



Go
Kayak
Now

Leadership and Risk Management for Paddlers



Is this risky?



How about this?

**OK, you're not even
wearing a helmet!**

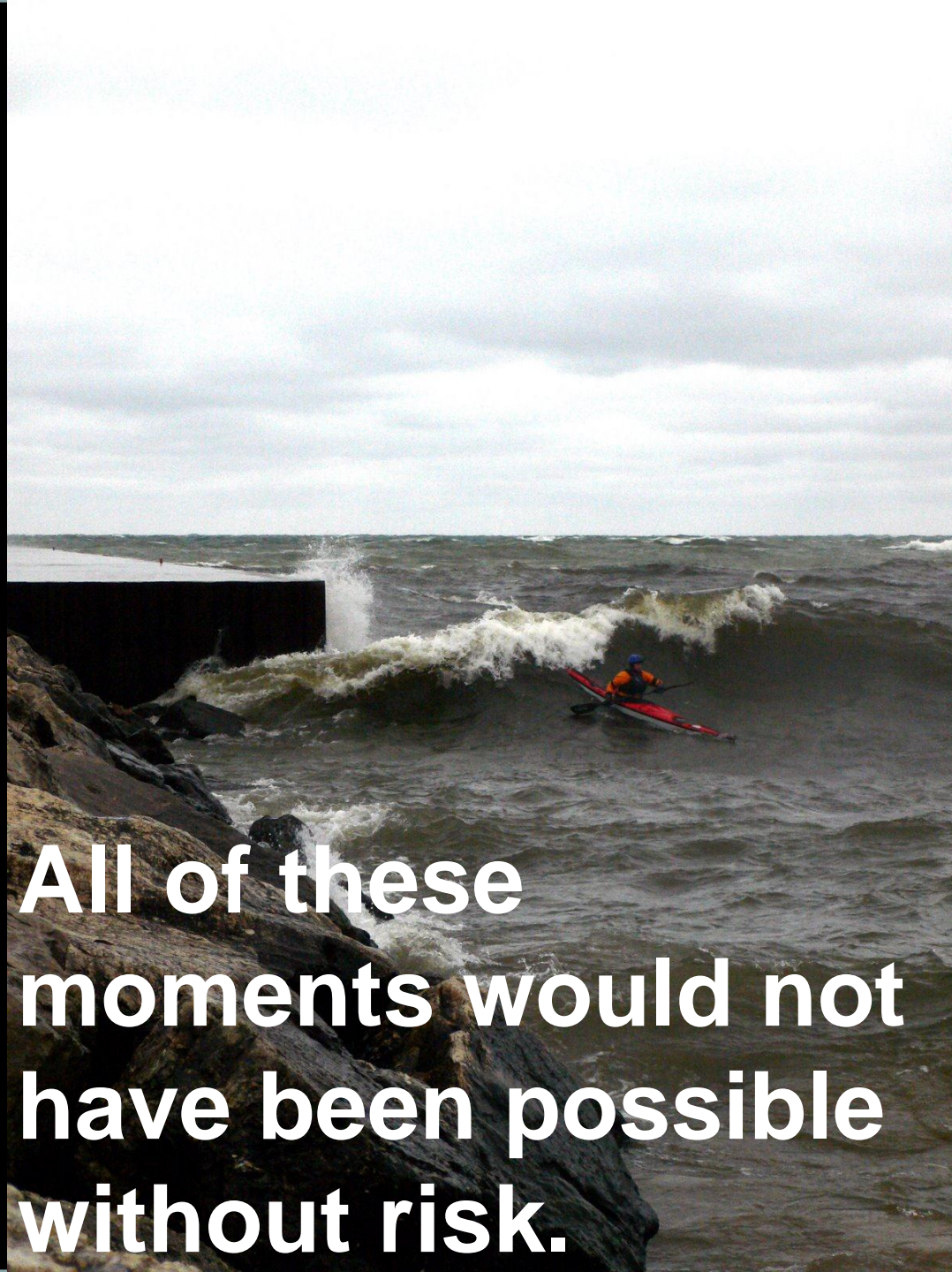


A person wearing a blue wetsuit and a blue cap is surfing on a wave. The surfer is positioned in the center of the frame, riding the crest of a wave that is breaking to their right. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the sky is a pale, overcast blue. The surfer's board is visible, and there is a splash of white water behind them as the wave breaks.

**There is no joy
without risk.**

**Kayaking is about that
one perfect moment
where you say,**

**“Wow, let’s do that
again!”**



**All of these
moments would not
have been possible
without risk.**



**But, no one knows
you're a kayak ninja
when you're dead.**



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MISTAKES

IT COULD BE THAT THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS
ONLY TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS.



It is in our nature...



to gather in groups.



Most of the time...





Sometimes “this” happens...





Why does “this” happen?



Sometimes we fail to lead



A photograph of a lion with a large brown mane standing in a savanna, eating a gazelle. The gazelle is on its back, and its body is open, showing internal organs and blood. The background is a grassy field with some trees in the distance.

Sometimes

we fail to assess risk



What are the variables?





Which one matters most?





Skills?



