

## **FGPC Equipment Access and Damage Cost Recovery Policy for Outrigger Programs** (October 2019)

### **General Outline:**

Fairway Gorge Paddling Program (FGPC) has both recreational and racing outrigger programs with different access to club outrigger equipment. Recreational programs have access to recreational equipment; racing programs have access to both recreational and racing equipment. These distinctions are listed below for reference.

### **Program Distinctions**

- **Recreational programs:** Evening/ Weekend Recreational Outrigger, Daytime Recreational Outrigger, Simply Rec Outrigger, Aloha Paddlers, Lima Mahina
- **Racing programs:** Intermediate Outrigger, Competitive Outrigger, Outrigger for Dragon Boaters

### **Recreational vs. Racing Equipment**

- **Recreational equipment schedule:** Advantage OC6s, Advantage V12s
- **Racing equipment schedule:** Ultralights, Mirage OC6s, OC1s, OC2s

### **Ultralight Canoes**

Ultralight canoes are accessible to the Competitive and Intermediate Outrigger programs and are subject to restrictions in each case. Use of this equipment is not automatic or assumed: proven ability to safely operate, huli, launch and stow this equipment is required before use. In addition, program participants must accept FGPC's "Damage Cost Recovery" policy, which is set out below.

### **Situational provisions:**

All programs must use the equipment that has been assigned or scheduled for their use (e.g. Recreational or Racing). If this equipment doesn't meet the needs of a particular practice (e.g. more paddlers than can be accommodated by allotted equipment), use of additional equipment may be requested by asking the FGPC dock commander on shift. This includes the use of small

boats (OC1s and OC2s) by qualified users. The dock commander will consult with the manager on duty who may permit access to additional unscheduled equipment. Coaches may also arrange to schedule specific equipment in advance for scheduled programming as required. These determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis, such as when warranted by conditions of scarcity or equipment failure.

### **Usage Requirements:**

All FGPC programs are required to comply with the FGPC equipment usage requirements which include the following details:

1. Sterns for all outrigger programs must be approved by FGPC, as follows. Club program sterns are approved by FGPC staff coaches who maintain direct supervision of sterns during scheduled program practices. Independent programs must submit a list of intended sterns for the season to FGPC. For all programs, novice sterns must only be placed with recreational equipment. Experienced sterns may be placed with racing equipment. In all cases and at any time, FGPC reserves the right to determine or change stern access to recreational and racing equipment.
2. All sterns and small boat paddlers are required to follow the flow pattern of the Gorge Waterway and Inner Harbour. This involves fully understanding the FGPC Rules of Navigation & the Public Port of Authority Traffic Scheme. In instances where FGPC Rules of Navigation differ from the Port Authority, FGPC's rules shall apply. These documents can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Additionally, all sterns and small boat paddlers should be aware of known hazards throughout commonly navigated pathways and how to take appropriate steps to avoid them.
3. If club outrigger equipment is involved in incidents, these incidents must be reported as soon as possible after they occur. This can be done using the [FGPC Incident Report Form](#). After reporting, FGPC will investigate the circumstances surrounding damage to club equipment and determine whether appropriate cost recovery charges will be levied against those responsible. This applies to all FGPC club equipment, including crew and solo boats. FGPC reserves the right to determine who is responsible for damage, including an individual paddler, an individual crew or the entire program, and to suspend access if deemed appropriate in each case. FGPC also reserves the right to determine the cost of repairs based on complete and quality work by reputable contractors.

## **FGPC Equipment - Damage Cost Recovery Policy**

Regular maintenance and repairs required as a result of regular wear-and-tear are included in program fees contributed by paddlers in each program.

For maintenance and repairs that result from avoidable incidents and/or negligence, FGPC will repair damaged equipment in-house or by using external services, at our discretion. All costs for repairs for damage from avoidable incidents and/or negligence will be recovered using the following policy:

1. **REPORTED:** Repair costs for reported incidents will be charged at a rate of up to 50% for damage reported by means of FGPC's online incident form within 12 hours of the incident. In these instances, FGPC will cover half the costs or more, as well as any associated staffing and administrative costs. The responsible person(s) will be billed equal portions of up to 50% of repair and transport costs required to repair and return the canoe back to the club in working order, with the percentage determined by FGPC management upon review of the incident report and any subsequent incident review. The responsible person(s) will be charged an equal portion of the repair cost, unless otherwise noted in the incident form, and will be required to pay for this charge in order to participate in FGPC programs or to utilize or participate in FGPC services, events and activities (including gym programming and external events).
2. **UNREPORTED:** Repair costs for unreported incidents (e.g. not reported within 12 hours of damage) will be charged to the responsible person(s), at a rate of up to 100% of the costs for repair and associated transport, as determined by FGPC management upon discovery of the damage and subsequent deliberations. The responsible person(s) will be charged an equal portion of the repair cost, unless otherwise noted in the incident form, and will be required to pay for this charge in order to participate in FGPC programs or to utilize or participate in FGPC services, events and activities (including gym programming and external events).

All persons using FGPC equipment agree to be bound by this policy, and agree to promptly pay for any individual charges as determined by FGPC management in relation to the above policy. For larger charges, payment plans may be considered on a case-by-case basis, providing valid credit cards are kept on file.