

Hooper Outing Club Paddler Ratings

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Kayak Lake Rating
Earn by taking the kayak lake lesson

Canoe Lake Rating
Earn by taking the canoe lake lesson

A lake rating allows a paddler to participate in quietwater trips, such as Fall Colors and the Boundary Waters

Standard Swim Test**
pass the swim test to participate in most boating trips

Swim 100 yards, then tread water for the remainder of 5 minutes

or

Show proof of lifeguarding or water safety certification

**A provisional swim test may be substituted in some cases

	Sea kayak	Whitewater kayak	Open Solo Canoe	Open Tandem Canoe	Decked Solo Canoe	What does it mean?	How do I earn it?	What can I do with it?	
← Sea kayak ratings on other side.		R1	R1-OC1	R1-OC2	R1-C1	Proficient in paddling class I whitewater	Earn on an introductory moving water or class I whitewater trip, such as Badfish Creek, Prairie du Sac, or the Baraboo River	May paddle the Memorial Day Trip, the Red River, the Pike, Wolf Section II	Whitewater Ratings
		R2	R2-OC1	R2p-OC2 R2-OC2	R2-C1	Proficient in paddling class II whitewater	Earn on a class I to II river trip, such as the Memorial Day weekend trip, the Red River, or the Wolf Section II.	May paddle the Peshtigo, Wolf Section III, and other class II whitewater	
*the letter p as in 'R3p' indicates a provisional rating.		R3p	R3p-OC1	R3p-OC2	R3p-C1	Gaining proficiency in paddling class III whitewater	Earn on a class II to II+ whitewater trip, such as the Peshtigo or Wolf Section III. Demonstrate boat control in class II and a semi-reliable roll.	May paddle Wausau, Wolf Section IV, and other class III features in good conditions at river leader's discretion	
		R3	R3-OC1	R3-OC2	R3-C1	Proficient in paddling class III whitewater	Earn on a trip with class III features, such as the Wausau whitewater course or the Wolf Section IV.	May paddle class III sections in more challenging conditions	
		R4p	R4p-OC1	R4p-OC2	R4p-C1	Gaining proficiency in paddling class IV whitewater	Earn on a class III to III+ whitewater trip	May paddle class IV sections in good conditions at river leader's discretion	
		R4	R4-OC1	R4-OC2	R4-C1	Proficient in paddling class IV whitewater	Earn on a class IV advanced whitewater trip	May paddle all whitewater allowed to be run on club trips	

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