

SKOAC

Trailer Policies and Use Information

SKOAC owns two boat trailers that are available for use by club members. The trailers were purchased to allow club members to reduce environmental impacts and costs while car-pooling and transporting gear on club trips. It is the intent of SKOAC that the trailers be used for any practical trip purposes. The more frequent the use, the better.

Eligible Trips and Usage –

- All posted club trips and activities are eligible for trailer use
- Non-posted trips are also eligible provided the trip participants are club members
- Eligible trips should have 3 or more club members participating
- If a trailer is otherwise available, a trip of 2 club members may use a trailer, however if a reservation request is received from a larger group, such group will receive priority

Reservations –

- The trailers are available on a first-come, first-reserved basis
- Reservations can be requested beginning 60 days in advance of a trip
- Reservation requests should be made via an email request to board@skoac.org and should indicate the trip dates, the club member responsible for the trailer and the trip participants
- Incomplete reservation requests will not be valid
- All trip participants must be current with their SKOAC membership
- The SKOAC board shall decide any issues or disputes regarding trailer reservations

Usage Fees –

- Upon approval of your reservation, please complete page 2 of this document and submit along with your usage fees PRIOR TO trailer pickup – submit to SKOAC PO Box 581792, Minneapolis, MN 55458**
- Fees are \$15 for trips up to 1 week in length**
- Fees are \$30 if your trip covers 2 weekends**
- Trailer use for day trips around the metro area are free of charge, provided a trailer is available and not needed for a remote destination trip

Responsibilities of SKOAC –

-SKOAC, ITS BOARD AND MEMBERS, ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO BOATS, GEAR, VEHICLES OR PERSONS THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER DURING THE USE OF THE TRAILER

Responsibilities of Reserving Club Member and User(s) –

- The trailer must be returned to its pickup location promptly upon completion of a trip
- The club member signing out for use of the trailer is responsible to return the trailer in the same condition as it was upon pickup
- ANY DAMAGE TO THE TRAILER, VEHICLES OR PERSONS RESULTING FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER (other than normal wear and tear) IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESERVING CLUB MEMBER AND USER(S)**
- Any damage must either be repaired in a prompt manner or the trailer replaced by the reserving club member and user(s)

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The trailer is to be used for the transport of boats and paddling gear only. Please, ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER ITEMS should ever be transported via the trailer.

The hitch size of the trailer is 1 7/8" – be sure this is the size of the ball on your vehicle. The larger 2" ball sizes are NOT appropriate for securing this trailer.

Be sure to hook up the trailer lights and secure the chain link backup to your vehicle.

Be sure to use a padlock to secure the trailer and prevent theft when the trailer is unattended.

It is best to trailer boats unloaded and properly padded and strapped down. If you put gear in the boats because of lack of vehicle space you do so at your own risk. If necessary, only place lighter weight gear items in the boats (pfd's, paddles, sprayskirts, sleeping bags and pads....).

I acknowledge the following:

- All trip participants are members of SKOAC, and all memberships are current
- All trip participants have completed a "General Membership Waiver and Release of Liability" in conjunction with their membership in SKOAC. (Form is available for download from www.skoac.org in the "Join SKOAC" link on the homepage)
- I have read the Waiver and Release, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and signed it voluntarily.

I have read and understand the "SKOAC – Trailer Policies and Use Information". I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and signed it voluntarily.

Responsible Member's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Member Trip Participants (Users):

Dates of Usage: _____

Date of Trailer Pickup: _____

Date Returning Trailer: _____

Usage Fee Payable to SKOAC - Attached and Remitted: \$15 or \$30