



## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 11 OF 2011

21 Dec 2011

Shipping Community  
Harbour and Pleasure Craft Community

### **THE USE OF CANOES AND KAYAKS WITHIN THE PORT LIMITS OF SINGAPORE**

1 Under Regulation 52 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pleasure Craft) Regulations, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) hereby permits the use of any canoe or kayak within Singapore port limits, (excluding any inland water body regulated by the Public Utilities Board) owned by –

- (a) any individual; or
- (b) any organisation if used solely by members of that organisation;

without the requirement for a licence, subject to the condition that any individual or member of any organisation using the canoe or kayak must wear an appropriate life jacket or life vest during such use and the individual owner or organisation must ensure that this condition is complied with.

2 “Organisation” shall mean any one of the following

- (a) an organisation not operated or conducted primarily for profit, which is engaged in or connected with the promotion of sports; or
- (b) an educational institution not operated or conducted for profit, which is engaged with or connected with the advancement of education; or
- (c) a public authority or society not operated or conducted for profit, which is engaged with or connected with charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole.

3 Failure to comply with paragraph 1 would result in the cancellation of the exemption from licensing.

4 Individuals or organisations planning to organise, promote or conduct any race, display, regatta, expedition, special event or any other operation or activity involving the use of canoe(s) or kayak(s) within the port limits of Singapore are reminded that they are required under Regulation 46 of the

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pleasure Craft) Regulations to apply for and obtain a permit from the Port Master to do so. The Port Master's contact details are as follows:

Marine Environment and Safety Department  
Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore  
Tel: 63252488 or 63252489  
Fax: 6325 2484  
Email: pms@mpa.gov.sg.

5 The requirements in paragraph 1 of this Circular shall not apply to canoes or kayaks owned or operated by Government agencies or public authorities.

6 The MPA may also, on an annual basis, conduct an audit on the following:

- (a) Any organisation which has the facilities to store canoes and kayaks, to ensure the seaworthiness of the canoes or kayaks;
- (b) Any organisation that provides canoes or kayaks for use (as described in paragraph 2 of this Circular), to ensure that the organisation has fulfilled its obligations under paragraph 1(b) of this Circular; and
- (c) Any person who owns a canoe (or canoes) or kayak (or kayaks) which are stored at the premises of any organisation mentioned above.

7 Pursuant to Regulation 53 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pleasure Craft) Regulations, the Port Master has determined that the areas described in **Annex 1** are prohibited areas for canoes and kayaks ("the Prohibited Areas Restriction"). Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the Prohibition Areas Restriction shall be guilty of an offence punishable under Regulation 54 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pleasure Craft) Regulations, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

8 Users of canoes and kayaks should note that they are to cross the channels and fairways only when it is safe to do so.

9 Users of canoes and kayaks are encouraged to read the safety guidelines drawn up by MPA and the Singapore Canoe Federation before proceeding out to sea (website address: [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/recreation\\_and\\_leisure/recreation](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/recreation_and_leisure/recreation)).

10 This circular will come into force with immediate effect and will remain in force until further notice.

11 Port Marine Circular No 21 of 2003 dated 29 May 2003 will be cancelled.

LEE CHENG WEE  
PORT MASTER  
MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

## **Annex 1**

### **A. PROHIBITION ON MOVEMENT OF CANOES AND KAYAKS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:**

(1) All Anchorages Channels and Fairways (See chartlet in Annex 2);

(2) Prohibited areas (See chartlet in Annex 3)

- (a) Jurong Island;
- (b) Pulau Busing and Pulau Bukom;
- (c) Pulau Sebarok and Shell SBM;
- (d) Sembawang Wharves and approaches;
- (e) Cafhi Jetty;
- (f) Changi Naval Base;
- (g) Selat Sengkir;
- (h) Pulau Satumu (Raffles Lighthouse);
- (i) Southern Islands (Pulau Sudong, Pulau Pawai and Pulau Senang);
- (j) Tuas Naval Base;
- (k) West Johor Straits from 2<sup>nd</sup> Link to Sarimbun adjacent to SAFTI Live firing area;
- (l) Cruise Bay;
- (m) Chek Jawa Wetlands;
- (n) Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve;
- (o) West Jurong Channel;
- (p) Tuas Channel;
- (q) Temasek Fairway;
- (r) Ferry terminals and Piers (Changi Point Ferry Terminal, Changi Ferry Terminal, Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, Marina South Pier and West Coast Pier)
- (s) Tuas Explosive Jetty;
- (t) All Port Marine Notice (PMN) working areas.  
(Please see following link for the work areas listed in PMN)

[http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/port\\_and\\_shipping/circulars\\_and\\_notices/port\\_marine\\_notices.page](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/port_and_shipping/circulars_and_notices/port_marine_notices.page)

### **B. CANOES AND KAYAKS ARE TO EXERCISE DUE CAUTION WHEN IN THE VICINITY OF FOLLOWING TIDAL GATES:**

- (a) Sungei Seletar;
- (b) Sungei Ponggol;
- (c) Sungei Serangoon;
- (d) Kranji Tidal Gate
- (e) Pandan River;
- (f) Sungei Jurong



