

SYMONDS YAT CANOE HIRE



HAZARDS:

**WATER CRAFT
(other boats)**

**OVERHANGING
TREES**

**FAST WATER
(DO NOT paddle
past )**

**CAPSIZING
IN DEEP
WATER**



SYMONDS YAT CANOE HIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read the following information carefully

- Buoyancy Aids **MUST** be worn at all times, when on or near the water. Failure to do so will result in the termination of your hire.
- **IN THE EVENT OF A CAPSIZE:** In normal conditions a capsize is not an emergency. In most cases stay with your boat holding onto the upstream end of the boat and make your way to the riverbank. Implement the procedures as discussed prior to your hire.
- Never try to stand up in shallow, fast moving water. If exiting the boat, do so on the upstream side of the boat, to prevent the boat knocking you over.
- When hiring more than one boat, look after the slowest paddlers and do not leave them behind.
- Stay away from trees, strainers and bridges. Do not hold onto branches as this is a very common reason for capsize.
- **NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED.** Remember that alcohol and water do not mix. Anyone appearing to be intoxicated will have their hire terminated immediately.
- **Late Returns:** Penalty charges will be applied for boats that are late back without prior arrangement. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are running behind schedule, please contact Symonds Yat Canoe Hire on **01600 891069** or **01600 891199** ASAP.
- Please remember that you are responsible for all of the equipment that you have hired. You will incur the full cost of replacing any equipment that you lose or damage (other than fair wear and tear).
- If picnicking along the way, please take all of your litter home with you. No fires are allowed on the riverbank.
- Respect all other river users. Move quietly past fishermen avoiding their lines as you do so.

IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS INCIDENT:

Please call Symonds Yat Canoe Hire on **01600 891069** or **01600 891199** and/or the emergency services.

If necessary telephone 999 or 112. Please state clearly your approximate location and the nature of the incident.

Depending on your location mobile reception can be poor so you may need to make some higher ground to make a connection, alternately you can send a text message which has a better chance of connecting.