

## **RULES OF THE ROAD FOR STAND UP PADDLE BOARDERS AND KAYAKERS**

### **Speed Limit**

- Huntington Beach Municipal Code 13.36.020: No owner, operator or person in command of any vessel, except a police officer, fireman or lifeguard in the performance of his or her duty, shall operate any vessel or permit any vessel to be operated in any portion of any harbor at a rate of speed in excess of five miles per hour, or in any such manner or at any rate of speed which would endanger the safety of persons or property. (1634-3/71)

### **Stopping on Private Docks**

- Paddleboards/Kayakers are prohibited from stopping on private docks on any privately owned beach.

### **Right of Way**

- Boats and motorized vessels have the right of way. Paddleboarders and kayakers should stay to the right, whenever possible.

### **Life Jackets:**

- Each paddler 13 years of age or older must have a USCG-approved Type I, II, III, or appropriate Type V (see below) life jacket. It doesn't have to be worn, although that's certainly the wisest plan, and one which we strongly recommend.
- A child 12-years old or younger must wear their USCG-approved life jacket.
- The jacket must be in "serviceable condition," without rips, tears or deterioration that will diminish its performance.
- The jacket must be of an appropriate size and fit for the wearer.
- A Type V jacket can be used as long as it's USCG-approved and applicable for the activity.
- Belt pouch-type inflatable PFDs, such as the ones we carry, must be worn on the person to meet the life jacket regulation. For other types of inflatable PFDs, check the approval description printed on the unit for restrictions.
- For all life jackets, be sure to read the label to know if special requirements pertain to that device.

### **Other Required Gear:**

- A whistle or other sound producing device must be carried to warn other boaters.
- If you're on the water after sunset, you need to have a flashlight, or similar lighting device, to warn other boaters.