

# THE PIRATE CASTLE

“Activities © Boating © Community”

## CONSENT FORM FOR YOUTH / ADULT PIRATE CASTLE ACTIVITY SESSIONS

This consent form must be completed for all children/young people (aged 8 years +) wishing to participate in The Pirate Castle's paddlesport/outdoor activity sessions, School Holiday Schemes and/or After School Club services (which may include canal and land-based activities) and Adults wishing to participate in paddlesport/outdoor activity sessions delivered by The Pirate Castle. We will process the personal data you provide to us in accordance with our data privacy policy which is set out at <https://www.thepiratecastle.org/policies-guidelines>.

**For participants aged 8-18 years, this consent form MUST be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian ONLY.**

**Adult participants (aged 18 years +) may complete and countersign their own consent forms.**

Participant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle as appropriate): Male Female

Can the participant swim a minimum of 25 metres? Y / N (circle as appropriate)

Parent / Guardian's name (for child/youth participant named above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Details

In case of emergency, please supply the name and telephone number of a second contact.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to self/young person: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any pre-existing medical conditions (e.g. asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, mobility restrictions etc.), which may require treatment and/or any condition which may affect participation in paddlesport/outdoor education activities.

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Do you/ the participant have any disabilities or additional support needs we should be aware of? If YES, please provide a brief description below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Any known allergies e.g. antibiotics, aspirin, nuts etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration

- I give consent for .....to take part in activities delivered at/by The Pirate Castle
- I accept that paddlesport and/or outdoor education activities are assumed risk sports and confirm that I am aware of the risks involved and have read and understood the advice given on water quality (see below)
- I will be available to be contacted by The Pirate Castle staff if any situation involving my child should arise
- In the event of illness/medical emergency involving the participant, I give permission for treatment to be administered by a nominated first aider and/or by suitably qualified medical practitioner as deemed necessary. If I cannot be contacted and my child should require emergency hospital treatment, I authorise a qualified medical practitioner to provide emergency treatment/medication and convey the child to hospital. I understand that every reasonable effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.
- I accept that The Pirate Castle has no responsibility for the security and wellbeing of personal property
- I accept that the participant must follow The Pirate Castle's rules, instructions and decisions made by staff and instructors at all times and that they should act in a responsible way so as to not endanger or restrict other users.

We may take photos or film those participating in The Pirate Castle's activities for training purposes and/or for The Pirate Castle's promotional use. If you would prefer that the participant named on this form does **NOT** feature in publicly accessible images or

footage, please tick the box

Signed (Parent/Guardian – youth participant): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: (Adult participant): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ethnic Monitoring Form

Within our monitoring and evaluation framework, we collect information on the diversity of our service users to evidence the community impact of our activities to funders and stakeholders. If you are willing to share this information with us, we would be most grateful.

From the options below, please tick the box which best represents the participant's ethnic background:

<p><b>White</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> English / Welsh / Scottish/ Northern Irish / British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Irish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other white background</p>	<p><b>Mixed / Multiple Ethnic groups</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background</p>
<p><b>Asian / Asian British</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background</p>	<p><b>Black / African / Caribbean / Black British</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black / African / Caribbean background</p>
<p><b>Other ethnic groups</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arab</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prefer not to say</b></p>

**Thank you and happy paddling!**

## Information to take away – water quality and Weil's disease

It is a common misconception that the canals and rivers around London are dirty and full of potential health risks due to water-borne contaminants. In fact, most recreational users (canoeists, kayakers, sailors, canal boat cruisers etc.) will use these stretches of water for many years without experiencing any complaints. However, it is important to understand that waterways/bodies of water can never be sterile environments and that, on rare occasions, people may become unwell due to water-borne contaminants or bacteria.

The Pirate Castle's instructor team will always endeavour to avoid contaminated areas. We will **never** practice any skills, play games or splash about in areas identified as contaminated. Visible contaminants can be easily avoided whilst on the water, however as unseen bacteria and microscopic contaminants may be present it is important that all participants take precautionary measures to reduce the risk of becoming unwell following water exposure.

Outlined below is guidance for minimising the risk of contracting Weil's disease. Following these steps will equally reduce the risk of potentially contracting other water-borne illnesses.

### To reduce the risk of becoming ill on water-based activities:

- Cover ALL scratches / cuts / sores / skin affected by eczema with waterproof plasters
- Have a shower, or at the very least wash your face and hands after each activity session and particularly before eating, drinking or touching your face
- Avoid capsizing boats or splashing other participants/waterway users unless specifically advised by the instructor team i.e. during wet games
- Don't put wet ropes or other objects in your mouth
- Don't go in the water without suitable footwear

**Weil's disease** or Leptospirosis is a VERY RARE illness. It is carried in the urine of infected animals, particularly rats. The main danger is that because it is so rare, doctors may not recognise it immediately. If you suffer from 'flu-like symptoms, jaundice or conjunctivitis after you have been participating in water-based activities, you are advised to go straight to your doctor. Tell them you've participated in water sports and insist that they check for Weil's disease and prescribe a suitable course of treatment.