



June 2020 Update Announcements

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WAKE Partially Resuming Paddling

We are able to resume WAKE small kayaking groups with some restrictions for Covid-19.

This notice covers:

- A) Resuming group paddles
- B) Renew Membership
- C) Initiating paddles

A) Resuming WAKE group paddles

Whatcom County & Skagit County received approval from the Washington Department of Health to officially move to Phase 2 of the Governor's Safe Start - Reopening Washington Plan. We all hope and work for minimal new cases and deaths from the Covid-19 pandemic.

A few key points affecting WAKE kayak are listed below, as estimated from state and county guidelines.

Please limit gatherings to no more than 5 people. This includes outdoor recreation. More specifically, it's 5 households, but let's keep our groups fairly small.

Only gather with 5 people in a week from the different households.

Follow standard Covid-19 procedures about distancing, handwashing, cover your cough, avoid talking moistly (thanks Justin Trudeau).

e.g. Stay 6 feet away from non-household members while you are outside. (That's roughly 3 arm lengths).

I notice people close talking, showing phones, or touching other's phones, these are things worth avoiding to reduce risk.

B) Renew Membership

If your membership has expired please renew and sign the waiver. We will finally be removing unrenewed members from the email lists.

Link to Membership Form here:

<https://wakekayak.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/wake-membership-application-2019-2.pdf>

C) Initiating paddles

We can again initiate trips, use the short-notice email list, and add them to the website calendar.

Please check <https://wakekayak.org/wake-paddling-guidelines/> including Trip Safety and Trip Leadership Responsibilities.

Everyone, please be sure you've signed a waiver before joining a trip.

If trip initiators are concerned about too many people, options include:

- 1) Announce the general location, time, and distance, and send specifics to those that RSVP, or
 - 2) Split into more than one group.
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We would like to start our Members Helping Members group again. It could start with no-contact self rescues in Lake Padden in July. More on that later.

The Tri-Club Picnic Sept 13 and fall WAKE speakers remain on our agenda. Hopefully they'll be able to safely happen as scheduled.

<https://wakekayak.org/> website has lots of useful information: Calendar, Trip Planning resources (navigation, tides and currents, paddling locations and trips to do), Library (books, videos, magazines to borrow), Sponsors, and a trading post (items to buy and sell).

**All the Best to You and Happy Paddling,
Sheila Kluck**

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Got Photos?

We are in need of new images for our website, newsletters and announcements. Please submit your old and new photos to

Tom@wakekayak.org and/or cheryl@wakekayak.org

Also, send your inspirations and experiences to the newsletter editor for all WAKE members to reflect on for the month of May.