

Canoeing Vocabulary

- Bow:** the forward (front) of the boat
- Canoe:** small, long, and narrow human powered boat; usually pointed at both ends and typically open; the operator(s) can either kneel or sit in the hull of the boat and should face in the direction of travel
- Fulcrum:** the area around which a lever turns
- Hull:** the main body of a ship or other vessel, including the bottom, sides, and deck but not the masts, superstructure, rigging, engines, and other fittings
- Keel:** the structure along the centerline of a boat on which the rest of the hull is built
- Paddle:** the tool used to push and pull the canoe through the water
- PFD:** personal flotation device; a jacket or vest worn to keep a person afloat in water
- Port:** the left side of the boat when facing the bow
- Starboard:** the right side of the boat when facing the bow
- Stern:** the rear (back) part of the boat