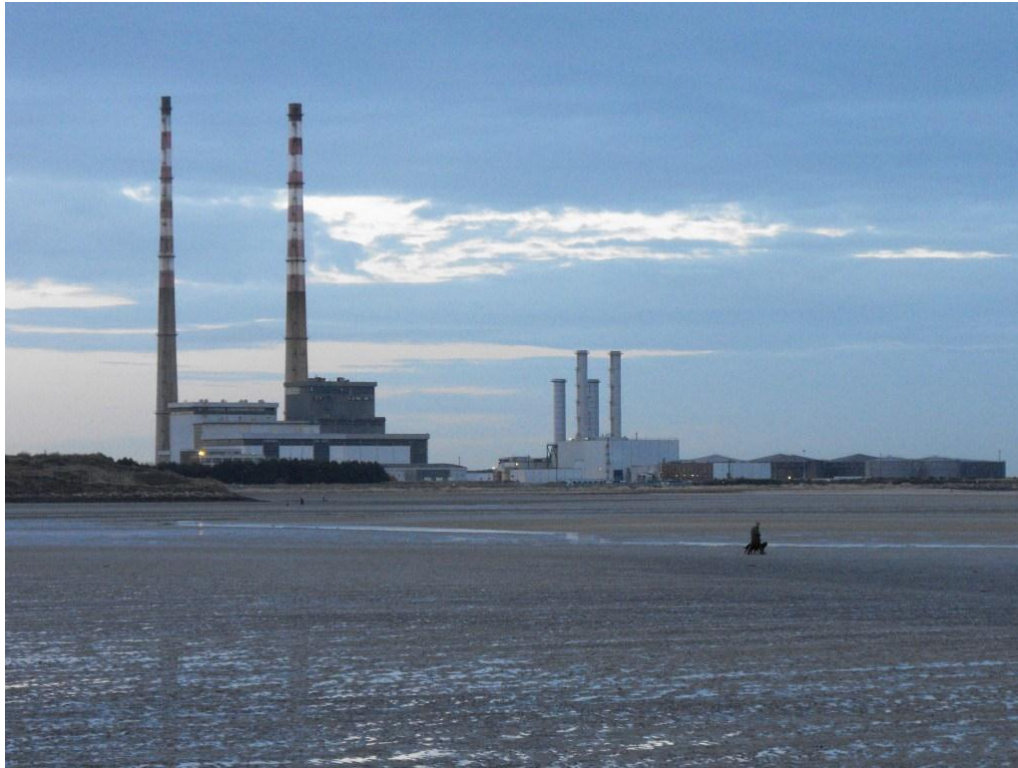


Gear?





Environment





Experience





Intersection of variables

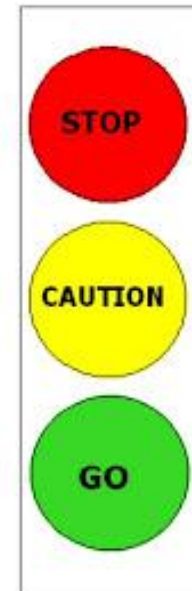
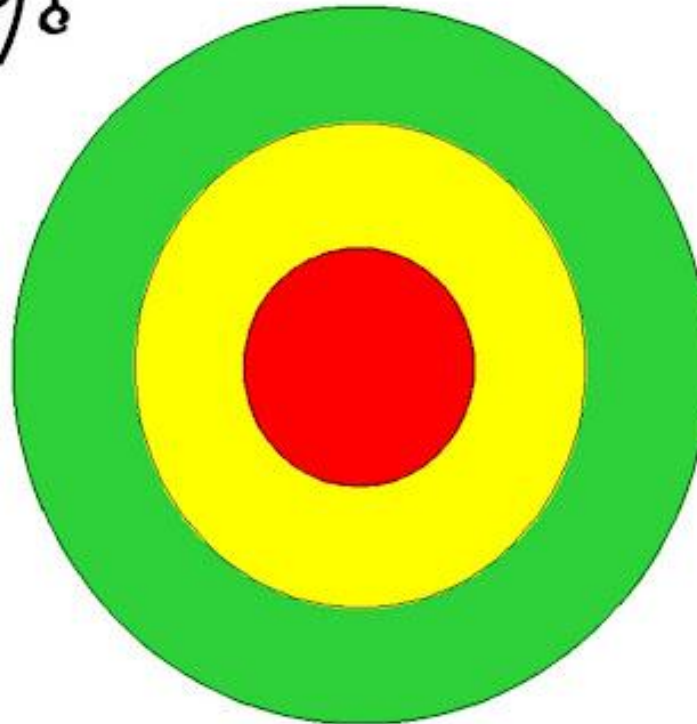




Risk Plotting



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Risk Plotting – List



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RISK ASSESSMENT

WEATHER

BIG PICTURE - SYNOPSIS

- ☐ Improving
- ☐ Worsening

WIND

- ☐ Speed
 - Now / Later
- ☐ Direction
 - Now / Later
- ☐ On Shore
- ☐ Off Shore
- ☐ Relation to currents

RAIN / SUN

- ☐ Temperature
- ☐ Psychology

VISIBILITY

- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Night/Dusk

THUNDERSTORMS

OTHER HAZARDS

LAND

LANDSCAPE

- ☐ Terrain
- ☐ Remoteness

OUTS

- ☐ Roads
- ☐ Help?

LANDINGS

- ☐ Swell
- ☐ Beach Type
- ☐ Tide

WILDLIFE

OTHER HAZARDS

OTHER FACTORS

- ☐ Sunset / Sunrise Time
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

WATER

SWELL

- ☐ Size
- ☐ Period
- ☐ Direction

WIND WAVES

- ☐ On Shore
- ☐ Off Shore
- ☐ In relation to Currents

TIDES

- ☐ High
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Range
- ☐ Relation to off shore boomers
- ☐ Relation to on shore break

CURRENTS

- ☐ Speed
- ☐ Direction
- ☐ Relation to wind waves
- ☐ Relation to Swell
- ☐ Relation to Races and Over falls

BOAT TRAFFIC AND SHIPPING

OTHER HAZARDS

GROUPS

LEADER/S (Know your limits – 5 Star assessment)

- ☐ Walk In Park?
- ☐ Can you pick up the pieces and or pull the group out?

BEHAVIOUR OF INDIVIDUALS IN FORECAST CONDITIONS

STRENGTH

- ☐ Physical
- ☐ Mental
- ☐ Skills

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF GROUP

- ☐ Body
- ☐ Boat
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Visibility

