

Stand Up Paddleboard Program Development Committee Report

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The Stand Up Paddleboard Program Development Committee (SUP PDC) has had a effective year. Along with the regular ongoing business of the committee, the following projects were undertaken as outlined below.

Program changes

The most recent version of the program manual, v4.3, was released in January. It contains small but important program modifications, mostly related to policy changes from the board.

It is important to always use the most current version of the program! Instructors and instructor-trainers can download the latest version of the manual from paddlebuzz.ca. The change log, near the beginning of the document, generally outlines changes in each version.

SUP Surf and SUP Touring programs

In 2014, the SUP Coastal stream was divided into two independent streams, Surf and Touring. Each now has two skill levels with two corresponding instructor and instructor trainer (IT) levels.

The committee held “Rollout clinics” for both Surf and Touring in the Tofino, BC area in the fall of 2014, and a Touring Rollout in Ontario in the spring of 2015. They were well attended.

Rollouts are special clinics where the initial instructors and instructor-trainers of a new program are given their certifications. It is the main way that Paddle Canada jump-starts new programs. When done correctly, programs grow organically from them on.

Participation in rollout clinics is generally restricted to paddlers with the experience and skills in the paddling discipline plus instruction aptitude, so that they should easily attain the certification. The program is shared with participants. Each participant needs to demonstrate that they have the paddling and instructional skills expected. Participants receive the award appropriate to their demonstrated skills.

The committee is organizing Surf and Touring rollout clinics for Atlantic Canada for the fall of 2016.

Facebook Page

The committee created a closed Facebook page for Paddle Canada SUP instructors and ITs. The page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/907277806057048/>

It is meant as a space for instructors to share best practices, photos and war stories. It is our vision that the instructors dictate what is on the page; the PDC will not be exercising oversight.

The PDC members

Special thanks to the SUP PDC members (Mark Sciver, Mike Darbyshire, Hugo Lavictoire, Dave Adler, Norm Hann and Josh Hall) for their volunteer service and tremendous help over the past year! Without their participation we would not have accomplished so much good work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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