

Pick a Life Jacket



People in canoes or kayaks should expect to get wet. Even experienced paddlers sometimes capsize. It's part of the fun. Wearing a life jacket could save your life.

It's the Law. Anyone 12 years of age and under must wear a life jacket while in a canoe or kayak or any boat under 20 feet when underway.

There are many different types of life jackets, but only a few that paddlers should wear. Which life jackets are ideal for paddling? Let's take a look.

Near-shore vest (type II)



- * INEXPENSIVE
- * UNCOMFORTABLE TO WEAR
- * HIGH AVAILABILITY
- * RESTRICTS ARM MOVEMENT

Recreational vest (type III)



- * BEST FOR A VARIETY OF WATER SPORTS (canoeing, kayaking, fishing, boating)
- * BRIGHT, REFLECTIVE COLORS
- * MORE COMFORTABLE TO WEAR THAN NEAR-SHORE VEST

Paddling vest (type III)



- * EXTRA POCKETS TO HOLD GEAR
- * LESS RESTRICTED ARM MOVEMENT
- * PERSONALIZED, COOL COLORS
- * COMFORTABLE TO WEAR
- * CAN BE MORE EXPENSIVE

A recreational vest is a good choice for beginners. It compromises between comfort, function and cost.

It's almost time to enjoy the water, but don't forget your other gear.