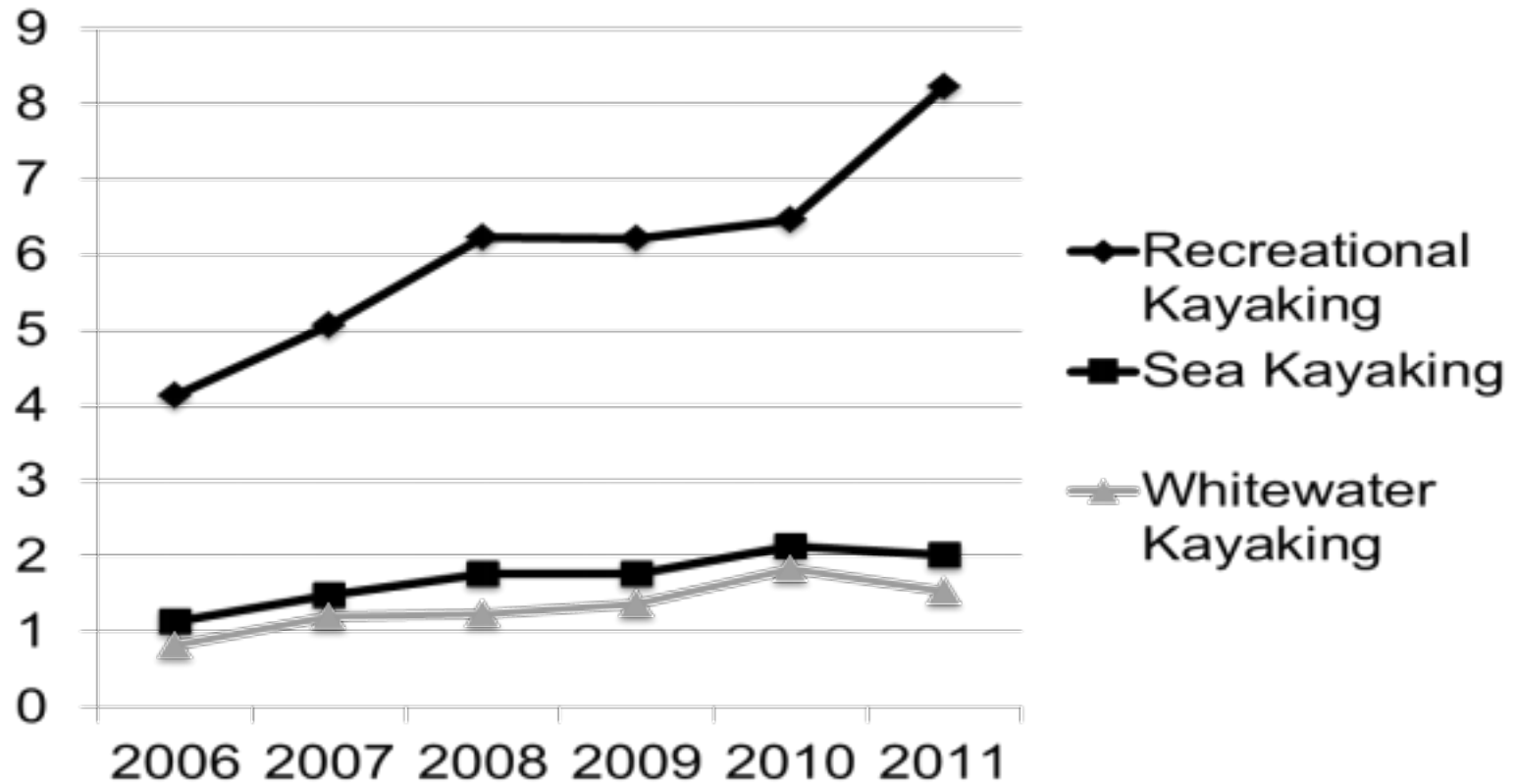




Kayak Safety

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Paddle Sport Participation



Requirements

- Life Jacket
- Sound-producing device
- All around white light at night (and periods of reduced visibility)



Optional, But Important

- Flotation for Kayak
- Visibility (Clothes, Boat, Group)
- Communications
- Proper Gear (Bulkheads, Bags, Lines, Covers)

Flotation

- Yours
 - Your life jacket—wear it
 - Stay with the boat—it floats
- Your boat's
 - Some Neutral buoyancy +
 - Added floatation bags

Visibility

Paddle **flash**

MOTION

Group Size

Clothing



Communications

- Distress signals

- Sound
- Visual



- Electronics

- Cell phones, radios
- DSC
- PLBs



Manage Risks

- Situational Awareness—
 - Weather
 - Seas
 - Other vessels, channels, and course
 - Your limits
 - Your equipment's limits
- Float Plan
- Practice using your safety gear, at least annually

Put your name and your home telephone number on your boat!



If you had your cell phone in the kayak, it won't work wet!

Expand and Enjoy

- Expand your skills, knowledge, and PBs
 - CPA
 - ACA, NASBLA, SafeBoater
 - Meetups
 - Demo Days
 - Try new equipment

Enjoy your time on the water

Questions?

- Contact me at: wnhockey@yahoo.com
- More information about Paddle Sport safety:

<http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php?title=Paddlesports>