HEALTH CONCERNS



CLAP

Communication

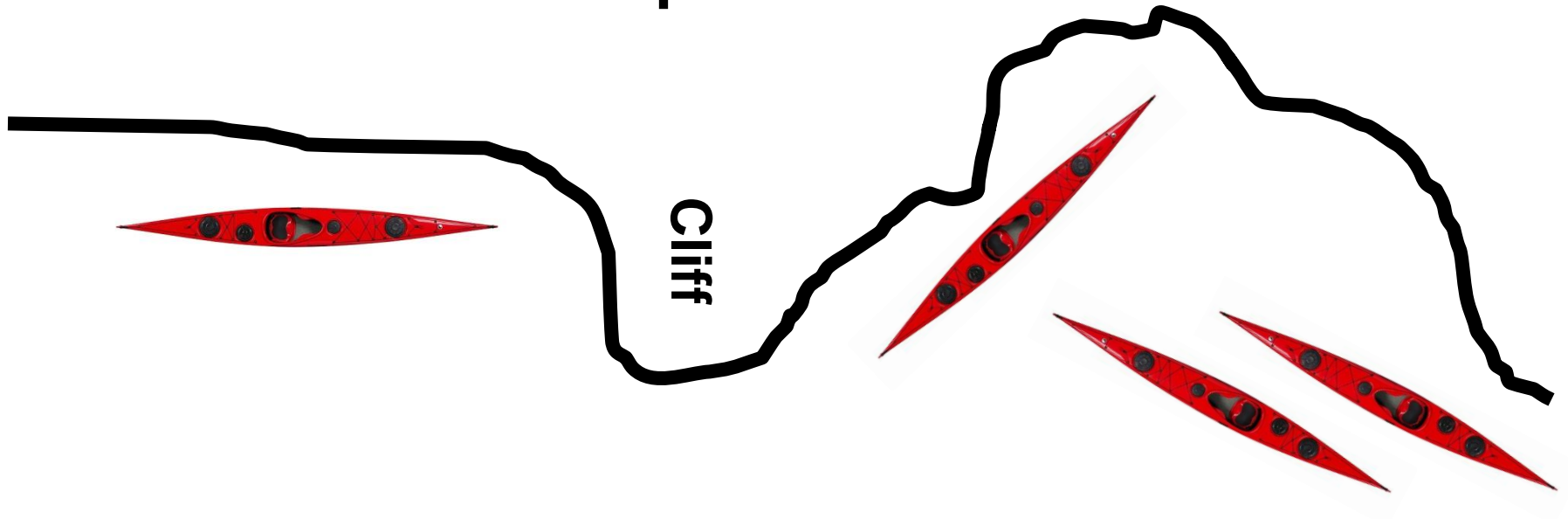
Line of Sight

Avoidance

Positioning

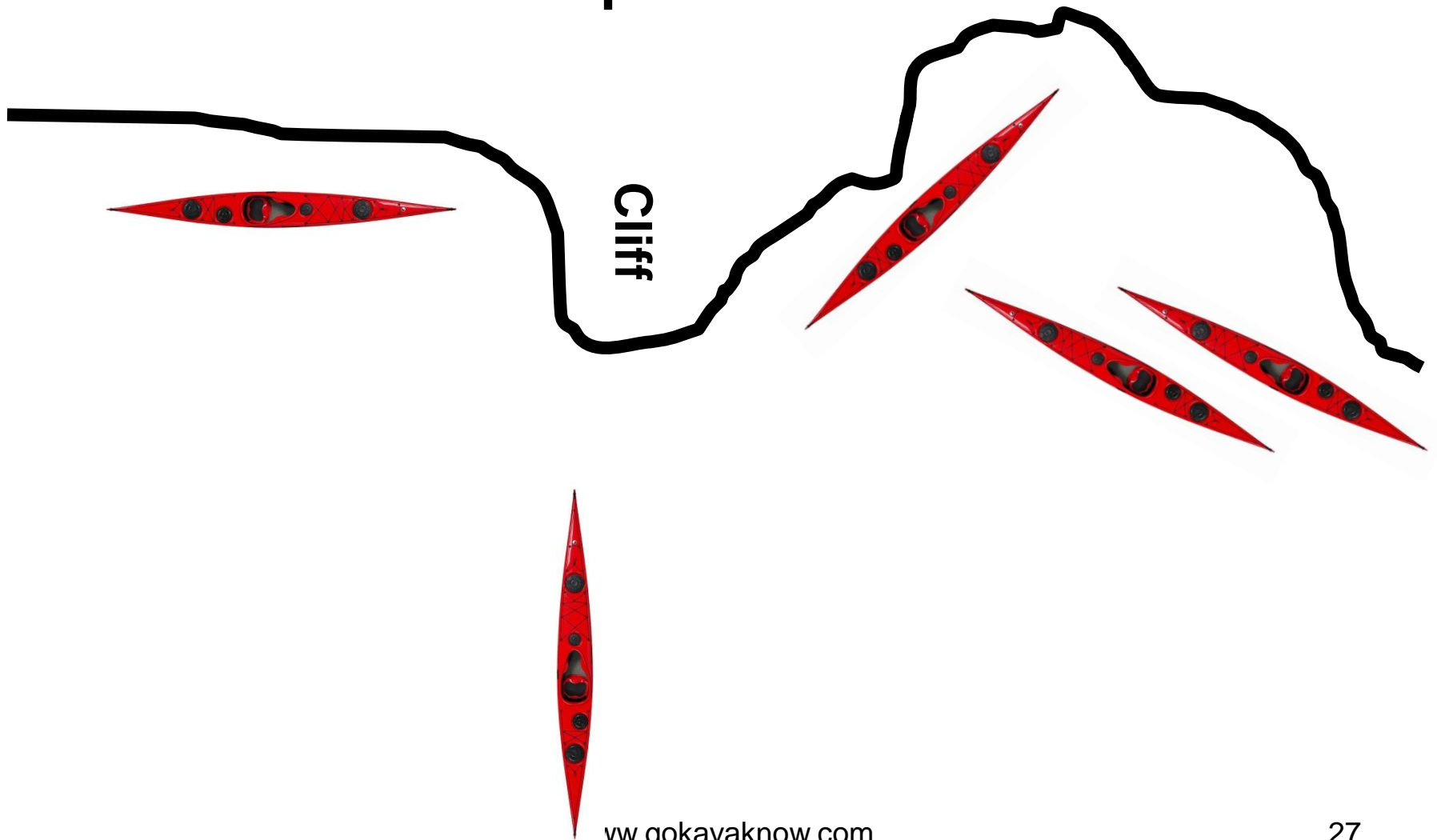


