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## WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHING AND LIFE VEST.

Be aware of the water temperature and air temperature and wear a wetsuit or drysuit when it is cold. When it is warm, prepare for the sun and hydrate.

## KNOW THE RULES ON THE WATER.

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#### **USE YOUR LEASH.** 4

Always use your leash. This is the line which attach your body to the board. This prevents the board from floating away when you fall off.

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LOOK AROUND AND BACKWARDS.

- Consider your speed and that from others around you. This avoids surprises
- ENJOY YOUR TIME ON THE WATER TOGETHER. 6

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## **RESPECT NATURE.**

Stay away from animals and do not leave any garbage in water or meadows

### q **PROPER LIGHTING.**

When paddling in the evening please be aware that as a small vessel your are obliged to carry white light. You are not visible in the dark.

### **BE TRACEABLE.** 10

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