

LCCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND WAIVER

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND SUBMIT WITH COPY OF WARNINGS & LIABILITY LIMITS:

Is this a NEW _____ or RENEWAL _____ application?

If renewal, are there any address or telephone changes since last renewal? _____ No _____ Yes

Name _____

Street _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home (_____) _____

Email (one only, print): _____ - _____

Please mark all of your interests:

_____ Flatwater Canoe _____ Whitewater Canoe _____ Flatwater Kayak _____ Whitewater Kayak

Are you a certified canoe instructor? _____ Yes _____ No

Will you coordinate a trip? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you consider a leadership role as an officer or board member? _____ Yes _____ No

Please mark all other ways in which you would consider helping in club activities:

_____ Host a meeting _____ Present a program _____ Write articles for newsletter

_____ Volunteer time (e.g., clinics, river clean-ups, etc.) _____ Work on conservation issues

I have read the **LCCC WARNINGS AND LIABILITY LIMITS**. I understand it, agree with it, and by signing this form, acknowledge the LCCC Warnings and Liability Limits as a condition of membership in the Lower Columbia Canoe Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: All participants 13 years and older must sign waiver for family memberships. Check here if there are other family members less than 13 years of age _____.

Term of Membership: All memberships expire on December 31st. If you join before September 1, your last issue will be January of the following year. If you join after September 1, your last newsletter will be January of the year after next.

DUES: LCCC Annual Dues: \$20 per household (i.e., mailing address). Renewals are just \$15 if paid by December 31st of the current year for the next year.

Send this completed form with your check made out for the appropriate amount to "LCCC Inc."

Mail to: John Murphy at 1335 Columbia Ave., Hood River, OR, 97031

The LCCC is an American Canoe Association (ACA) Paddle America club. ACA membership is optional for each LCCC member. If you would also like to be a member of the ACA (includes subscription to *Paddler* magazine), check one of the lines below and include the appropriate amount in addition to your LCCC dues. **PLEASE NOTE: After your first year of ACA membership, ACA will bill you directly. If you are already an ACA member, do not send your ACA dues to the LCCC.**

_____ \$30 ACA individual membership _____ \$40 ACA family membership

WARNINGS & LIABILITY LIMITS

For Members of the Lower Columbia Canoe Club, Inc.

1. LCCC distributes the 1989 American Whitewater Affiliation safety code. Member acknowledges having a copy. LCCC advises members to study safety advice in the most current American Red Cross version of Canoeing and Kayaking, in the Appalachian Mountain Club's River Rescue, by Les Bechdel and Slim Ray (Boston: 1989), and in the Journal of the AWA, and to take a clinic on river safety and rescue
2. The literature discusses common dangers, but on the water perhaps nobody will recognize the danger. Hunger, fatigue and weather weaken perception and judgment. A little imagination suggests dangers not ordinarily discussed, such as car wrecks, solvent fumes while working on boats, back injuries from portaging, rattlesnake bites while scouting, and so on. There are more risks inherent in the sport than the club can itemize.
3. People make errors in judgment and execution. Boats collide, perhaps because somebody loses control or doesn't look. Lead boats signal a following boat into a bad route through a rapid. Rescuers throw ropes errantly or pull a pinned boat into a worse fix. CPR cards expire. Somebody fails to tie a canoe down to a car. LCCC regards such events as errors of strategy or execution made in a sport, and it wants to limit liability for the consequences. Each member must anticipate the errors and take appropriate precautions.
4. The club can't expect members to hazard their families' financial security when they volunteer to coordinate trips. Coordinators' only reward is esteem, and the club believes their only penalty should be loss of that esteem. This waiver therefore excludes liability for setting bad examples, advising erroneously, misjudging a participant's readiness for a trip, or otherwise falling short of the coordination the club hopes for. Coordinators are not certified by any outside agency; any coordination standards the club may adopt are exhortations, not guarantees.
5. By joining LCCC the member assumes the risks of death or injury mentioned here or in the literature and those inherent in the sport. The member waives claims which may arise against the club, its members, officers, servants, agents and trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries ordinarily covered by insurance.
6. LCCC adopts the AWA code's declaration of an individual's responsibility for his or her own decisions. Only the paddler knows his or her own health, strength and preparedness. Each experienced paddler has at some time declined to put in after arriving at a river or lake shore even though others did, or declined to run a particular rapid even though others did. LCCC disavows the AWA code's characterization of a river trip as a "common adventure" in which participants "share the responsibility for the conduct of the trip."
7. This waiver shall be broadly construed in favor of protection from liability, as members are mutually relinquishing possible claims in exchange for protection. Protection extends to guests who have signed the club's waiver. Only formal action at a club meeting can relax the liability limits. The limits apply among members even on private boating trips and after membership is discontinued, unless the persons involved agree otherwise. Anyone may start a new club with different liability limits.

**PLEASE STAPLE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND
MAIL BOTH PAGES TO THE CLUB REGISTRAR**