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## Peer Group Paddling

Being part of our Club is a great way to experience paddle sport at its best and to do this amongst other like-minded people who can offer guidance and protection whilst you develop your confidence and skills.

Shropshire Paddlesport set out to run as many diverse and interesting trips as feasibly possible. However, trips like this may also be organised by groups of people from within the club but will not be a 'Club organised activity' and may not be led by fully qualified coaches or leaders. These 'Peer Groups' Paddles' are **not** covered by the Club's liability insurances and water licences. Whilst these types of trips are fully encouraged by the Club, as it keeps people on the water doing the sport they love, you should be aware of what a 'Peer Paddle' encompasses and that YOU will be responsible for YOU at all times.

### Peer Paddlers

YOU need to be competent and comfortable on the water you intend to paddle. YOU need to be able to take care of yourself and be proactive in your own rescue and help rescue others if required to do so.

YOU need to be aware who you are paddling with and what their ability is etc.

When paddling rivers, YOU need to understand the classification of the grade and its implications, hazards etc.

When paddling the sea, YOU need to be aware of the wind, tide, sea state on the day etc.

Do not rely on others for your own personal safety.

Paddlers are advised to join British Canoeing / Canoe Wales where they will benefit from individual insurance and water licences.

Participants in Peer Paddles activities should be aware of the risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Shropshire Paddlesport Club takes no responsibility for Peer Paddles