

PaddleAwaySports, LLC aka PaddleAwaySports
Safety Guidelines and General Information
Kayaks, Paddle Boards, Snorkel Gear & Snorkelsleds

Welcome to Intracoastal Park, located in beautiful Boynton Beach, FL., home of PaddleAwaySports. Our goal at PaddleAwaySports is to provide you with a safe and enjoyable experience exploring part of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway.

Please take a moment to observe the **red and green buoys**. They are called nun buoys. Nun buoys are channel markers designating the deeper channels in the intracoastal where boats tend to travel. Treat these areas like a road. Look both ways. Make sure no boats are coming, and then cross. Do not linger or hang out in these areas. Smaller vessels have the right of way, but please err to the side of caution. Be defensive and look out for them in case they are not looking out for you.

You should explore 25-50 yards from the shoreline. This is where the majority of **marine life** that you may encounter inhabits. You may encounter marine life such as Manatees, Manta Rays, Stingrays, Eagle Rays, Bottle Nose Dolphins, Loggerhead Turtles and yes, occasionally Sharks. Please do not interact with the wildlife for your safety and theirs.

Directly to the east of the launch site is "**Beer Can Island**", a **bird sanctuary and estuary (Destination A)**. You can navigate around the northern tip of "Beer Can Island" and explore around the island and the cove to the east of the island. You can explore the mangrove area to the northeast of "Beer Can Island". You cannot go on anyone's boats, docks or property. You cannot go on the mangrove area or "Beer Can Island".

To your east, and just south of "Beer Can Island" is the **Boynton Beach Inlet**. This channel leads to the ocean. You are not by any means allowed to try to navigate your way through this channel to the ocean. There is a Palm Beach County Sherriff's Marine Patrol Unit stationed at Boynton Beach's inlet park. If they catch you trying to navigate your way through this channel, they will escort you back to the launch site and you will be done for the day.

Do not cross directly in front of the mouth of the inlet. Instead swing out and do a 180 degree half circle keeping a safe distance from the mouth of the inlet. The Boynton Beach inlet is the most dangerous inlet in the state of Florida. Again, please err to the side of caution. If at any time you find yourself in harm's way or feel that you are in danger, if it is easier to abandon the equipment in order to get to safety, please do so. We here at PaddleAwaySports are concerned about your safety. We will retrieve the equipment at a later time.

Directly to the south of the Boynton Beach inlet on the east side of the intracoastal is the **Town of Ocean Ridge (Destination B)**. There is a small low lying concrete bridge just to the south of the beach area located at Ocean Ridge Park. When you go under this bridge, you will be entering a boat channel where you will see multi-million dollar homes, boats, yachts and sailboats. As it slowly turns to the right, about 10 minutes after you have gone under the first bridge, you will see a second bridge on your left. It is your only left. Go left. Again it will slowly turn to the right. About 10 minutes later you will come to a point where you will either have to make a right or a left. It is your only left, go left and under a third bridge. You will enter a mangrove area. There are trails you can explore. None of them lead anywhere. They all dead end. You may encounter birds such as Osprey, Turkey Vultures, Ibis, Blue Heron, Pelicans, Seagulls and more. It should take you roughly 30 minutes to get there, 30 minutes to explore this area, and 30 minutes to return. I recommend exploring Destination B first and using the last half hour of your time to explore Destination A which is only a stone's throw away from your final destination point, the big blue roof.

PaddleAwaySports has provided you with a life vest. By law it has to be on the vessel; however, we recommend that you wear your life vest at all times.

PaddleAwaySports will provide me with oral instructions concerning the operation of the rental equipment that I am renting from PaddleAwaySports in addition to the safety guidelines. I will not participate in any recreational boating or other activities unless I receive and understand these instructions. By participating, I acknowledge that I have received and understood these instructions.

I have read and understand the above safety guidelines and general instructions.

Signature or Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years of age): _____ Date: _____

Attendant's initials: _____