

## Watercraft hire agreement

Welcome to Fairthorne Manor. When hiring one of our water craft, it is important that you understand and accept the following the following agreement and your responsibilities to ensure your safety:

- Please listen carefully to your YMCA staff member regarding safety instructions including how to access your craft, basic usage and what to do in the event of a capsize.
- All users must wear a personal flotation device whilst on the water; YMCA staff will show the responsible adult/s present how to fit these devices safely. The responsible adult must then ensure devices are fitted safely to the children and young people in their care. Life jackets are also available for those less confident in the water.
- Safety on the water is the responsibility of each participant if aged over 16 years. For those aged under 16 years, water safety is the responsibility of the accompanying responsible adult. YMCA accepts no responsibility for water safety and does not provide water safety cover on water craft hire sessions. Swimming ability is not a prerequisite of hire.
- Age rules:
  - Children aged under 10 years must be accompanied on the water by a responsible adult (18+) on a 1:3 basis. Starting age of use is determined by a child's ability to fit safely into a floatation device.
  - Children aged 10-16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult (18+) present on the lakeside as a minimum.
  - Unaccompanied children will not be permitted on the water and no refunds will be offered.
- Water activities can be strenuous and water temperatures will vary depending on the time of year. It is the responsibility of participants to ensure they are physically fit to undertake the activities. If in doubt, please consult your GP prior to making your booking.
- YMCA accepts no responsibility for the loss of personal items. Please ensure all mobile phones, keys and other personal possessions are not taken onto the water.
- YMCA is responsible for all equipment including water craft, paddles and floatation devices.
- In the event of inclement weather, YMCA staff will make an informed decision as to whether it is safe to continue with a session. Please respect all decisions and instructions from our staff.
- Participants under the influence of alcohol or other substances, those displaying inappropriate behaviour or posing a risk to others will not be permitted on the water and no refunds will be offered.
- Participants are advised to wear appropriate clothing that can get wet and to bring additional clothes to change in to. Hot showers, changing facilities and toilets are available 400m from the lake at our Family Park. Footwear must be fixed at the rear; flipflops and crocs are not permitted. At certain times of the year, the water is cold so a wetsuit is advisable if you have one. YMCA does not provide wetsuits.
- Participants must return to the lake pontoon at the end of the designated session or when instructed to by YMCA staff
- Copies of the activity risk assessment are available upon request.