## WELCOME

## This is a NYC Kayak and Canoe Launching Area Permit Required for Use

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES:**

- Kayaking and canoeing is not recommended during or following rainfall, when waterways may experience short-term spikes in bacteria levels due to combined sewer overflow.
- Only experienced boaters should kayak or canoe here. Enter at your own risk.
- Remain in your vessel and avoid activities that increase exposure to water. Wash hands and clothing if contact with water or sediment occurs.
- All paddlers must wear a United States Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD). Carry a spare paddle.
- Be aware of weather, tides, currents, and boat traffic.
- Do Not Paddle Alone. Notify someone else of your trip plans and check in when you return.
- Bring appropriate safety, rescue, and navigational aids, and more than adequate food, water and extra protective clothing.
- No unsupervised children allowed.

## LAUNCH RULES:

- No swimming, diving, or entering the water. This includes pets.
- No dogs off leash.
- No littering or dumping debris.
- No discharges into water.
- No camping or open fires.
- No personal property or kayaks left unattended.

For more information about the New York City Water Trail, please go to <u>nyc.gov/parks</u> or nycwatertrail.org. For permit information, call (212) 360-8133.

Boaters should check the NYC Department of Environmental Protection website at nyc.gov/dep for information about water quality.