

**1<sup>st</sup> Semiahmoo Sea Scout Group**

**Personal Flotation Device (PFD)**

**Information sheet and Parent Approval Form**

The law requires boats to be equipped with a **Canadian-approved** PFD or lifejacket of **an appropriate size** for each person on board (except for any infant who weighs less than 9 kg or any person whose chest size exceeds 140 cm).

It is Scouts Canada policy that all youth and leaders must wear approved, properly fitted personal flotation devices equipped with a whistle when participating in 1<sup>st</sup> Semiahmoo Sea Scout boating activities. For their own safety, youth and leaders not properly equipped will not be allowed to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> Semiahmoo Sea Scout Group water activities.

***90% of deaths in boating are from drowning, and 80% of those drowning victims were not wearing a personal flotation device.***

Parents are responsible for supplying and inspecting the PFD for their youth and for ensuring that the PFD's meet the standards set by the Canadian Coast Guard, i.e. PFD's are the appropriate type (e.g. Type I, II, III, or IV PFD's), size and fit for each user based on the type of activity, conditions and water craft used; buoyancy is sufficient to support the particular participant's weight; and the PFD is in serviceable condition including working clasps and zippers.

The Scouter-in-charge of the water activity is responsible for ensuring that each participating youth properly wears their assigned PFD during the water activity.

Parent/Guardian: Please complete this form for each youth that you have participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semiahmoo Sea Scout program and return to the section leader.

My youth, \_\_\_\_\_ weighed \_\_\_\_\_ pounds when weighed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(dd/mm/yyyy).

I have provided a \_\_\_\_\_ (type) personal floatation device marked with their name, that is approved to a weight of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. I have inspected this floatation device for rips, tears, holes, seam integrity, fabric straps and hardware. There are no signs of water-logging, mildew odour, or shrinkage of the buoyant material and I find it to be in full working order. I conducted a successful buoyancy test of this PFD on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_