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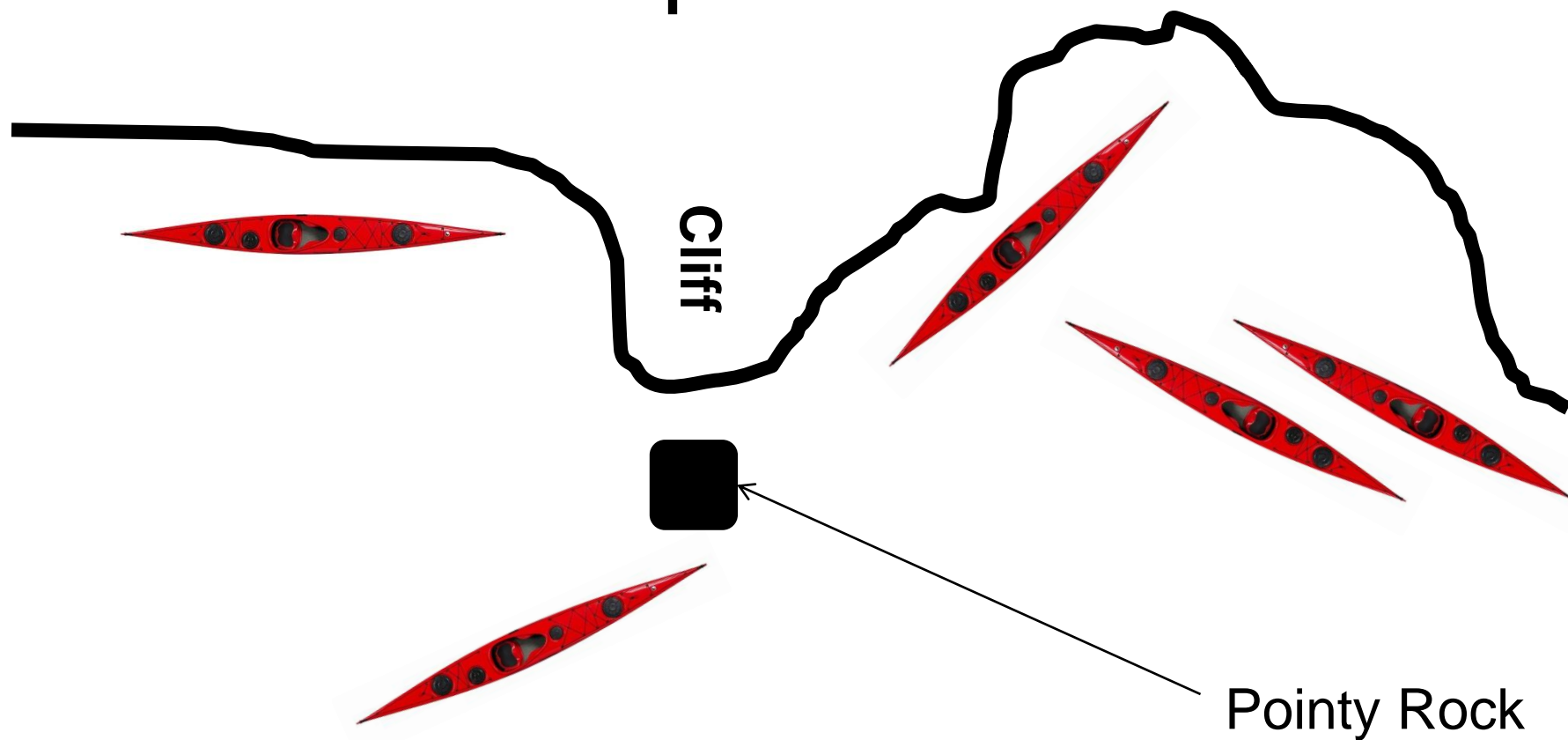


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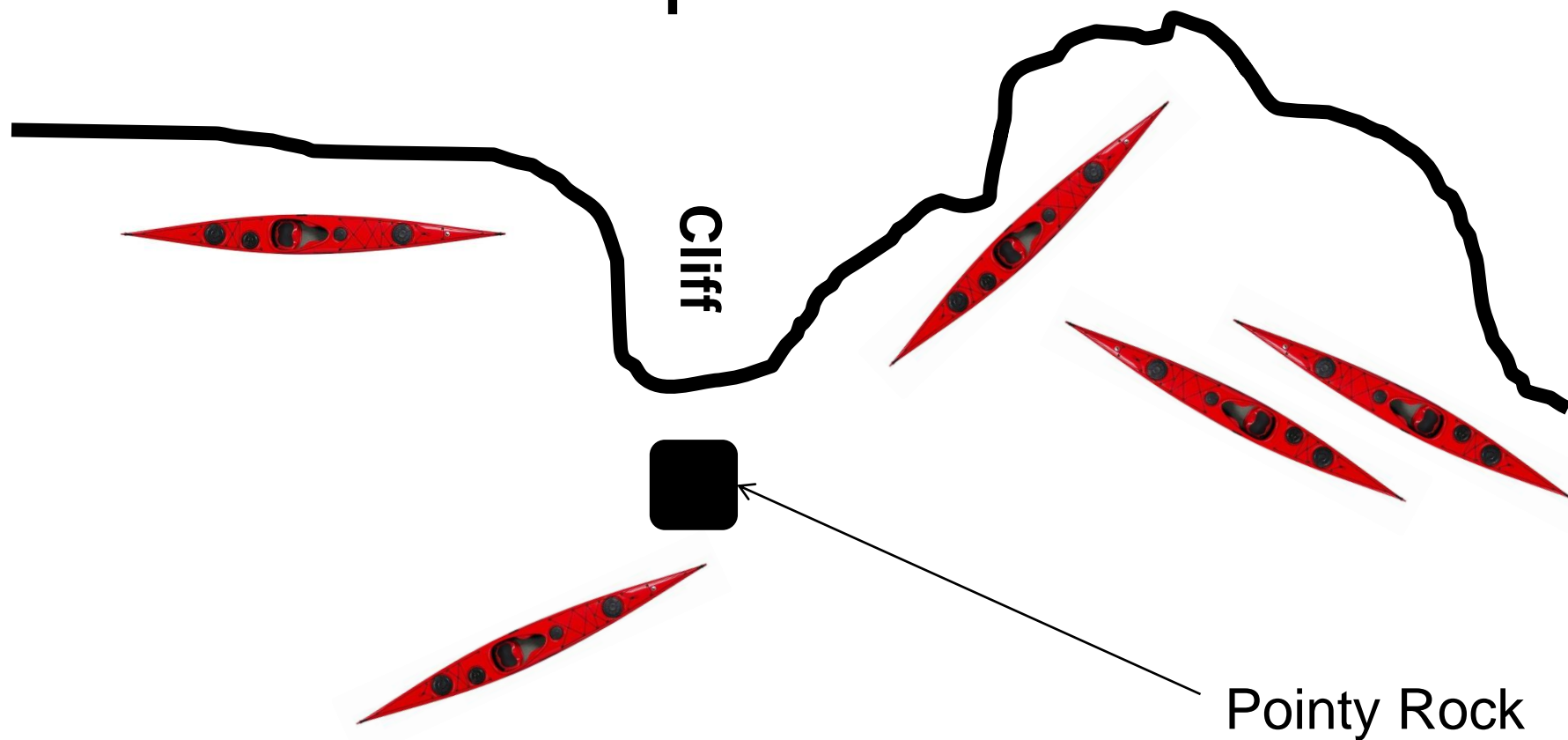


