

**AMC NY-NoJ Chapter Canoe/Kayak Committee
CLASS 4 Canoe & Kayak Rating Form**

To the Observer:

Please consider the following criteria when evaluating a class 4 candidate:

- *Paddling Ability.* The candidate paddles in a confident, competent and safe manner. He or she can pick out and negotiate a course through continuous class IV rapids.
- *Safety.* The candidate is able to self-rescue or roll in most situations and applies the principles of scouting, and of placing safety boats and throw bags. The candidate demonstrates the ability and willingness to rescue when the opportunity arises.
- *Judgment.* The candidate demonstrates an awareness of river hazards, group dynamics and safety. The candidate exercises sound judgment as to whether or not he or she can safely run and/or lead a class 4 river under the conditions at hand. The candidate shows caution when faced with difficult or potentially hazardous situations.
- *Leadership Ability.* The candidate determines the abilities of the participants on a given river trip and is capable of leading others down a Class 4 river.

By completing this form, you are certifying that you have personally observed the candidate complete all of the requirements of the above requirements. Merely “surviving” a river does not mean that the paddler has achieved that rating. Observations on multiple rivers and dates may be combined.

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Paddler's Name	Current Rating

Paddled (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoe	<input type="checkbox"/> Kayak

Observer's Name & Chapter	Rating

River, Section and Class Paddled include river flow level	Date(s)

Recommended Rating

Additional Comments

Please return this form to the Canoe/Kayak Committee Chair (canoekayak@amc-ny.org) or to the Ratings Chair, Michelle Sholtis, 267 Burns St, Forest Hills, NY 11375 (canoekayak.ratings@amc-ny.org)