

Kids Don't Float

PFD Loaner Stations Program Guide



Program Overview

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region's mandate is to save 100% of lives at risk. Fulfillment of this mission will come not only through search and rescue operations, but through public education about marine safety.

The Kids Don't Float program is a new CCGA-P SAR prevention initiative that was successfully piloted in six CCGA-P units in the summer of 2002. Four new stations have been approved and will be put in place in 2003. Through this program, the CCGA-P will endeavour to reduce the fatality rate and increase public awareness of child drowning issues.

History

The Kids Don't Float Program was initially developed in 1996 by a group in Homer, Alaska as a response to Alaska's high rate of drowning. The program was piloted in Homer and then adapted for statewide use. The program is currently sponsored as a coalition of the U.S. Coast Guard, State of Alaska, Alaska Safe Kids, and other community volunteers. The new Alaska Boating Safety Program provides primary funding for the program.

Components

The CCGA-P pilot project will initially focus on the PFD loaner program. The peer education program is designed to recruit high-school aged kids that have an interest in the CCGA-P, and would like to teach younger children about the Kids Don't Float program and the importance of water safety and correct PFD and lifejacket usage. This component of the program will be piloted after the successful completion of the PFD loaner station program.

PFD Loaner Station Program

PFD loaner stations consist materials provided by the CCGA-P, and materials that must be procured by the units involved:

Materials Provided by CCGA-P:

- ✓ program guide including building plan for loaner station and sample signout log
- ✓ 8' long by 4' high loaner board
- ✓ 11 PFDs (3 infant, 3 child, and 3 youth sized jackets for display; 2 spare jackets) marked with CCGA-P initials on back and with Rules of Use attached to front
 - Infant: 20-30 lbs. (9-14 kg)
 - Child: 30-60 lbs. (14-27 kg)
 - Youth: 60-90 lbs. (27-41 kg)

Materials Provided by participating units:

- ✓ dowels/hooks (4 to 9 per loaner board)
- ✓ lumber, plywood, wood screws (see building instructions for specifics)
- ✓ waterproof paper for signout log

The KDF loaner program is easy to use. Sites are established at harbors and public boat access areas and have pegs for loaner PFDs. Boaters and swimmers may take appropriate size lifejackets for children who are with them, free of charge. Upon completion of marine activity, boaters/swimmers return lifejackets to the display/storage board.

Lifejacket Loaner Board



PFD Loaner Station

Kids Don't Float!

Remember, if you're playing in or near the water, always wear a PFD.

PFD Dolphin wants kids to stay safe in the water. If you need a PFD, borrow one here! Please return it when you're through for other kids to use.

Parents, please make sure that the PFD fits your child — read the sizing instructions on the inside of the PFD.

This Kids Personal Flotation Device Loaner Station is brought to you by...



Voluntary Sailing Lesson at Sea
250-489-2398

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Pacific Region Volunteers in partnership with Buoy-O-Boy Marine Safety Wear

Module 1: PFD Loaner Program Local Work Plan

Assemble Project Team

Recruit unit members that are interested in assisting with the project. You will need members willing to do the initial construction of the station, and members willing to maintain the site.

Contacts

Before you begin construction of your Kids Don't Float Loaner Station, you must get permission to put the station in the location you have chosen. Please contact the CCGA-P head office if you are unsure who to get permission from. Once you have begun construction, you should contact any other boating safety organizations in the area (as a courtesy). You should also plan to hold an unveiling ceremony when the station is complete, and invite the local media as well as any other interested parties.

Some contacts include:

_____	Harbourmaster
_____	City/town council
_____	Private Harbours
_____	Local Boating Safety organizations
_____	Local media

Activities

_____	Build Kids Don't Float Stations
_____	Set up loaner boards in harbours/on beaches
_____	Organize Safety Days/Harbour Demonstrations
_____	Set up PFD inspection schedule
_____	Publicize program

Project Team

Project Leader:

Project Co-Leader:

Team Member:

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How to build a Kids Don't Float Loaner Board