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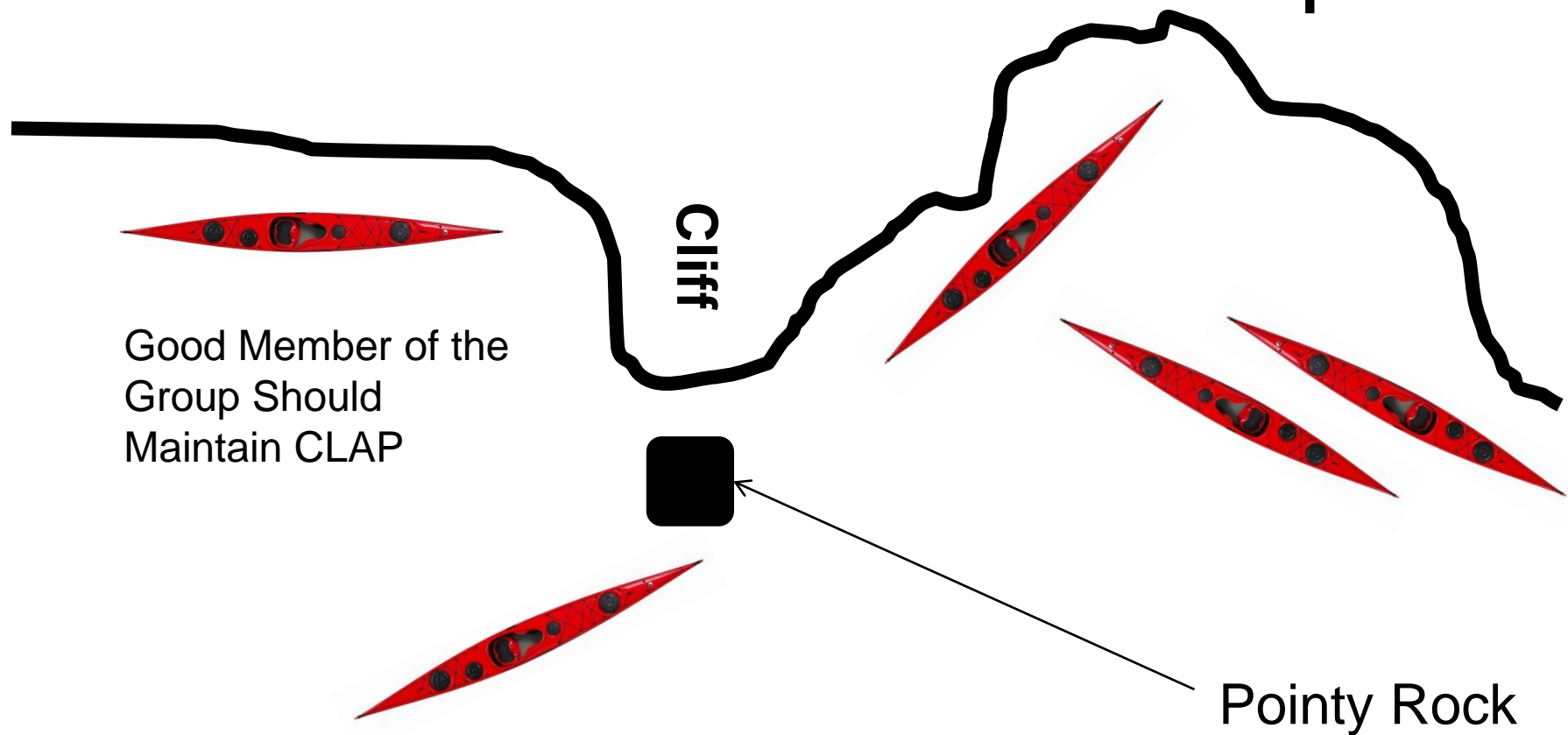


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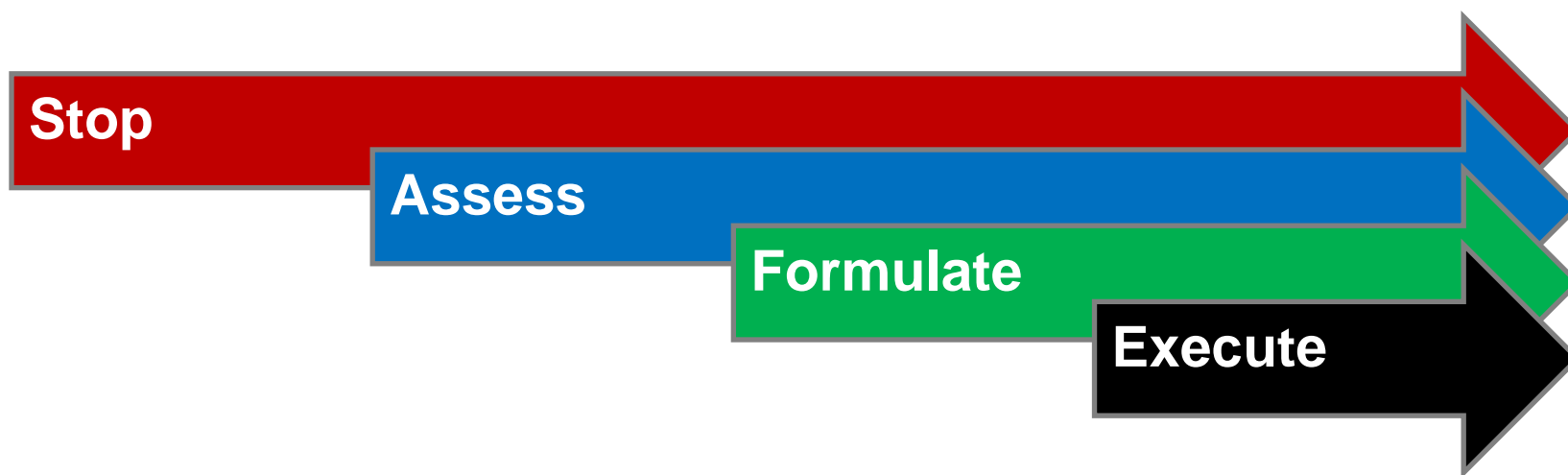


