



Isle Royale National Park

Kayak CUA Equipment Checklist

All kayaking companies that hold a CUA must obtain and use the required equipment for safety and efficiency to operate guided tours along Lake Superior. All equipment must be well maintained and in good working condition.

Section 1 Kayak Specific Equipment

Tandem Kayak Description

- Must be considered Sea Kayak by standards
- No sit on top kayaks
- Kayaks with 3 bulk heads
 - o Front, middle, back
- Kayaks must have front and back hatches that are secured from opening while in large waves.
- Deck bungees must be present for ease of pulling kayak from emergency perspective or to store extra gear
- Bow and Stern carry handles must be present
- Rudder must be available with foot pegs
- Foot pegs must be available in both seating areas
- Seats that are attached
- Kayaks must be registered with the state of Michigan and have a MC number on side for commercial purposes
- Examples – Old Town Looksha T

Guide Kayak Description

- Kayaks must have front and back hatches that are secured properly
- Deck bungees must be present for ease of pulling kayak from emergency perspective or to store extra gear
- Foot pegs must be available
- Bow and Stern carry handles must be present
- Rudder must be available with foot pegs

- Seats that are attached
- Kayaks must be registered with the state of Michigan and have a MC number on side for commercial purposes
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Section 2 Provided Equipment

Guest equipment

- Functional and stable kayak paddle
- USCG approved PFD that is adjustable and fitted to each person
- Spray skirt with no tears that has capability to tighten around body
- Guest may use their own PFD if it is USCG approved for the activity and stamped
- Guest may use their own paddle
- Whistle

Section 4

Guide Provided Equipment

- Guide specific PFD with pocket/zip up capability to hold safety equipment
- Spray skirt with no tears that has capability to tighten around body
- Marine Radio
- Satellite Communication Device: such as a satellite phone or emergency locator with texting capability
- Bilge Pump
- Paddle float
- First Aid kit available when needed
- Whistle
- Throw and tow ropes