- Samples -

Free Standing Board



Easy as 1 - 2 - 3

1. Attach poster to plywood board
2. Add dowels to the bottom for hanging PFDs
3. Securely nail board against wall

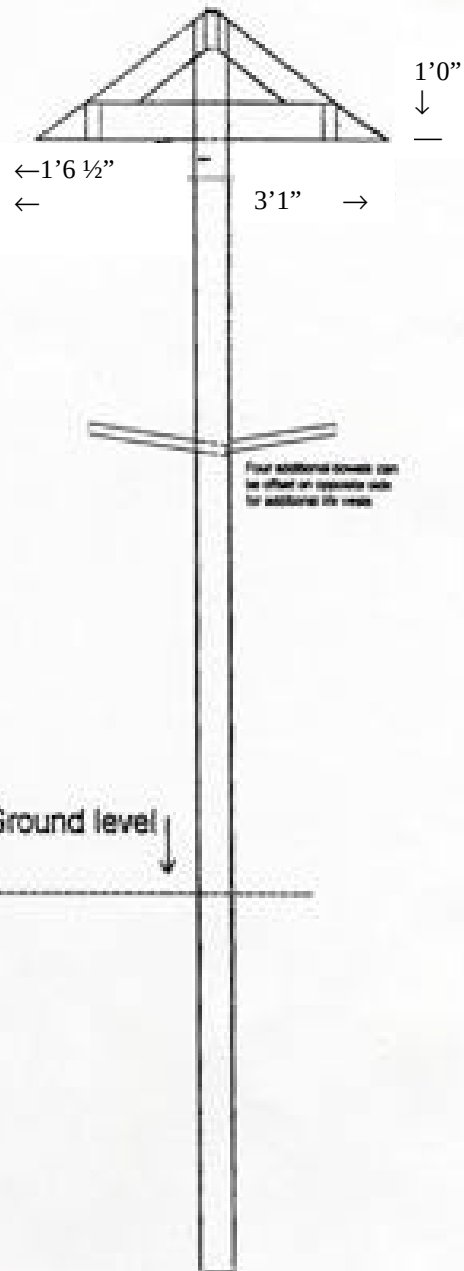
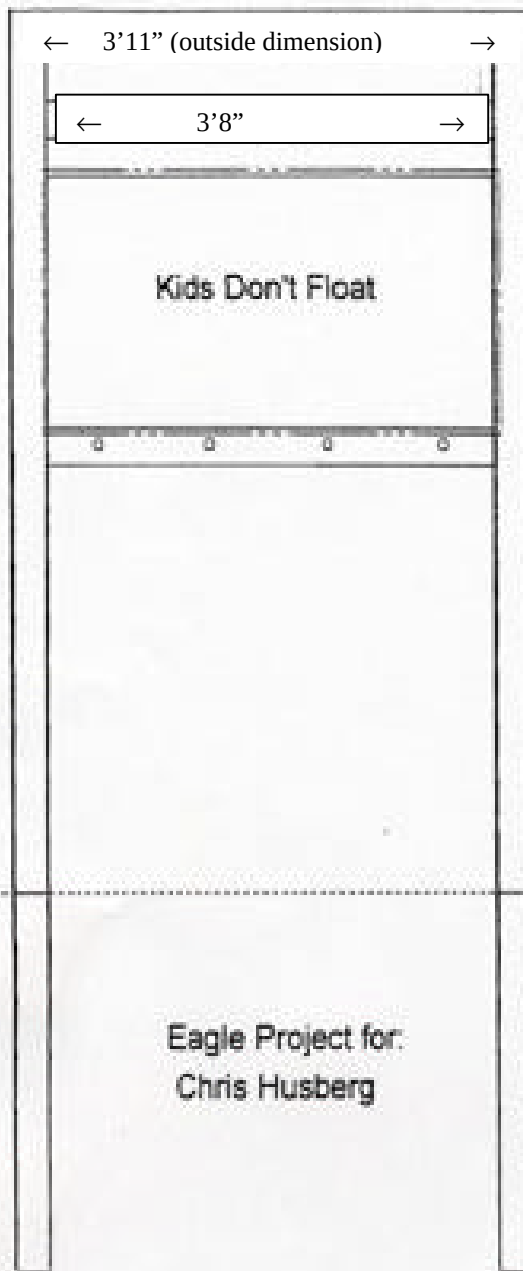
Stand Board



Materials needed for a stand-alone board:

