

Rental Terms

Please read the following rental terms carefully. You are responsible for knowing this information prior to renting a sea kayak or a stand up paddle board.

General Terms

You must be a reasonably good swimmer.

Personal floating device (PFD) is supplied by us and it must always be worn when you use a kayak or SUP. This is a strict rule, no exceptions allowed.

A general route plan must be filed with Bohus Kayak or Lotshotellet. In return we gladly give good advice and hints concerning suitable and enjoyable routes.

You, or at least one person of your group, must take a functioning phone and keep it in a waterproof bag close to your body. Delays must be reported to us as soon as possible. If you do not return latest by the time stated on your route plan or if you fail to let us know about any delays, we may feel the need to contact the appropriate people to begin to search for you. Any costs incurred by a search attempt will be the responsibility of the party renting the equipment.

We reserve ourselves the right to refuse rental to people behaving in such manner we find them to be unsuitable for kayak paddling. In severe cases, for example illegal actions or failure to wear the PFD at sea, we have the right to reclaim rented equipment even during the rental period. In such cases there will be no refunds.

Responsibility

To use a kayak is, legally, the same as using any other kind of pleasure craft. Therefore, you do so at your own risk and are fully responsible for all your actions.

Rented equipment shall be returned in its original condition and number.

If equipment is lost or damaged, you will be held fully responsible.

Our insurances do not protect you. Please check your own insurance policies.

Rental Times

Rental times start anytime from 10 a.m. the day of your booking and you are expected to return latest at 5 p.m. the same day or on the last day in case of a multi-day booking.

If weather, illness, injury, or other conditions require an early termination of your trip then Bohus Kayak reserves the right to charge the entire amount of the reservation. Returning equipment after hours may result in being charged for another full day.

Right of Public Access

Swedish traditional rights (The Right of Public Access) gives us all the possibility to visit and stay at islands and other land areas, even if they are privately owned. But certain limitations exist. Ask our staff if you wish to know more.

Cancellation

You can book our products via our online booking system, either as a private person or as a company. Full payment is due at the time of the booking and no rental is secure without full payment. Bookings can be made until 10 p.m. the night before the day of the booking.

The booking is binding. You can cancel your booking at any time. Bohus Kayak reserves the right to charge the full amount of the booking in case of cancellation.

In case of dangerous weather conditions, Bohus Kayak and Lotshotellet have the right to cancel all activities for safety reasons. In this case, customers of Bohus Kayak are entitled to a full refund. A little rain and wind are no danger but in case of squalls, thunderstorms or similarly severe weather conditions, we may choose to cancel all activities.

Kayaking and SUP Instructions

Please make sure you read the following instructions thoroughly before starting your kayak trip. While the staff at Lotshotellet will do their best to support and help you, it will be very useful to read these instructions and watch the videos linked below.

See the videos below to learn how to get in and out of a kayak in different situations:

How to get in and out of a kayak:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NRUONFih7o>

How to get out of a kayak in the water:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4DjX9HQ030&list=PL5FvZMnognGc2kWcuWtd-urZnrcWaI8HG&index=2>

How to get out of a kayak close to a cliff:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY72JDmDgxw&list=PL5FvZMnognGc2kWcuWtd-urZnrcWaI8HG&index=3>

Putting on the gear

Make sure your life vest is suitable for your weight and that it is properly closed. Put on the spray skirt with the long part in front of you. Pull it over your life vest so that there is no gap between the life vest and the spray skirt making it possible for water to enter and avoiding your t-shirt getting wet. When sitting in the kayak, grab the spray skirt starting from the back and put it around the cockpit. Pull it to the front using the loop attached to the front of the spray skirt. It is extremely important that the loop is not hidden under the spray skirt but that you can grab it at any time to pull it up. You can practice this before you leave the harbor. In case of a capsized, you need to pull on the loop to exit the cockpit quickly.

Checklist for Paddling

- Life vest
- Spray skirt (for kayak only)
- Paddle
- Map
- Mobile phone in waterproof bag kept close to your body
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen (ideally waterproof)

We strongly recommend putting on sunscreen even on cloudy days. You can even wear a cap to protect your head and face from the sun. Put your water bottle under the rubber cord in front of you so you can access the bottle without having to open the spray skirt every time you want to drink something. Put the map under the rubber cords as well so that you can easily read it while sitting in the kayak. In cases of emergency, you can always call the number shown on the map and the staff of Bohus Kayak will help you. If you do not have a Swedish number, remember dialing 0046 before you enter the number on the map.

What to wear

- T-shirt or thing long sleeve
- Shorts or sport leggings
- Sunglasses
- Cap
- Jacket/Pullover/Extra shirt in case the weather changes
- Shoes in case you want to go on an island

We recommend wearing comfortable and quick drying clothes. Kayaking and paddling SUP are sports and if you dress too warm, you will start sweating easily. With reasonably pleasant weather and temperatures, we recommend putting on a t-shirt and shorts and taking an extra layer with you which you can put on if you start freezing or if you take a break. You can store your clothes and anything else that you want to take in two waterproof compartments in the front and in the back of the kayak. If you are paddling on a SUP and want to take something with you, make sure your bag is waterproof by using e.g. a plastic bag or even better a dry bag. Note that no shoes are necessary, and it is more comfortable paddling with bare feet. As you enter the kayak or the SUP in the water, they will get wet so store them in one of the dry compartments or your bag beforehand.