

USCA GUIDELINES

2011

The following excerpts from the USCA guidelines must be adhered in order for the insurance to be applicable.

1. Must be a Club Affiliate member of USCA; (omitted non applicable parts of this sentence)
2. Must abide by the current USCA Cruising or Business Affiliate rules;
3. Must hold the event on a course not exceeding CLASS II (The International Scale of River Difficulty) water conditions;
4. Must require that while on the water, each participant must have in his/her possession a Personal Flotation Device (PFD), Type I, II, III or V approved by either the U.S. Coast Guard or the state in which the event is being held, if said state has additional specific rules, those rules must be adhered to. Fledgling paddlers are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD's at all times during the Fledgling event. If water Conditions warrant, the event organizer may require PFD's to be worn by all competitors or to be readily and easily accessible;
5. Must insist that when PFD's are required to be worn, they must be worn as the manufacturer designed them to be worn; Each boat must have at least one whistle while on the water;
6. Must require that PFD's must be in good condition, i.e. no tears, holes, or rips, etc. They may be stitched with thread. Boat (duct) tape is not acceptable;
7. NA
8. Must hold a pre-event meeting for all participants and organizers to review the course, potential hazards, medical emergencies, communications and safety procedures;
9. Must assure that all participants are off of the course at the end of the event;
10. Must have an emergency plan (phone numbers of rescue personnel, etc.) and be able to document their safety procedures;
11. Must prohibit the use of alcohol or mind alerting drug use prior to and during the event;
12. Must adhere to all current U.S.Coast Guard regulations for Inland Waterways;
13. Must require a signature of USCA Waiver and Release of Liability Form for athletic participants and return these to the Insurance coordinator.
14. NA
15. NA
16. If the above Guidelines are not adhered to then the USCA coverage is null and void.