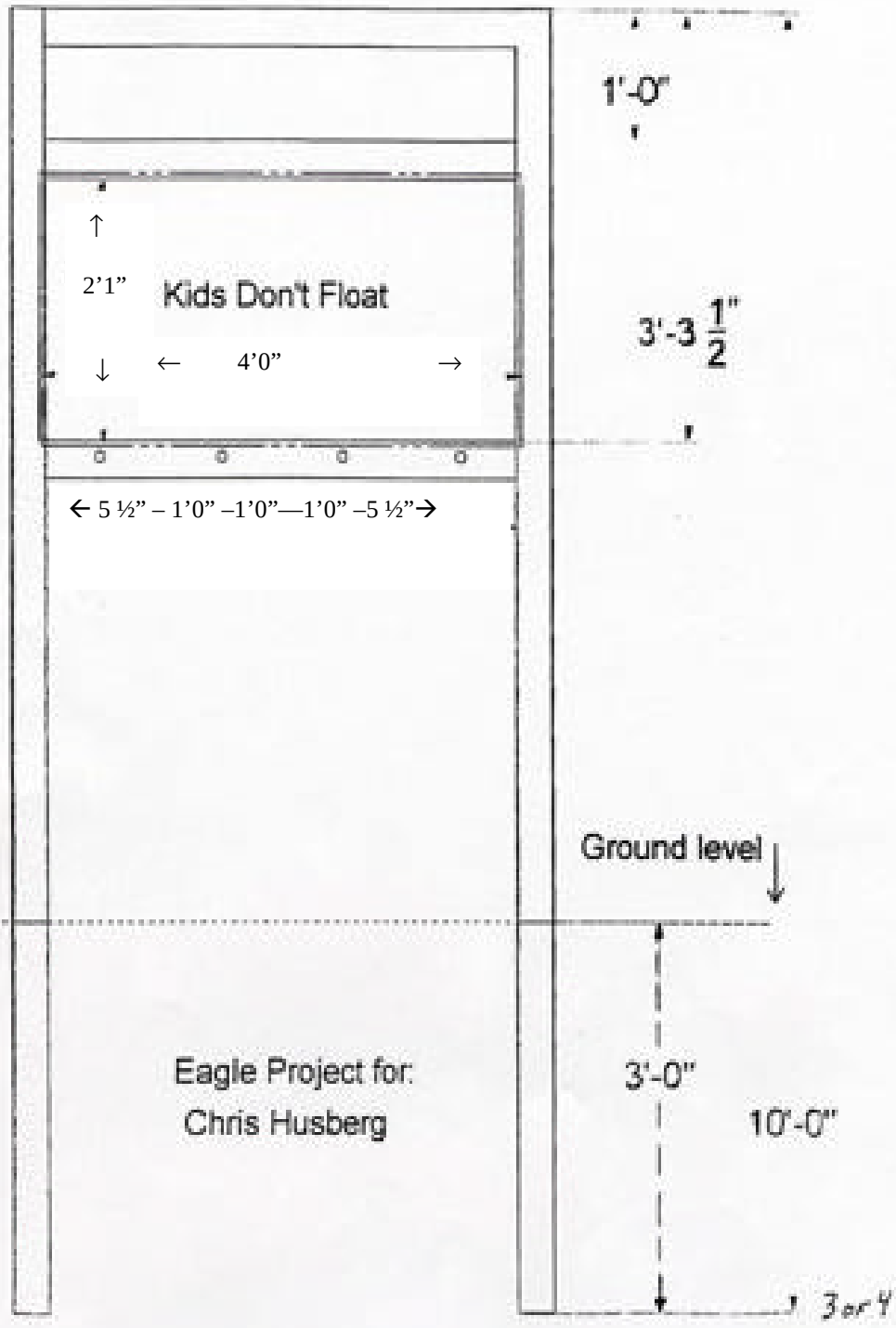
- 2 - 4" x 4" x 10" (all 2x4 and 4x4 lumber is pressure treated)
- 3 - 4" x 4" x 47" (totaling 3 - 4" x 4" x 8')
- 1 - 2" x 4" x 47"
- 2 - 2" x 4" x 44"
- 2 - 2" x 4" x 37" (angle cut for roof, see drawing)
- 4 - 2" x 4" x 15" (angle cut for roof, see drawing) (totaling 3 - 2" x 4" x 8')
- 1 - 25" x 48" x 3/4" (plywood for Kids Don't Float sign)
- (all plywood sheets can be cut from one 4x8x3/4 sheet)
- 2 - 24" x 48" x 3/4" (plywood for roofing)
- 4 - 10" x 1" (dowels for hanging life vests)
- (additional dowels can be offset in backside)
- 12 - 3/8" x 6" lag bolts
- 1/2# - wood screws for fastening roof trusses
- 1/2# - wood screws for fastening roofing sheets

