

# ON-WATER COMMUNICATION



When paddling, different factors can affect good verbal communication:

- Distance
- Wind
- Not speaking loudly and clearly
- Not being face to face
- Age, i.e. hearing loss

Use the following whistle or paddle signals to communicate with your paddling group when verbal communication is compromised.

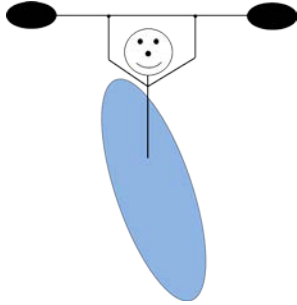
## WHISTLE SIGNALS

**1** loud whistle blast: Attention. Stop and look for further direction

**2** loud whistle blasts: Stop, stay where you are - look for further direction

**3** or more loud whistle blasts: Emergency!

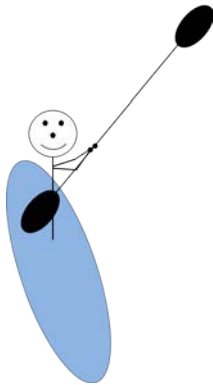
## PADDLE SIGNALS



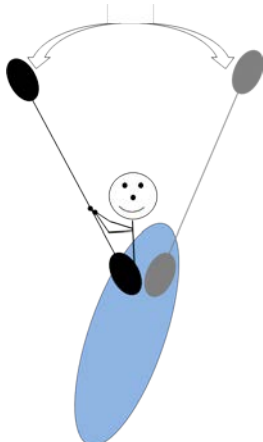
Paddle held horizontally over your head with two hands:  
**Stop. Stay where you are**



Paddle held vertically over your head:  
**Gather around person holding the paddle**



Paddle held at 45 degrees to body:  
**Go in direction paddle is pointing to**



Paddle overhead, waving back and forth:  
**Emergency. Come here, help.**