Good Member of the Group





SAFE

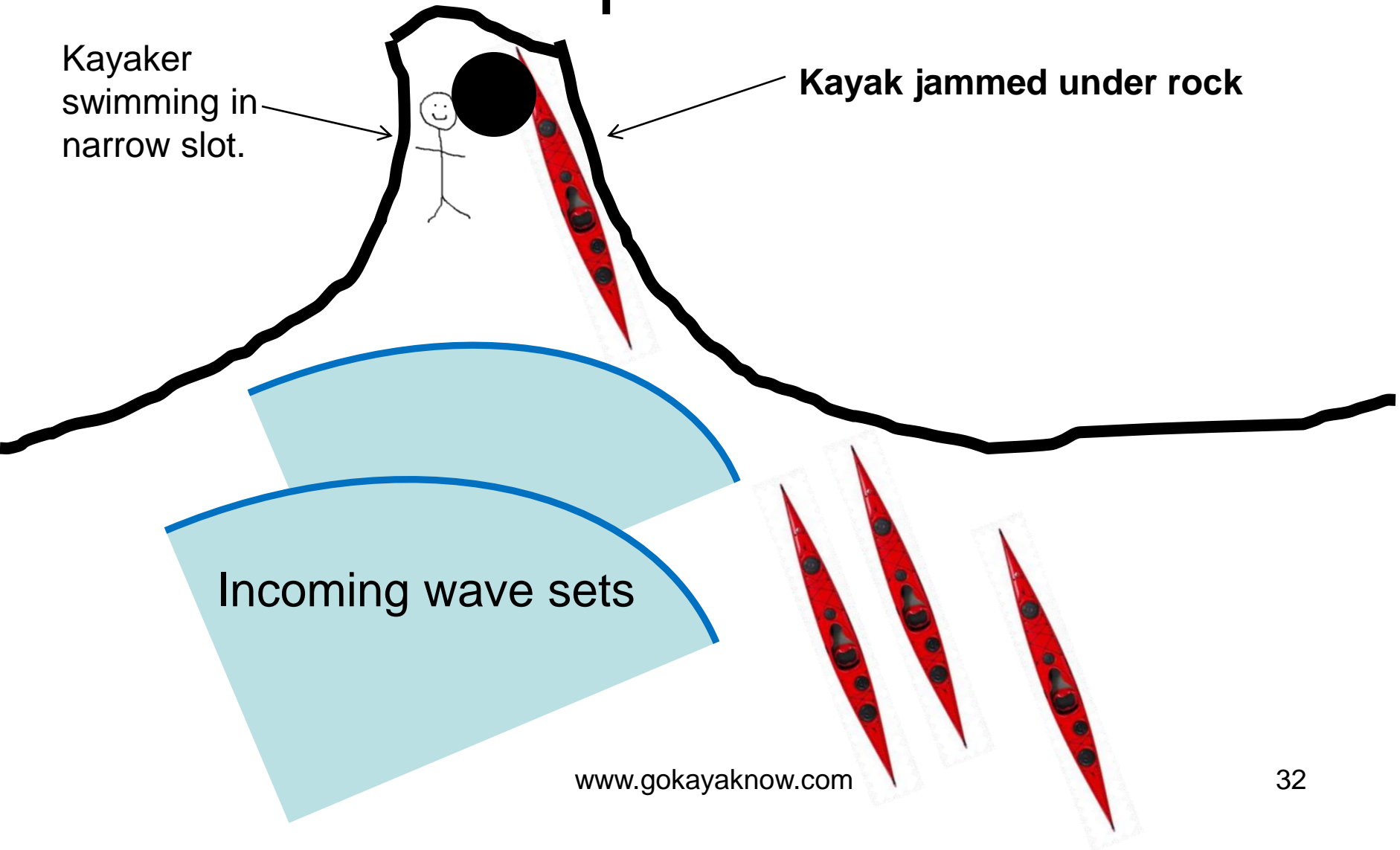




SAFE Example

Kayaker
swimming in
narrow slot.

