



WESTERN CAROLINA PADDLERS RAFT POLICY

1. **General:** All raft users, including minors, must be club members. This provides an automatic liability waiver for use of the raft since all club members have signed a liability waiver agreement with their membership. Minors who are club members must have a parent or guardian on the raft trip. All new club members are entitled to a one time application of their membership dues toward the cost of raft rental.

2. **Damage through negligence:** If the raft is damaged during use, the executive committee of the club will determine if the damage was the result of negligence on the part of the user. Negligence may include actions such as: leaving the raft fully inflated in the sun causing rupture to the tubes; improper transportation (tying inflated raft on top of vehicle); or other direct violations of the WCP Raft Care Guide. If the executive committee determines negligence on the part of the user, the user may be asked to pay for part or all of the cost of repair or replacement of the raft. Failure to abide by the decision of the executive committee may result in termination of club membership.

3. **Maintenance:** A committee of club members will inspect the raft on a regular basis (annual, semi-annual, quarterly, etc. depending on amount of use) and determine and carry out, or contract for, any needed repairs or improvements. Maintenance committee members, or other club members that participate in the regular maintenance, repair, or storage of the raft, are entitled to a 50% reduction of rental fees.

4. **Storage:** One club member will provide storage for the raft. Storage will be inside a house, basement, garage, etc., and shall be accessible to club members seven days a week. Storage area must be relatively dry and free from mice or other pests that might damage the raft. The person providing storage will keep a record on a monthly basis of all members who rent the raft, and will submit this list to the club at the end of each month, along with all rental fees collected. The storage person will oversee a cash box that the club will provide, which will be used for collecting rental fees.

5. **Rental Procedures:** Members wishing to reserve the raft for specific dates must do so through the person providing storage. Pre-payment is required to reserve the raft. Pre-payment may be made to the storage person, or by check or money order to Western Carolina Paddlers, P.O. Box 8541, Asheville, NC 28814. All other rentals are first come, first served. A raft rental form, which will be on, or near the cash box, must be completed by the renter and accompany payment. Payment shall be in the form of a check, money order, or cash. The storage person will not provide change. If the storage person is not home, then club members will observe the honor system and place payment and sign-out form in the cash box. Whenever possible, renters shall notify the storage person in advance about dates and time of rental. When renting the raft, one club member will be the primary renter, and shall bear responsibility for payment, and liability for damage. However, all club members using the raft for that rental should be listed on the rental form.

6. <u>Rental fees:</u>	Flat water - Class II+	Class III - Class V
Daily	\$10.00	\$20.00
Weekend (Fri./Sat./Sun)	\$25.00	\$50.00
Weekly (7-day)	\$65.00	\$100.00
(i.e. Nantahala = Class II+; Sect. IX French Broad = Class III - V)		

Only one type of rental fee reduction can be claimed per rental (e.g. either a raft committee 50% reduction, or a \$20 membership fee reduction may be used per rental, but not both.)

7. **Equipment donation:** Any member donating raft related equipment (paddles, lifejackets, etc.) shall be given a rental fee reduction equivalent to the value of the donated equipment, as agreed upon by the donator and the raft committee.

8. **Policy Review:** The raft policy shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Raft Committee on an annual basis, and any proposed changes will be made at a regularly scheduled club meeting.