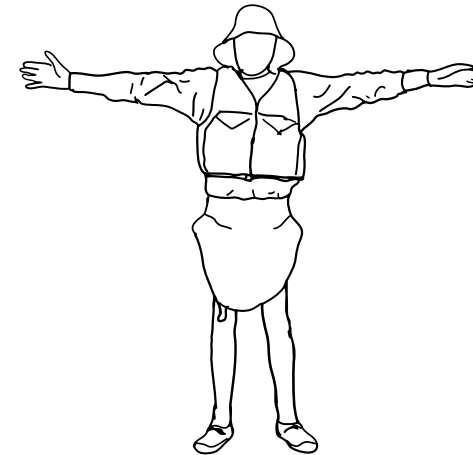
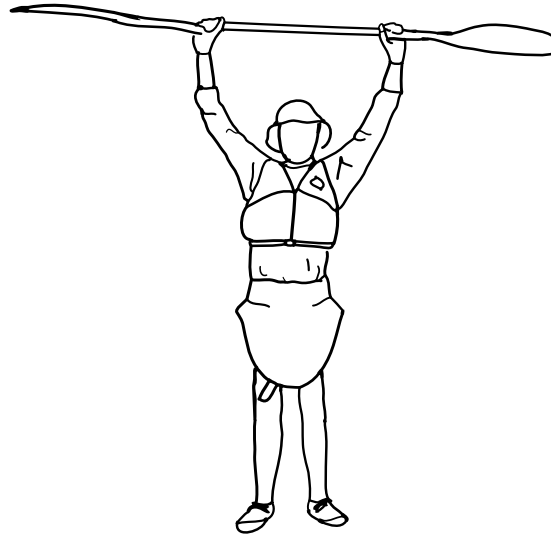
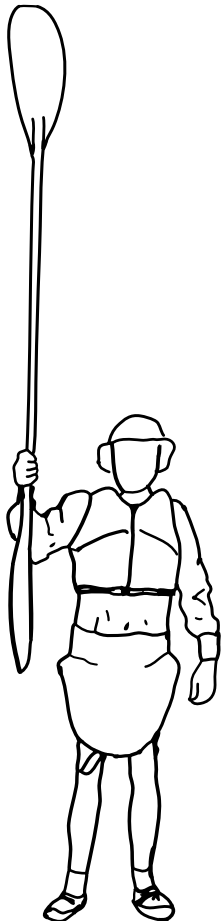


Sea signals

Leaders of sea kayaking activities must adopt a series of signals appropriate to the context that is simple and allows communication amongst their group in sea conditions. Those shown here are in wide use. Where appropriate, they can also be made by a paddler in a kayak.

(Safety Guidelines, p 16)



Stop

Stop, and hold position.

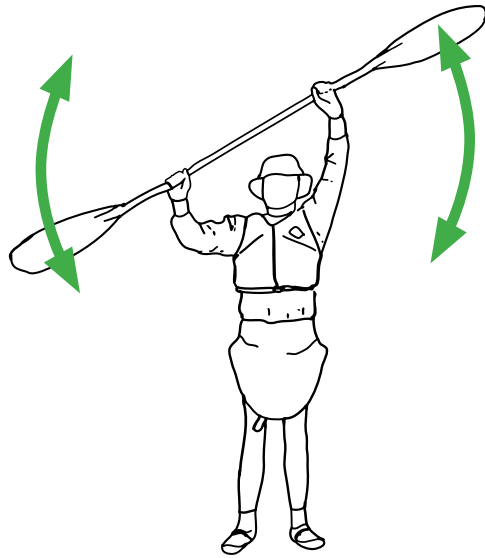
Come to me

Gather around the person signalling.

On water:

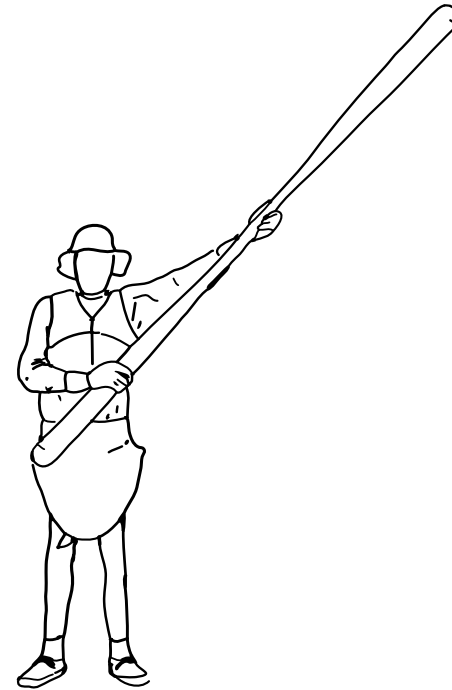
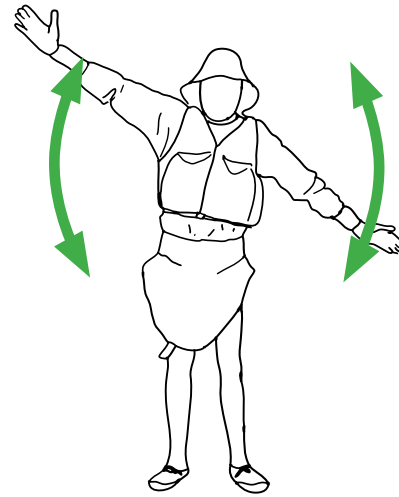
- to keep the group together on a trip, and not spread
- because of a problem or need for assistance, perhaps an emergency
- to indicate the safe or correct course, clear of danger
- in coaching, to give further directions.

On land: to indicate the safest landing spot on the beach.



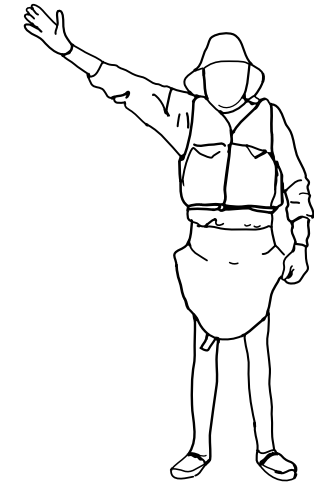
Reverse

Paddle backwards, e.g. to avoid an obstacle.

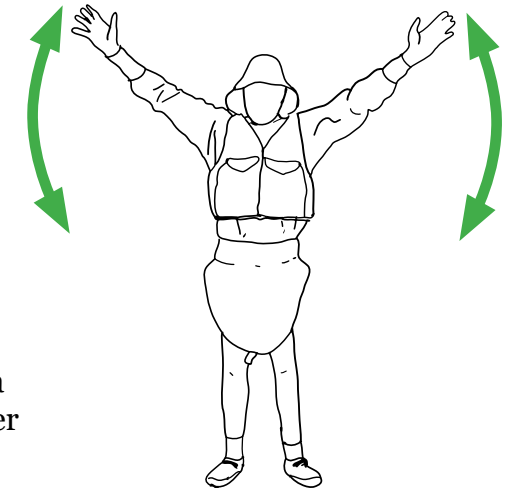


Go in the direction indicated

Left or right as appropriate.



OK



Distress

Raising and lowering the arms together is a distress signal in other forms of boating.