

Never tow a Kayak with a PB if someone is in the Kayak, it can easily capsize trapping the kayaker.

But it is possible to safely “shunt” 1 kayak for a short distance

How to shunt a kayak;



1 kayaker is being left behind in the fleet? One option is to shunt the kayaker so that they may re-join the main group.

This method can also be used if the kayaker needs to be taken closer to the shore in order for them to be able to paddle back to shore by themselves.

Come along side, kayaker to stow paddle in their kayak, and holds onto the PB handle. Crew to thread PB painter through the front toggle on kayak, pulling the kayak bow close to PB, sit down and hold the end of painter firmly, watching the kayak. PB can move forward, not too fast, and shunt the kayak to the front of the fleet. Stop, and release painter, kayaker can retrieve paddle and paddle away..

Towing Multiple Empty Kayaks

This is another scenario you may encounter at some stage

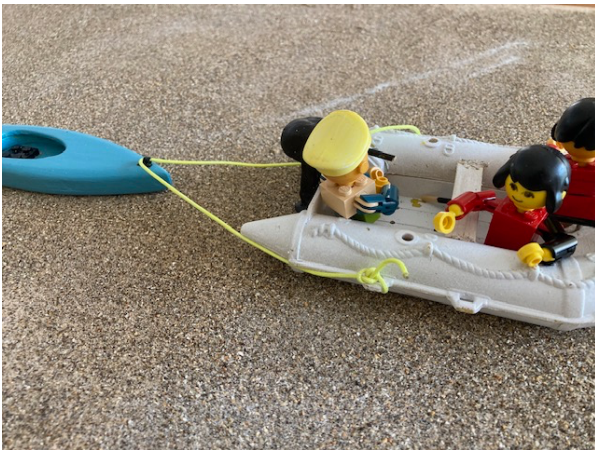
You are in PB with 1 person over 16, and you need to tow your 4 kayaks back to shore, without the help of a Kayak instructor in their own Kayak, or another PB.



Come alongside the furthest away kayak on the Port side of the PB. Motor in Neutral.



Kayaker to hold onto the PB, gives their paddle to crew to stow out of the way, then, whilst the crew is holding onto the kayak, the kayaker hops into the PB, and holds the kayak again. Crew to undo the yellow tow rope from the PB, thread through the back handle on Port side of the PB. Then through the toggle on the front of the kayak.



Crew to carry the end of the painter over the skipper, to the starboard side of PB, then tying the end onto the last handle with a couple of half hitches. This is a floating rope, do not attempt to do this with any other kind of rope.



Off to the next kayak, approach on starboard side of PB. Same scenario, stow paddle, child hops on board PB, crew undoes the half hitches and threads the end of yellow painter through the toggle of the orange kayak, and ties off end with the 2 half hitches.



Off to the next kayak. Repeat the process for the other 2 kayaks, and finish with a bowline for the final time, onto the PB handle.



This is how you tow empty Kayaks. **Like a Bunch of Bananas.** It is possible to tow up to 6 empty kayaks this way.

Towing Multiple Kayaks back to shore

Prepare for coming ashore with your 4 children on board and 4 Kayaks on tow.

Once you have secured the tow rope and everyone is sitting down and paddles safely stowed, put the motor in shallow water position, take the kill cord off you ankle and hold in your spare hand, ready for a quick exit. Crew to hold on to the PB painter and get ready to jump off the side away from the shore, Port in this demo.



Maintaining a steady speed prepare to do a U turn, in water shallow enough for your crew to stand



Start to turn, pull the kill cord and drop into PB, and lift the motor.



Crew can now hop out and start to pull the PB round into the waves, shore people can get ready to help.



Skipper hops out and helps the crew push the PB, keeping it bow to waves, and can undo the bowline , to free the kayaks.



The children can now hop out, if safe to do so. Children can help release the kayaks, with shore help, keeping them bow to waves, and bring them all ashore.

Skipper and crew can safely bring the PB ashore.
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