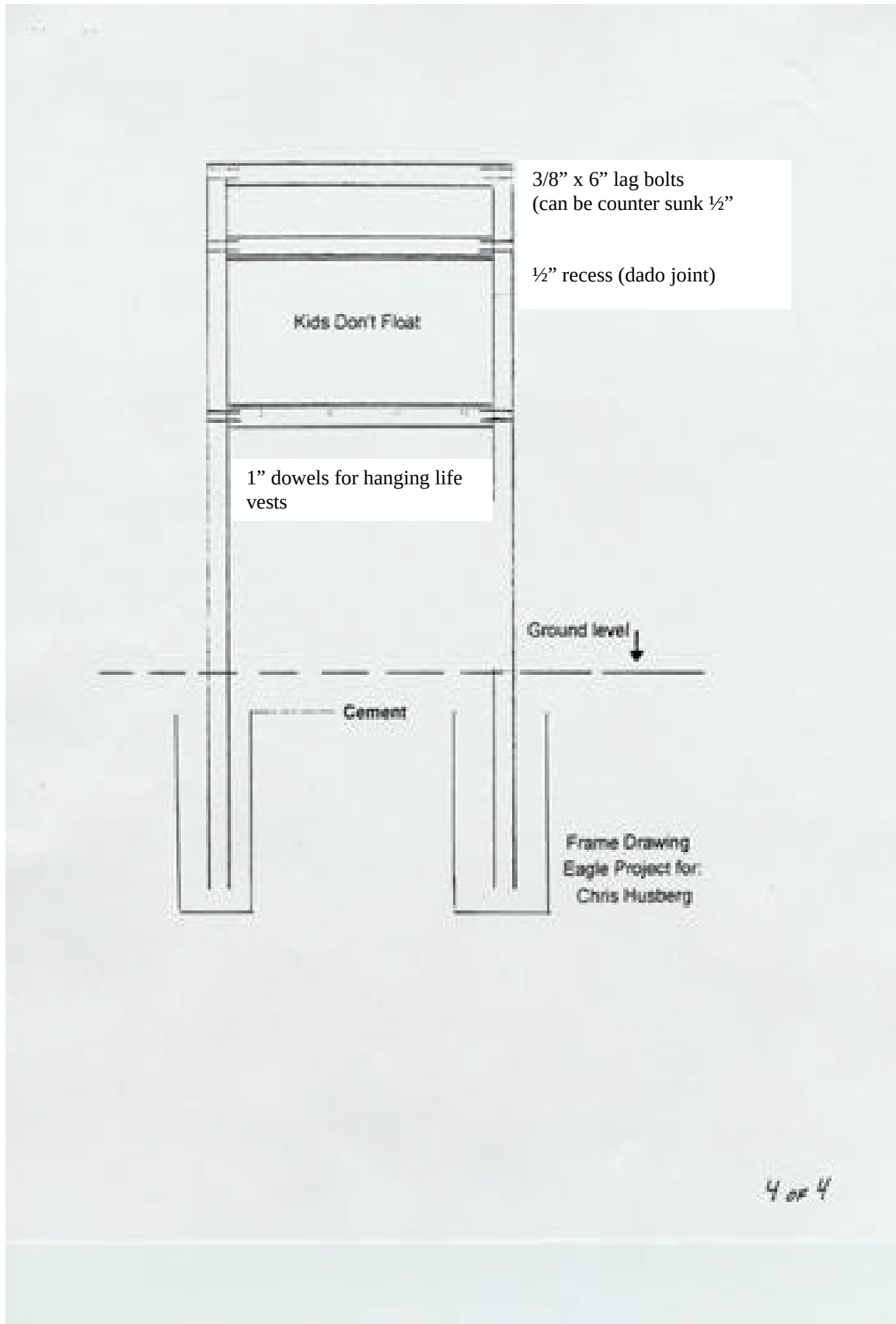
****See next pages for actual building plans**



← 4'-6" →

← 3'-11" →





PFD Signout Log

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Kids Don't Float Loaner Personal Flotation Device Rules

The following rules will be attached to each PFD on a laminated card. If any of your PFDs are returned without this card, please contact the CCGA-P Head Office for a replacement.

- ◆ Borrower assumes all liability for the use or non-use of personal flotation device (PFD)
- ◆ Borrower is aware that PFDs are **not** the same as lifejackets and will not turn the borrower face up in the water in the event of an emergency
- ◆ Borrower will not hold liable any party involved in the distribution of loaner PFDs
- ◆ Borrower acknowledges the inherent dangers of water related activities
- ◆ PFDs must be returned on time
- ◆ PFDs must be returned in good condition
- ◆ PFD must be inspected by borrower for proper working condition prior to signing it out
- ◆ PFDs should be properly fitted to the individual using the PFD
- ◆ PFDs may not be signed out for more than one day at a time unless special arrangements are made prior to the signout time
- ◆ Borrowers must adhere to all Canadian Coast Guard regulations regarding the proper use of PFDs
- ◆ Any damage to loaner PFDs must be reported upon return to the signout location
- ◆ Any PFD damaged while in use should be taken out of service and not returned to use until inspected by qualified personnel.