

Junior OC Safety Policy  
Policy No. 2018-07

Adopted: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Purpose: To ensure the safety of all youth paddlers who partake in the outrigger program, and to maintain consistency between various groups that are out on the water.

Policy

1. Youth to participate in the FVPC outrigger youth program must be between 10-18 years of age, unless cleared by 2 coaches. IE: Strong and mature for age and able to climb into the boat after huli unassisted.
2. All youth must wear an approved PFD at all times.
3. All youth must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
4. A minimum of two experienced adult paddlers must always be in an OC-6 when taking out groups of youths. Once all youth have shown they can recover after a huli unassisted, then 1 Coach/Adult will be required. This will also be in prep of any races as only 1 adult may be in the boat.
5. The youth members must participate in an annual huli drill, and be able to successfully recover the canoe.
6. Clothing must be appropriate for the season (e.g. neoprene gear for cold weather paddling). Must bring a proper change of clothing, including towel and jacket brought to each practice.