



# Fraser Valley Paddling Club

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## Personal Floatation Device (PFD) Policy

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### Intention

- To help to ensure everyone's safety while on the water
- To give a clear guideline so that all paddlers are aware of what is required regarding PFD's
- To have a clear and consistent message regarding PFD expectations and requirements

### Background

Transport Canada requires that there is a personal floatation device or life jacket, of appropriate size on board for each member on a boat.

### Policy

1. During the "Summer" period of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, FVPC requires all members to bring a PFD on board the boat with them.
2. During the winter paddling months of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> FVPC requires all paddlers to wear a PFD. No exceptions.
3. Waist belts are accepted during the summer period of May 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> only. Winter paddling requires a full PFD.

### Recommendations

While this policy follows the requirements currently set by Transport Canada it is still recommended that paddlers always wear a PFD for maximum safety. Choosing not to wear one during the summer months is allowed, but not recommended and all risks lie with that paddler.