Kayak jammed under rock



Incoming wave sets

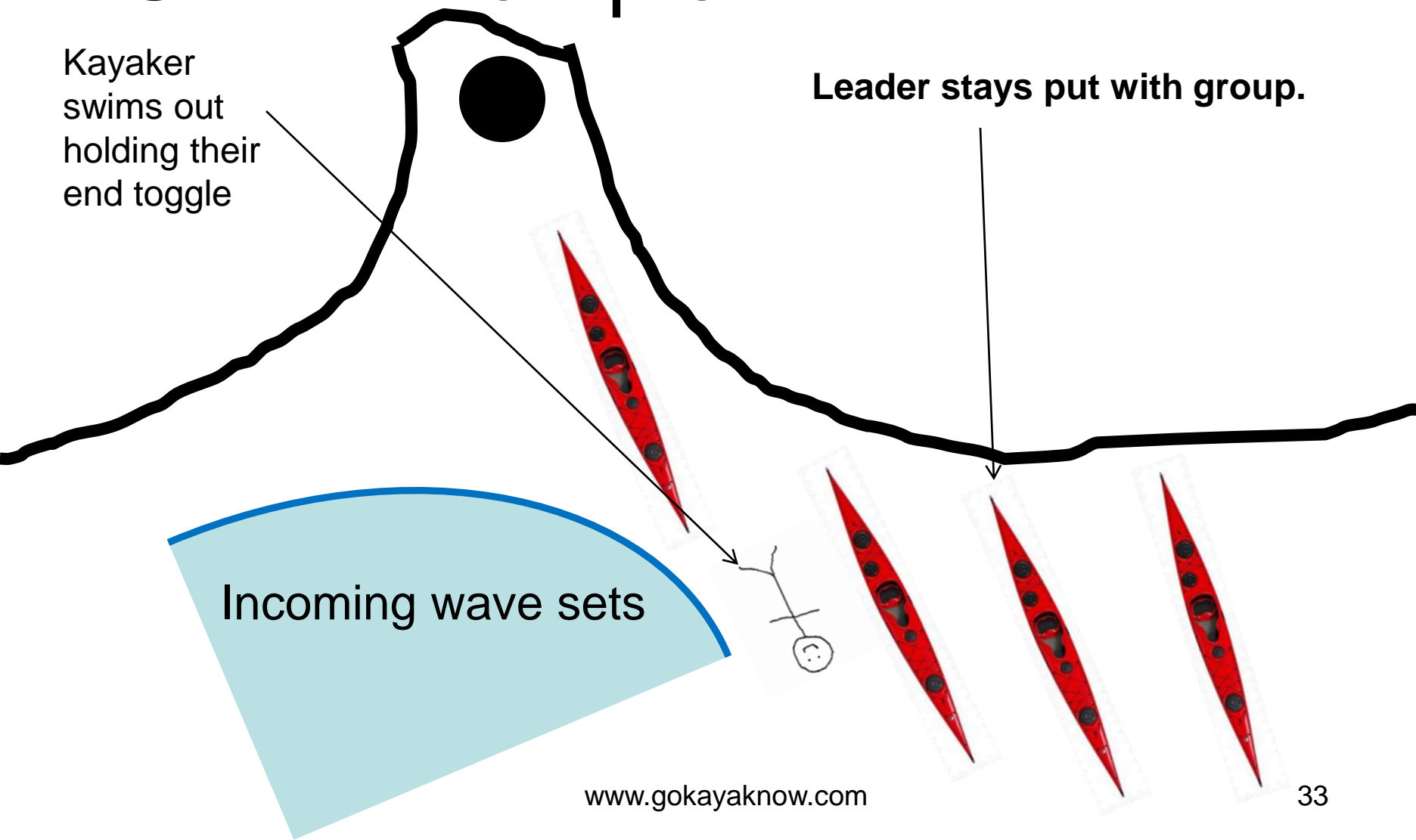


SAFE Example

Kayaker
swims out
holding their
end toggle

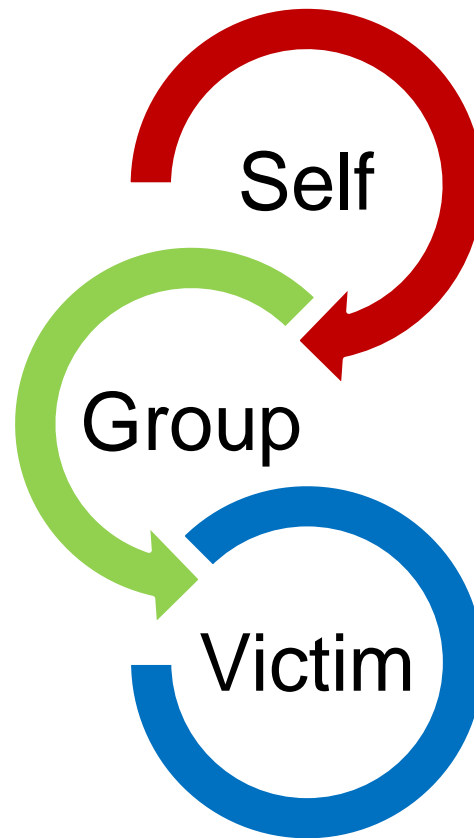
Leader stays put with group.

Incoming wave sets





Hierarchy of Need





“The **Dunning–Kruger effect** is a cognitive bias in which the unskilled suffer from illusory superiority, mistakenly rating their ability much higher than average. This bias is attributed to a metacognitive inability of the unskilled to recognize their mistakes.”



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Dunning-Kruger is just another way of saying, what you don't know can kill you.

