Club trip, or using Club equipment or acting on advice from a Club member or office bearer, does so entirely at their own risk. Club co-ordinators are not trained professional leaders.

In particular, trips listed in the Club's published programme will often have some indication of the difficulty or exposure that can be expected, and/or an indication of the experience required of a participating member. This advice is given in good faith, but there is no such thing as a completely safe trip, and even trips aimed at the inexperienced, and organised on our most sheltered waters can become difficult or dangerous in adverse weather. Such weather is not necessarily predictable and adverse changes can occur suddenly.

Participants in Club activities are responsible for their decision to participate and for making an assessment of the risks involved. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure their own safety. This includes ensuring their kayak is properly equipped and in a seaworthy condition; that appropriate equipment and clothing is carried; that they are able to swim and are physically fit to paddle; and that they do not endanger others by their actions or inactions.

Family members younger than 18 may participate in club activities if:-

- They are accompanied by an adult member who accepts responsibility for them; and
Their participation is agreed with the relevant trip coordinator.

Declaration:

In applying to join or renew membership to the Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club Inc., I/we acknowledge that the Risk Warning above has been read and understood:

SIGNED (by ALL parties to family or double membership):

..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

Privacy:

As a service to members, the Club periodically issues a Membership List containing the name, postal address, email address and phone numbers of all consenting members.

- Tick this box if you DO NOT want your name and details on the published Membership List. (Particular phone numbers may be excluded from the published list see below.)

Contact details:- POSTAL ADDRESS

[Empty box for Postal Address]

TELEPHONE

(home. work. mobile)

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TELEPHONE PRIVACY (Tick box to EXCLUDE from Membership List)

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EMAIL ADDRESS (Tick box to NOT receive newsletter via Email, posted instead)

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Formal canoeing qualifications

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Type(s) of canoes that you own

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