



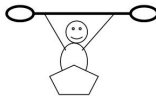

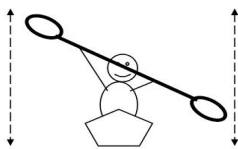
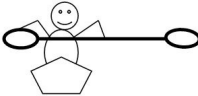
LowCountry Paddlers Club

Trip Leader Handbook



Paddle Signals for Use on Trips

Often times on trips paddlers cannot hear directions from the Trip Leader. Therefore, it is helpful to have paddle signals which communicate to the participants on the trip.

Command From Trip Leader	Paddle Signal	Graphic of Paddle Signal
Stop (Stop momentum)	Paddle held horizontally	
Go (Go forward to designated location) Gather Here – If seen after 3 whistle blasts	Paddle held vertically	
Back Paddle/ Slow Down (Slow down if used while touring, paddle backwards when in surf zone)	Paddle held horizontal with ends moving up & down alternately	
Paddle to right or left (Go in direction leader's paddle is pointing)	Paddle pointing upward to the right or left	
Emergency/Gather-up (The speed of the wave changes from emergency (fast wave) to gather-up (slow wave)).	Paddle pointing upward and moving from side to side	