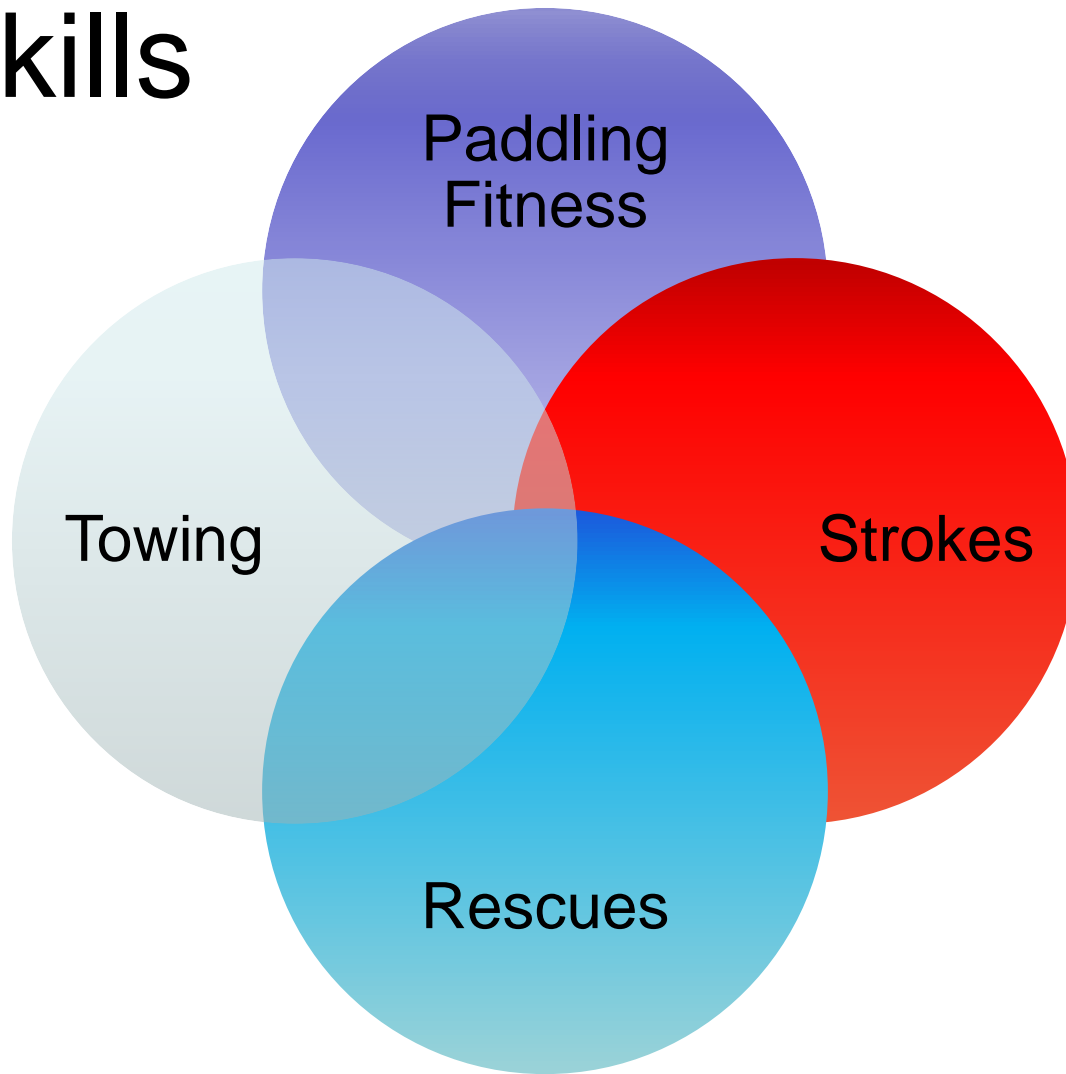




Peer Review

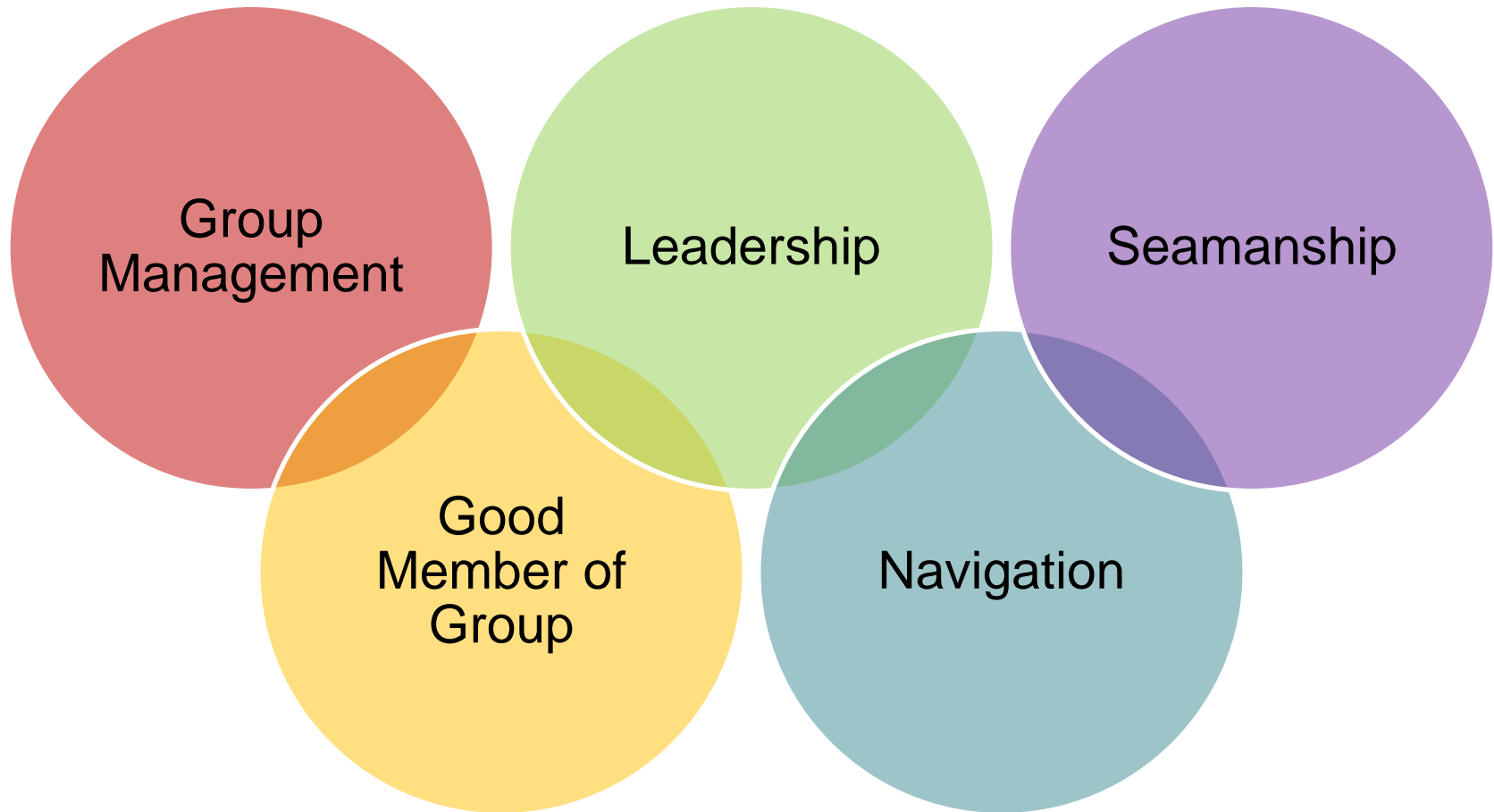


Hard Skills





Soft Skills





Is there a difference between Leadership and Management



Management
Controls
Makes Rules
Instructs Dictates
Avoids Risks
Enforces
Reacts
Organizes



Leadership
Innovates
Changes
Inspires Proactive
Takes Risks
Facilitates
Vision
Breaks Rules



How do I learn?

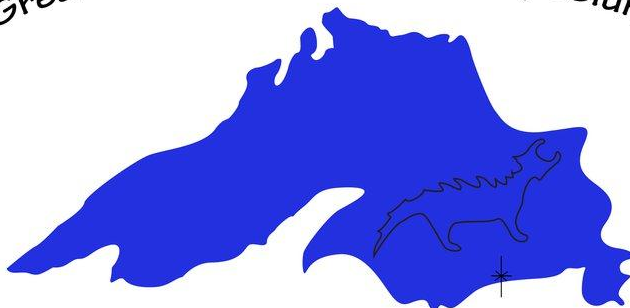
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And...



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Grand Marais
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Door County Sea Kayak Symposium





No More!

