



Grandtully Slalom Gate Use

These gates are an important part of slalom training. It is essential that the code below is followed in order to ensure safe operation of the gate system and disturbance to other water users is kept to a minimum. Gate users may find it useful to check the weather forecast and be aware of the trend on the river gauge (www.wheresthewater.com) before sessions. The Tay is a natural river and has a huge water catchment area. The river can rise substantially, even without it raining at Grandtully

Safety

- Ensure that there is no one either approaching or on the Grandtully rapid before:
 - adjusting gate positions and/or adjusting bearer tensions
 - moving bearers from one stanchion to another

Whenever possible do not adjust the gates while alone. Best practice is to have a “spotter” upstream keeping a look out for oncoming craft to both alert the person adjusting the gates to their presence as well as to warn any oncoming craft.

- **During** the session, keep the number of gates in the main flow to a minimum - particularly around the top fall area and in the main river running lines used by other paddlers and rafts.
- **Between** sessions, move gates which are in the flow away from river running lines.
- When you have **finished** training for the day:
 - Move all gates back to the far bank unless alternative arrangements have been made.
 - Raise the bearers so that the gates are well above the river level – allowing for the fact that the river may rise. In high flow, the bearers should be close to maximum height
- No gates are to be left dragging in the water at any time

Other aspects of use

- Should you notice any damage or maintenance issue please report to: stephen.macdonald@canoescotland.org
- All vehicles should be parked at the SCA Station Yard car park in Lagoonan Road
- Exclusive use of the gates can be arranged through: kevin.mchugh@canoescotland.org
- SCA slalom squads have priority over gate positioning unless otherwise agreed
- Toilets, showers and camping are available at the SCA Campsite (Lagoonan Road). Text 07760 117641 or email sca.campsite@canoescotland.org for the access codes.