

**Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia**  
**Paddler Membership Application**

I request Paddler membership to the RCABC from **April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015** at the cost of **\$20.00**

I was a member last year – my six-digit membership number is \_\_\_\_\_ I was not a member last year

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
City/ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership to 'RCABC' as a paddler includes voting privileges and a comprehensive insurance plan. Insurance coverage is only available for sanctioned activities. These can be any approved paddling or instructional activities. Activities must conform to RCABC safety standards or the current standards for the relevant paddling discipline.**

**a. Paddling activities for the purposes of insurance are restricted to sanctioned activities.**

**b. Our insurer has stated that RCABC is the 'body' that has the knowledge and experience with respect to canoeing and paddling. Therefore, RCABC is entrusted to sanction only safe activities. RCABC has outlined safety standards and guidelines in the 2005 pamphlet, "A Guide to Canoeing Safety in British Columbia" and in the RCABC 2000-2001 Edition of the "Instruction Manual". As long as the activities proposed by your club fall under RCABC's approved guidelines, standards and activities, and PROVIDED the RCABC guidelines are followed, RCABC can 'sanction' the activities.**

**c. If it is unclear whether special events and/or extended trips may be covered, contact RCABC's Secretary at 1755 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5N 1S1 in advance. It may take a few weeks to determine whether the event will be sanctioned.**

Please send completed form with a cheque for \$20, made out to 'RCABC' to:

**Linda Eng, RCABC Treasurer**  
**c/o #305 – 344 East 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
**Vancouver, B.C.**  
**V5T 1H4**

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AND BENEFITS**

1. Do you wish to receive ballots by: mail \_\_\_\_\_, e-mail \_\_\_\_\_,
2. CANEWS Newsletter **will not** be mailed unless requested – Receive Canews by snail-mail? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a member of a B.C. Canoe Club? Y / N If YES which club? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Executive minutes are posted on the website (www.bccanoe.com).
5. Your membership card will be mailed to you. It can be used for Retail Discounts & Web Access.

**Please read the following waiver carefully before signing this membership application:**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia, or its member clubs, instructors' courses, paddling programs, activities, events and trips, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that: The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death; and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist: and, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately, and, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEARBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia, its member instructors, their officers, officials, volunteers, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (all of whom are referred to as "releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Applicant must sign the application and mail it with a cheque to the treasurer.**

**Are you willing to volunteer some time into supporting RCABC? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, do you have a particular area of interest? \_\_\_\_\_**