

<b>BEAUFORT SCALE FOR SEA KAYAKERS</b>						
<b>Beaufort Scale</b>	<b>Windspeed Knots</b>	<b>Windspeed MPH</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sea State</b>	<b>Description in forecasts</b>	<b>State of sea</b>
				Disclaimer - this is for information only - you must make your own informed decision as to whether it's safe to paddle or not		
0	0	0	Calm	Sea like a mirror - nice paddling.	Calm	Calm
1	1-3	1-3	Light Air	Ripples but without foam crests	Light	Calm
2	4-6	4-7	Light Breeze	Small wavelets. Crests do not break	Light	Smooth
3	7-10	8-12	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets. Perhaps scattered white horses	Light	Smooth
4	11-16	13-18	Moderate Breeze	Small waves. Fairly frequent white horses. Getting bouncy and the inexperienced should start to think about heading to shore unless it's an onshore breeze.	Moderate	Slight
5	17-21	19-24	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves, many white horses The inexperienced will find it hard work paddling into this.	Fresh	Moderate
6	22-27	25-31	Strong Breeze	Large waves begin to form; white foam crests, probably spray. Seas getting big, rescues will be difficult. Warnings issued to small craft.	Strong	Rough
7	28-33	32-38	Near Gale	Sea heaps up and white foam blown in streaks along the direction of the wind. Big seas, kayaks are difficult to turn and it will be hard to make headway. Communication very difficult.	Strong	Very Rough
8	34-40	39-46	Gale	Moderately high waves, crests begin to break into spindrift. Dangerous conditions - communication almost impossible. Each paddler must look out for himself and rescues impractical.	Gale	High
9	41-47	47-54	Strong Gale	High waves. Dense foam along the direction of the wind. Crests of waves begin to roll over. Spray may affect visibility. Try praying. You'll need it.	Severe gale	Very high
10	48-55	55-63	Storm	Very high waves with long overhanging crests. The surface of the sea takes a white appearance. Visibility affected. Which means the lifeboat will have little chance of actually seeing you.	Storm	Very high

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